



GCE A level

474/05

HISTORY – HI4

UNIT 4

PERIOD STUDY 5

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE,
C. 1490-1621**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 4 June 2008

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer two questions.

1. Spain, 1516-1556.

To what extent was Charles V a successful ruler of Spain? [80]

2. Spain in the reign of Philip II to 1588.

“Philip II’s greatest mistake was his inability to discriminate between the important and the trivial in his administration.” Discuss. [80]

3. Spain and the Netherlands.

To what extent was control of the sea the most significant factor in enabling the Dutch revolt against Spain to survive? [80]