



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

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**HISTORY – HI2
UNIT 2
PERIOD STUDY 2
ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
WALES AND ENGLAND,
c. 1603-1715**

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. The Regicide and consolidation of the Republic.

‘The trial and execution of Charles I was not the travesty of justice some have claimed. The king was tried lawfully by a legally appointed court, his case was dealt with fairly and he was treated courteously.’

[James Harvey Robinson, an American academic historian and specialist in seventeenth-century European history, writing in a general textbook, *Readings in European History* (1906)]

How valid is this interpretation of the Regicide? [80]

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

‘Cromwell should have accepted the offer of the Crown and then the kingdom would have enjoyed the constitutional stability it lacked with him as Lord Protector.’

[David Hume, a Scottish academic historian and philosopher, writing in a general book on history, politics and philosophy, *Essays: Moral and Political* (1741)]

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

3. Wales, c. 1640-1715.

‘The impact on Wales of literature in the Welsh language has been exaggerated. Much of what was available in print before the accession of King George [I] was in English and understood by all who could read.’

[George Rice, a Member of Parliament and a Carmarthenshire landowner writing in a private letter to Madame Bridget Bevan of Laugharne, patron of the Circulating Schools (1766)]

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