



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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History

HIS3E

Unit 3E France and the Enlightenment: Absolutism Under Threat, 1743–1789

Friday 10 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 HIS3E.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

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 'The Parlements were entirely motivated by self interest in the reign of Louis XV.'
Assess the validity of this view. *(45 marks)*

Question 2

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 How successful were the financial policies of the French Crown in the years
1743 to 1787? *(45 marks)*

Question 3

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 To what extent did Louis XVI fail to assert his authority in the years 1787 to 1789?
(45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS