# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK: Department of History

# First Year Progress Test: Spring 2012

# THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

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# Time allowed: 2 hours

# Candidates should answer *both* questions

Read carefully the instructions on the answer book and make sure that the particulars required are entered on each book

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1. **Identify or locate any SIX of the following, and comment in about 100** **words on the significance of each for the period**

The Three Orders

subinfeudation

miles christi

serf

John Ball

Champagne fairs

Amalfi

flagellants

St. Roch

Eucharist

Pope Gregory VII

Concordat of Worms

Thomas a Becket

St. Francis of Assisi

Council of Basle

Great schism

Lollardy

Joan of Arc

Eleanor of Aquitaine

Courtly love

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2. **Comment on any FIVE of the following passages, with particular** **reference to the** ***attitudes expressed* or the *information presented* and to** **the *historical context***.

1. According to their custom the Northmen plundered eastern and western Frisia and burned down the town of Dordrecht ...

(*Annals of Xanten, 845-853*)

1. At Chauvency a certain advocate, Alberic by name, in demanding undue corvées so threatened the serfs of the monastery that the cow of a certain poor man miscarried while ploughing and the poor man himself bore its yoke all day instead.

(*A Dispute over the Exaction of the Corvée*, *1081*)

1. When the merchants of Germany or Gothland come to Birken Island in the realm of the King of Novgorod, they will be under the peace and protection of the King and citizens of Novgorod...

(*Privileges granted to German merchants at Novgorod*, *1229*)

1. Within the walls, Florence was laid out and built up well, with many lovely houses. At that time construction went on continually and techniques were improved in order to make the buildings comfortable and luxurious.

(Giovanni Villani, *Cronica*)

1. In this extremity of our city’s suffering and tribulation the venerable authority of laws, human and divine, was abased and all but totally dissolved for lack of those who should have administered and enforced them...

(Boccaccio, *Decameron*, Introduction)

1. If any reaper, mower, or other workman or servant, of what estate or condition that he be, retained in any man’s service, do depart from the said service without reasonable cause or license, before the term agreed, he shall have pain of imprisonment.

(*Ordinance of Labourers*, *1349*)

1. They said that almost all the Church of Rome was a den of thieves; and that it was the harlot of which we read in the Apocalypse.

(*Raynaldus: on the Accusations against the Albigensians*)

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1. Hence we must recognize the more clearly that spiritual power surpasses in dignity and in nobility any temporal power whatever, as spiritual things surpass the temporal.

(Boniface VIII, *Unum sanctum*, *1302*)

1. Everyone, whatever his state or position, even if it be the Papal dignity itself, is bound to obey [the Council] in all those things which pertain to the faith and the healing of the said schism...

(Council of Constance, *Sacrosancta*, *1415*)

(j) One is stupefied nowadays to hear the lying tongues, and to see worthless parchments turned by a leaden seal into nets which are used, in Christ’s name, but by the arts of Belial, to catch hordes of unwary Christians.

(Petrarch, *Letter Criticizing the Avignon Papacy*)

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