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HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 6

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY
OF EUROPE, c. 1618-1763**

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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 responses 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 reigns of Philip III and Philip IV, 1614-1665.

‘Despite the strains on the monarchy it survived largely intact.’

[Graham Darby, an academic historian specialising in seventeenth century Spain, writing in a student study guide, *Spain in the Seventeenth Century* (1994)]

How valid is this interpretation of royal rule in Spain from 1614-1665? [80]

2. France, 1624-1661: Richelieu and Mazarin.

‘Cardinal Mazarin is incompetent in all things but the infamous art of deceit.’

[Claude Joly, a leading supporter of the Church and an opponent of Mazarin, writing in a political pamphlet, *Institutions of Royalty* (1663)]

How valid is this interpretation of Mazarin and his policies? [80]

3. Peter the Great, 1696-1725.

‘Peter the Great’s greatest legacy to Russia was the city of St Petersburg.’

[Henry Moscow, a novelist and writer with an interest in Russian history, writing in a general history, *Russia under the Czars* (1962)]

How valid is this interpretation of Peter the Great’s domestic policy? [80]