



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

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**HISTORY – HI2
UNIT 2
PERIOD STUDY 5
ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
EUROPE, c. 1490-1621**

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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. France, 1515-1547.

“Francis I’s foreign policy consisted of a chaotic sequence of mainly fruitless campaigns and shifting alliances with no real achievement.”

[Catherine Mulgan, an academic historian specialising in sixteenth century French history, writing in a student study guide, *The Renaissance Monarchies 1469-1558* (1998)]

How valid is this interpretation of the foreign policy of Francis I? [80]

2. The Wars of Religion in France, 1562-1598.

“Religious issues dominated every aspect of the French wars.”

[Alastair Armstrong, an academic historian specialising in sixteenth century French history, writing in a school Advanced level textbook, *France 1500-1715* (2003)]

How valid is this interpretation of the French Wars of Religion? [80]

3. The reign of Henry IV, 1589-1610.

“The idea that Henry IV’s achievements solved all of France’s problems has been greatly exaggerated.”

[R. J. Knecht, an academic historian and specialist in sixteenth century French history, writing in a student study guide, *The French Wars of Religion 1559-1598* (1996)]

How valid is this interpretation of the work of Henry IV? [80]