



GCE AS/A level

472/01

HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 1

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF

WALES AND ENGLAND,

c. 1485-1603

P.M. MONDAY, 2 June 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 or part-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. **Wales and her relationship with England, c. 1500-1543.**

‘The relationship between England and Wales after the Union became that of an owner and a slave.’

[O.M. Edwards, an academic nationalist historian and specialist in Welsh history, writing in a private letter to Thomas Ellis, MP. Ellis was the leader of Cymru Fydd, which campaigned for home rule for Wales (1896)]

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

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

‘Puritanism is a myth made-up by a few misguided Anglican extremists who sought to exaggerate the political influence of a minor group of religious radicals.’

[C.H. Garrett, an academic historian and specialist in religious history, writing in a specialist history book, *The Marian Exiles: A Study in the Origins of Elizabethan Puritanism* (1938)]

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.**

‘The truth is, the Catholic threat existed only in the minds of those seeking an excuse to make war on Spain and the Papacy. Elizabeth made significant concessions to Catholic sympathizers which kept them from attempting rebellion.’

[Dana Gioia, an American cultural historian, writing in an article on sixteenth century English literature, published on an internet website (2006)]

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