



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF B.A

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9343/ 1763 Early Mediaeval Europe II/III

Time: two hours.

(In addition, candidates are allowed ten minutes, before the examination begins, to read the paper.)

Answer THREE questions.

Candidates must answer at least *one* question from Section A and *one* question from Section B. The third question may be selected from either section.

Section A

Compare and contrast the views of contemporary society, religion and politics of Sidonius Apollinaris and Gregory of Tours. To what extent can we use their writings to infer widespread cultural changes between the fifth and sixth centuries in the same region?

- 2 Use archaeological evidence to discuss *either* the early mediaeval economy *or* early mediaeval belief systems in England *and* Frankia.

Section B

- 3 *Either*

a) What was the cultural and social contribution of the Germanic invaders of the fifth century A.D. to early mediaeval Europe? Use examples to support your argument.

or

b) Compare the impact of the fifth century invasions upon western Europe with those of the Vikings.

or

c) When, in your opinion, did the Roman world (culture, society, language, economic and political systems) finally end in continental Europe?

4. Compare and contrast the system of government of Merovingian Frankia with that of early Anglo-Saxon England.
5. Compare the achievements of Theoderic the Great with those of Alfred the Great. Do both deserve their epithets?
6. To what extent may Carolingian Frankia be said to be feudal?
7. How successful was Charlemagne in achieving his aims?