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Paper 2 Section B/A: Norman England, c1066–c1100

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INTERPRETATION A

An interpretation of towns in Norman England.

Adapted from ‘The Norman Conquest’ by Hugh Thomas, 2008.

Although agriculture was still the main activity, a striking aspect of the Norman economy was the growth of towns with their markets, crafts, use of money and trade. This development owed much to the Normans because although they damaged many old towns, they also built new ones, often next to their castles. The Normans also treated townspeople fairly well, shown by William guaranteeing Londoners their traditional rights. One long-term result of the Conquest was the introduction of new groups of townspeople, including those who came to England from Europe.

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