

AS HISTORY

The Sun King: Louis XIV, France and Europe, 1643–1715

Component 2F The Sun King, 1643–1685

Wednesday 25 May 2016 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2F.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From the memoirs of Madame de Motteville, who was imprisoned by the Frondeurs. She was a courtier and supporter of Anne of Austria. Her memoirs were written later in her life and only published in 1723.

Mazarin did not know our customs and did not apply himself carefully to see them observed. He did not concern himself as he should have, to govern the state according to old established laws and did not protect justice as he was obliged to by his position as first minister. He was neglectful in the care he owed the public welfare; under his administration the finances had been wasted by his supporters more than in any other country. The Cardinal also granted places in the Church to many persons who wanted them for worldly motives, and did not always name men to bishoprics who would have done honour to his choice by their virtue and piety.

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Source B

From 'A Judgement on all that has been printed against Cardinal Mazarin' by Gabriel Naudé, Mazarin's librarian. Naudé published this in 1649.

The authority of Cardinal Mazarin is less than that of the Queen Regent and is balanced by the powers of other members of the royal family who were born above him. Moreover his power is limited to the duration of the King's minority. The Cardinal is envied by every ambitious member of the court, and he is attacked by all the discontented. Everyone feels Mazarin is hateful, much in the way that patients blame their doctors for their illnesses even though they do their best to treat them medically. Just like these doctors, the Cardinal has not overlooked anything to help the people as far as the war and other necessities of the State would allow.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is the more valuable in explaining Mazarin's role as Chief Minister during the minority of Louis XIV?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

0 2 'Commercial rivalry was the most important cause of the Franco-Dutch War of 1672–1678.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

0 3 'Versailles was built solely to control the French nobility.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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