



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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History

HIS3E

Unit 3E France and the Enlightenment: Absolutism under Threat, 1743–1789

Wednesday 16 June 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS3E.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

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'Instability in France in the years 1743 to 1774 was the result of Louis XV's weaknesses as a monarch.'

How valid is this view?

(45 marks)

Question 2

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How far was the failure to solve the financial problems of the monarchy in the years 1774 to 1789 due to the Paris Parlement?

(45 marks)

Question 3

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To what extent were the attempts at reform in France in the years 1743 to 1789 due to the ideas of the Enlightenment?

(45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS