



**General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced**

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**HISTORY – HI2  
UNIT 2  
PERIOD STUDY 1  
ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF  
WALES AND ENGLAND,  
c. 1485-1603**

P.M. FRIDAY, 11 January 2008  
(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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*Answer one question.*

*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. Wales and her relationship with England, c.1500-1543.

‘To describe England and Wales as “united” is ridiculous. The Tudors aimed to eradicate Wales completely by destroying its language and culture and absorbing what remained into England.’

[Mrs S. Davies, a member of the public with an interest in Welsh history, writing in a letter to the *Western Mail* in 2006. Mrs Davies was responding to an earlier article in the newspaper, parts of which praised the Acts of Union]

How valid is this interpretation of Wales and her relationship with England in the period 1500-1543? [80]

#### 2. Anglicanism and Puritanism in Wales and England, 1559-1603.

‘In Parliamentary terms the Puritans were an insignificant radical rump of no great influence or importance.’

[Harold Hulme, an American academic historian and specialist in Tudor political history, writing in a specialist magazine article on Puritanism in *The Journal of Modern History* (1958)]

How valid is this interpretation of Puritanism in the period 1559-1603? [80]

#### 3. Mary Stuart, the Catholic threat and relations with the Catholic powers, 1568-1603.

‘Mary Stuart’s imprisonment was a greater threat to the Catholic powers than to Elizabeth and England. Elizabeth had to do nothing, but the French and Spanish were obliged to do something.’

[James Boswell, a Scottish lawyer, writer and traveller with a general interest in sixteenth-century history, writing in a letter to a friend, Dr. Samuel Johnson (1763)]

How valid is this interpretation of Mary Stuart, the Catholic threat and relations with the Catholic powers in the period between 1568-1603? [80]