**THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MONASTERIES**.

Read the notes on Godalming Online which have been taken from *‘Henry Vlll and the Reformation’* by Keith Randell **and** one other book which you are to name at the end of your assignment.

You are expected to write between 1000 and 1500 words.

Write notes on the following:

1. What were the monasteries? What was the way of life like? How many monasteries were there in England in 1535?
2. Describe the visitation of the monasteries which took place in 1535.
3. What was the ‘*Comperta’*? Find some specific examples of what was recorded in the ‘*Comperta’*.
4. What was the ‘*Valor Ecclesiasticus’*?
5. How and why were the smaller monasteries dissolved in 1536?
6. How many monasteries were closed at this stage?
7. What was the Pilgrimage of Grace and how was the dissolution of the monasteries linked to this?
8. The Act of 1536 only allowed for the dissolution of the smaller monasteries. Why was the government able to dissolve the larger monasteries between 1538 and 1540?
9. Why were the monasteries dissolved? There are various interpretations and theories. Try to summarise them all. Which view is the most convincing?
10. How far was the dissolution pre-planned?
11. Why was there so little resistance to the dissolution? Put your reasons in order of importance.
12. What were the effects of the dissolution? Again list your points in order of importance.
13. You will be having a test on this topic and you are going to write the questions which the class will be asked. Suggest two questions, each with three possible answers, only one of which is the correct one. These will be incorporated into a multiple choice test.