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HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 2

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
WALES AND ENGLAND, c. 1603-1715**

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(45 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question.

The quotations used in this unit may have been amended or adapted from the stated published work in order to make the wording more accessible.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Candidates in their response to the interpretation question should consider the validity of the interpretation using their knowledge of the period and other possible interpretations. Candidates should also consider the factors which may have influenced the way in which the interpretation has been formed – such as the type of historian/author, the evidence available to the historian/author and the date of the publication.

1. The Regicide and consolidation of the Republic.

‘In order to save, let alone consolidate the Republic, Cromwell had no choice but to wed the Dutch, bed the French and steal from the Spanish.’

[J.R. Jones, an academic historian and specialist in seventeenth-century European history, writing in a general textbook, *Britain and Europe in the Seventeenth Century* (1966)]

How valid is this interpretation of Cromwell’s consolidation of the Republic? [80]

2. The search for constitutional stability and the Restoration of the monarchy.

‘Deprived of common sense and reason, Cromwell neglected all his golden opportunities. Instead of advancing the constitutional interest of the Protectorate he has been the author of destroying it.’

[Slingsby Bethel, a Republican MP and political commentator, writing in a political history book, *The World’s Mistake in Oliver Cromwell* (1668)]

How valid is this interpretation of the search for constitutional stability? [80]

3. Wales, c. 1640-1715.

‘Apart from the Act for the Propagation of the Gospel, there were few religious or educational developments of significance in Wales between the Civil War and the accession of the Hanoverians.’

[A.J. Roderick, an academic historian and specialist in Welsh history, writing in a general history textbook, *Wales through the ages* (1960)]

How valid is this interpretation of Wales between 1640-1715? [80]