**TEACHER REQUALIFYING PROGRAMME**

**History of Great Britain exam questions**

1. Outline the milestones in Britain’s prehistoric development and describe the Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae in detail. (Include the Celts.)
2. Explain how the Romans conquered Britain and what changes they brought to the inhabitants of island during up the late 4th century AD. (Include the military campaigns of G. J. Caesar and Claudius, subsequent Roman occupation, Roman life, culture towns.)
3. Discuss the Germanic invasions in the 5th century as well as the politics and culture of the Anglo-Saxons kingdoms in the 7th through 11th centuries. (Include the Viking invasions.)
4. Analyse in detail the arguments in favour and against the claims to the English throne of William of Normandy and Harold Godwinson in the run up to the battle of Hastings in 1066.
5. Discuss the Norman Conquest and explain what changes the Normans introduced to England after their arrival in the 11th century. (Include feudalism, the Doomsday Book, political developments up to the reign of Henry II.)
6. Describe the decline of the feudal rule and the erosion of the English king’s powers during the Early Middle Ages. (Include the struggle of the Church against the state – Thomas Becket, Magna Carta, the beginnings of Parliament.)
7. What were the causes, course and the effects of the Hundred Years’ War?
8. Describe the pathology of the Black Death, its social and psychological consequences and outline the most important events of the Peasant’s Revolt in the 14th century.
9. Describe the origins, causes and the most important events as well as implications of the English Reformation.
10. Characterise the reign of Elizabeth I, her policies at home and on the international scene.
11. Explain what the disagreements between Parliament and the Crown were and talk about the causes as well as the main events of the English Civil wars up to 1649.
12. Describe Charles I’s attitude towards art and explain how his reign is reflected in the art of Anthony Van Dyck and Hans Holbein.
13. Describe the most important developments in British politics in the first half of the 18th century. (Include politics and finance, the era of Robert Walpole, John Wilkes, the loss of American colonies.)
14. Describe the causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution in detail. (Include changes in industries – iron/cotton production, energy supplies, the rise of new social classes.)
15. Outline and discuss the most important political developments of the first half of the 19th century. (Include the negative effects of the Industrial Revolution, the plight of the poor, riots, social, political and electoral reform.)
16. Explain why historians refer to Britain’s history between the 1850s and 1870s as an “age of self-confidence” and discuss the most important developments of the period. (the Great Exhibition, the railway, the rise of the middle classes, growth of towns and cities.)
17. Analyse the causes, outline the course and discuss political and social consequences of the First World War as viewed by British historians.
18. Discuss the political and economic changes that shaped Britain’s history in between the two world wars. (Include references the rise of the Labour Party, the rights of women, Ireland and the Great Depression.)
19. Explain how Britain became involved in the Second World War and describe the country’s struggle during the war against its enemies around the globe and on the home front.
20. Characterise changes to Britain’s international status after WWII and describe the efforts of the British governments after the war to build a welfare state.