



**GCE A level**

1234/05

**HISTORY – HY4**

**UNIT 4**

**PERIOD STUDY 5**

**Aspects of the History of Europe, c. 1515-1621**

A.M. MONDAY, 3 June 2013

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.

**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**

‘The annexation of Portugal in 1580 was Philip II’s greatest achievement.’ Discuss. [40]

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

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

**SECTION B**

*Answer one question.*

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

To what extent was the threat of the Ottoman Empire the main challenge for Europe from 1515 to 1621? [40]

**2. Spain and Europe, c. 1516-1621**

To what extent did Spain’s colonial policies have the most significant impact on the Spanish relationship with other European powers in this period? [40]