



**6522A - Paper 2A**

**Monarchs and their Servants: Henry VIII and Charles I**

Choose EITHER Option I OR Option II for which you have been prepared and answer ONE question from your chosen Option. Answer both part (a) and part (b) of the question you choose. Start your answer to part (a) on page 3. Start your answer to part (b) on page 8.

**Option I – The King’s Faithful Servant? The Age of Wolsey, 1509–29**

**EITHER**

1. (a) In what ways did Wolsey challenge the power of the nobility in England in the years 1515–26? (20)
- (b) Why was Wolsey’s own power increasingly under threat in the years 1520–29? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

**OR**

2. (a) Describe the key features of English diplomacy in the years 1519–25. (20)
- (b) Why were Wolsey’s enemies unable to mount a successful challenge to his power in the years before 1529? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

**Option II – Personal Rule and the Crisis of Monarchy in Britain, 1629–42**

**EITHER**

3. (a) What were the main features of Laud’s reform of churches and church services in England in the years 1633–40? (20)
- (b) Why was Charles I unable to suppress the rebellion in Scotland in the years 1639–40? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

**OR**

4. (a) What methods were used to silence opposition during the years of Personal Rule? (20)
- (b) Why did the parliamentary opposition pursue further constitutional and religious changes after the execution of Strafford in May 1641? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER 2A: 60 MARKS**



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