



DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING ANSWER SHEET

THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS READING COMPREHENSION – STANDARD Qs

Question One (1 Mark)

1 mark for correctly matching the correct people to their role

William of Normandy – built many castles

Harold Godwinson – marched his army from London to York

King Edward – promised two different people they could be heir to the throne

Question Two (2 Marks)

1 mark for choosing yes or no with a simple explanation

2 marks for a more developed response

E.g. Yes because King Edward the Confessor told both men that they could be the heir to the throne.

No because although King Edward did tell Harold Godwinson he could be the heir to the throne, when he promised William of Normandy, Godwinson promised to honour this decision.

Question Three (1 Mark)

1 mark for a relevant explanation

E.g. When the battle took place, transport was much slower. Both armies had to travel across their countries on foot and by boat.

Question Four (1 Mark)

1 mark for referring to effective meaning successful

E.g. The word effective means the Anglo-Saxons had a good/successful battle plan.

Question Five (1 Mark)

1 mark for referring to most people believing

E.g. The phrase 'most commonly held belief' tells us that most people believe that Harold was killed by an arrow.

Question Six (1 Mark)

1 mark for a relevant explanation referring to it being old/damaged

E.g. the Bayeux Tapestry may have needed to be restored as it was a very old tapestry and colours/pictures may have faded. As it was so old, the tapestry may have been damaged.



Question Seven (1 Mark)

1 mark for a relevant explanation or idea

E.g. To make the reader think and question if this is really how Harold died or he had been killed another way.

Question Eight (2 Marks)

1 mark for any of the following points (maximum of 2)

It has endured in the memories of generation to generation.

The battle would change the country forever.

The battle remains one of the most important turning points in English History.

The legacy of the Battle of Hastings still lives on today.

Question Nine (2 Marks)

1 mark for choosing one with a simple explanation

2 marks for a more developed response

E.g. King Edward caused the battle as he told two different people that they could be the heir to the throne.

Harold Godwin caused the battle because even though he was promised he would be the rightful successor, Harold promised he would honour King Edward's promise to William. He then went back on his word.

Question Ten (1 Mark)

1 mark for ordering the statements correctly

Harold was killed apparently by an arrow – **4**

Images from the Bayeux Tapestry were distorted – **5**

William crossed the English Channel – **3**

King Edward said Harold Godwin was heir to the throne – **2**

King Edward said William was heir to the throne – **1**

