



**GCE A level**

1234/05

**HISTORY – HY4**

**UNIT 4**

**PERIOD STUDY 5**

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

A.M. THURSDAY, 26 January 2012

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**

*Choose one question*

**1. The reign of Philip II, 1556-1598**

To what extent was the centralisation of government Philip II's most important achievement? [40]

**2. France, c.1562-1610**

To what extent was the reign of Henry IV a period of recovery for France? [40]

**SECTION B**

*Choose one question*

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

'Political rivalries in Europe were the greatest threat to European peace in the period 1515-1621.' Discuss. [40]

**2. Spain and Europe, c.1515-1621**

'Religion was the main driving force behind Spain's European policies.' Discuss. [40]