







## Ecole Normale Supérieure

### The First Exam in Civilization and Literature

#### Second Year English Students

Typical answers to the exam questions: key elements of each answer (each answer is supposed to be embedded within a pertinent frame)

- 1) What is meant by using secondary sources in investigating history? (02 points)  
Secondary sources are those produced after the period of the event, such as biographies and documentaries  
Pertinence and style
- 2) Among which group of early British settlers did women stand out? How? (04 points)  
Women stood out among the members of the **Celtic group**  
**Women's role+ the example of Boudicca**  
Pertinence and style
- 3) How did Christianity spread in Britain? (04 points)  
**The role of St. Augustine and missionaries in converting the ruling classes**  
**The role played by the Celtic Christians in converting the ordinary people**  
Pertinence and style
- 4) King Harold was known as a skilled leader, yet he was soundly defeated by the small Norman army that invaded Britain in 1066, how so? (04 points)  
**The double danger consisting of the Normans and the Vikings**  
**Harold's decision to fight the Normans right after the Vikings' warfare**  
Pertinence and style
- 5) The early Anglo Saxons gave a special attention to poetry. Illustrate. (04 points)  
Types of early Anglo-Saxon poetry: Elegiac, Heroic (Beowulf example)  
Pertinence and style
- 6) Fill in the missing names of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms:



(02 points)