



GCE A level

1234/05

HISTORY – HY4

UNIT 4

PERIOD STUDY 5

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE, c. 1515-1621

P.M. FRIDAY, 10 June 2011

1 hour 40 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions, **one** from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

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

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

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Answer two questions, one from Section A and one from Section B.

SECTION A

Answer one question.

1. The reign of Philip II, 1556-1598

“Phillip II’s support for the Catholic Reformation was his main success in the period 1556-1598.” Discuss. [40]

2. France, c. 1562-1610

To what extent was the weakness of the monarchy mainly responsible for prolonging the French Wars of Religion? [40]

SECTION B

Answer one question.

1. Political and religious change in Europe, c. 1515-1621

“The most significant challenge facing Europe in the period 1515-1621 was the threat of the Ottoman Empire.” Discuss. [40]

2. Spain and Europe, c. 1516-1621

“Spain’s relations with Europe were mainly characterised by weakness and indecision in this period.” Discuss. [40]