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# History

Assessment Unit A2 1



AH211

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**WEDNESDAY 13 MAY, AFTERNOON**

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## TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Indicate clearly on your Answer Booklet which option you have chosen.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Candidates are reminded that their answers should demonstrate their understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented in different ways.

All questions carry equal marks, i.e. 50 marks for each question.

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

**Option 1      ANGLO-SPANISH RELATIONS 1509–1609**

**Either**

- 1** “Individuals rather than issues determined Anglo-Spanish relations in the period 1509–1609.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [50]

**Or**

- 2** “The Netherlands had a greater impact than France on Anglo-Spanish relations in the period 1509–1609.” How far would you accept this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

**Option 2      CROWN AND PARLIAMENT IN ENGLAND 1603–1702**

**Either**

- 1** “It was during the reign of James I (1603–1625) that the most significant changes to the role and status of Parliament occurred.” How far would you agree with this assessment of the relationship between Crown and Parliament in England in the period 1603–1702? [50]

**Or**

- 2** “Clashes over foreign policy had the greatest impact on the relationship between Crown and Parliament in England in the period 1603–1702.” To what extent would you accept this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

**Option 3 LIBERALISM AND NATIONALISM IN EUROPE 1815–1914**

**Either**

- 1** “Liberalism was more successful in Germany than in other European countries between 1815 and 1914.” How far would you accept this statement? [50]

**Or**

- 2** “Nationalist movements in Europe in the period 1815–1914 were by themselves not strong enough to overturn the existing political order. They only enjoyed success when they had outside assistance.” To what extent would you agree with this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

**Option 4      UNIONISM AND NATIONALISM IN IRELAND 1800–1900**

**Either**

- 1** “Individuals determined the successes and failures of Irish nationalism.” How far would you accept this verdict on constitutional and revolutionary nationalism in Ireland in the period 1800–1900? [50]

**Or**

- 2** “Their differences far outweighed their similarities.” To what extent would you agree with this assessment of the supporters of the Union in the north and south of Ireland in the period 1800–1900? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

**Option 5 CLASH OF IDEOLOGIES IN EUROPE 1900–2000**

**Either**

- 1** “A desperate search for security.” To what extent would you agree with this assessment of Soviet foreign policy in Europe between 1917 and 1991? [50]

**Or**

- 2** To what extent were the opponents of communism in Europe in the period 1917–1991 motivated by security considerations? [50]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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