ENGLAND GCSE HISTORY EDEXCEL · UNIT 2 · 25 QUESTIONS

Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060-88 — Practice Test

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1 **Who was allowed to hunt deer in a royal forest?**

A Any freeman

B The local lord

C A man who owned land beside the forest

D The king alone

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2 **What were the first Norman castles in England built from?**

- A A material that was quick to raise and easy to find
- B Stone
- C Brick
- D Wood

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3 **Who ran a manor in Norman England?**

- A A bishop
- B A sheriff
- C A man who held the land from the king
- D A lord

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4 **Which sea did William cross to reach England?**

- A The Irish Sea
- B The English Channel
- C The North Sea
- D A stretch of water between France and England

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5 **On which day was William crowned king of England?**

- A New Year's Day 1067
- B Easter Day 1066
- C A feast day in the winter of 1066
- D Christmas Day 1066

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6 **What did the keep of a castle hold?**

- A The stables
- B A hall where the lord lived and ruled
- C The lord's rooms
- D The chapel

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7 **What were housecarls in Anglo-Saxon England?**

- A The king's paid soldiers
- B A group of men who guarded the king
- C Farm workers
- D Tax collectors

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8 **What was a motte and bailey castle?**

- A A mound with a wooden tower and a yard
- B A stone keep
- C A fort built on a hill with a walled court
- D A castle with a moat

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9 **How did William keep control of the Church?**

- A He closed the monasteries
- B He appointed Norman bishops
- C He taxed the pope
- D A king who replaced English churchmen

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10 **On which date was the Battle of Hastings fought?**

A 25 September 1066

B 25 December 1066

C 6 January 1066

D 14 October 1066

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11 **What did Norman lords build on their manors to grind corn?**

A Mills

B Bakeries

C Breweries

D A building where peasants ground their grain

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12 **Which Norman became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1070?**

- A Stigand
- B Lanfranc
- C A monk who reformed the English Church
- D Odo of Bayeux

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13 **At which battle did Harold defeat Harald Hardrada in September 1066?**

- A A battle fought near the city of York
- B Hastings
- C Stamford Bridge
- D Fulford

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14 **Who succeeded William the Conqueror as king of England?**

- A William Rufus
- B Robert Curthose
- C A son who took England while his brother took Normandy
- D Henry I

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15 **What did Anglo-Saxon kings use to raise money from landowners?**

- A The geld
- B Church tithes
- C Rent paid by villeins to their lord
- D Fines from the shire court

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16 **Why was the north of England still in ruins years after the Harrying?**

- A Farms and villages had been destroyed
- B A region where crops and animals were wiped out
- C No one would live there
- D The Scots invaded

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17 **Which embroidered cloth tells the story of the Norman Conquest?**

- A The Bayeux Tapestry
- B The Anglo Saxon Chronicle
- C The Domesday Book
- D A cloth made to record the Conquest

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18 **Which new style of church building did the Normans bring?**

- A Gothic
- B A style with round arches and thick walls
- C Romanesque
- D Saxon

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19 **Which part of England did the earls of Northumbria govern?**

- A The south
- B A region that often rebelled against the king
- C The north
- D The west

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20 **In which year did William order the Harrying of the North?**

- A 1068
- B 1070
- C 1071
- D 1069

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21 **What was the geld in Norman England?**

- A A payment made by landowners to the king
- B A fine
- C A tax on land
- D A rent

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22 **How did most ordinary people live in Norman England?**

- A As free traders
- B As peasants on manors
- C In towns
- D A life of farming for a lord in a village

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23 **What was the Witan in Anglo-Saxon England?**

- A A council of wise men
- B A group of earls who advised the king
- C A tax
- D A law code

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24 **What did William do to rebels after the revolt of the earls in 1075?**

- **A** A king who blinded and imprisoned the leaders
- **B** He punished them harshly
- **C** He gave them more land
- **D** He forgave them

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25 **What was a manor in Norman England?**

- **A** A castle
- **B** An estate run by a lord
- **C** A village
- **D** A piece of land with a village and fields

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ANSWER KEY

1.	D	**10.**	D	**19.**	C
2.	D	**11.**	A	**20.**	D
3.	D	**12.**	B	**21.**	C
4.	B	**13.**	C	**22.**	B
5.	D	**14.**	A	**23.**	A
6.	C	**15.**	A	**24.**	B
7.	A	**16.**	A	**25.**	B
8.	A	**17.**	A		
9.	B	**18.**	C		

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