



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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History

HIS1E

Unit 1E Absolutist States: The Reign of Louis XIV, 1661–1715

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1E.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

0 | 1 Explain why Louis XIV carried out the policy of *Reunions* in the years 1679 to 1684. (12 marks)

0 | 2 How successful was Louis XIV in achieving the aims of his foreign policy in the years 1661 to 1685? (24 marks)

Question 2

0 | 3 Explain why there was a need to reform the trade and industry of France in 1661. (12 marks)

0 | 4 How successful were Colbert's reforms in strengthening the French economy in the years 1661 to 1683? (24 marks)

Question 3

0 | 5 Explain why there was some toleration of Huguenots in France before 1685. (12 marks)

0 | 6 How important was Louis XIV's desire for popularity in explaining his persecution of religious minorities in France in the years 1661 to 1715? (24 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS