

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2B The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2B The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499**
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2B**.

Part one: the fall of the House of Lancaster, 1450-1471

Section one: The origins of conflict, 1450-1459

- The outbreak of war: the first Battle of St Albans and the balance of military power in 1455
- The uneasy peace: the influence of Margaret of Anjou; factional rivalries and their impact on English society

Section two: The War of the Barons, 1459-1461

- The renewal of war: York's flight into exile; the emergence of Warwick 'the Kingmaker'; the capture of Henry VI at Northampton
- Filling the political vacuum: the rule of Richard of York as Protector of England
- Shifting loyalties and the Lancastrian revival: Wakefield; the second Battle of St Albans; the death of York and the restoration of Henry VI

Section three: The triumph of the Yorkists, 1461-1471

- N/A

Part two the fall of the House of York, 1471-1499

Section four: 'The Sun in Splendour': the reign of Edward IV, 1471-1483

- The consolidation of royal authority under Edward IV and the development of new methods of government
- Factional rivalries and court politics: hostile reactions against the influence of the Woodvilles

Section five: The downfall of the Yorkist Monarchy, 1483-1486

- The coup d'état by Richard of Gloucester: the issue of the Princes in the Tower and Richard III's position as a usurper
- Factional rivalries; the emergence of Henry Tudor, dissensions among the Yorkist nobility, Buckingham's rebellion
- The strengths and weaknesses of Richard III's position in 1484: the death of his wife and heir; the problem of the succession

Section six: The end of the Yorkist Dynasty, 1486-1499

- N/A

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