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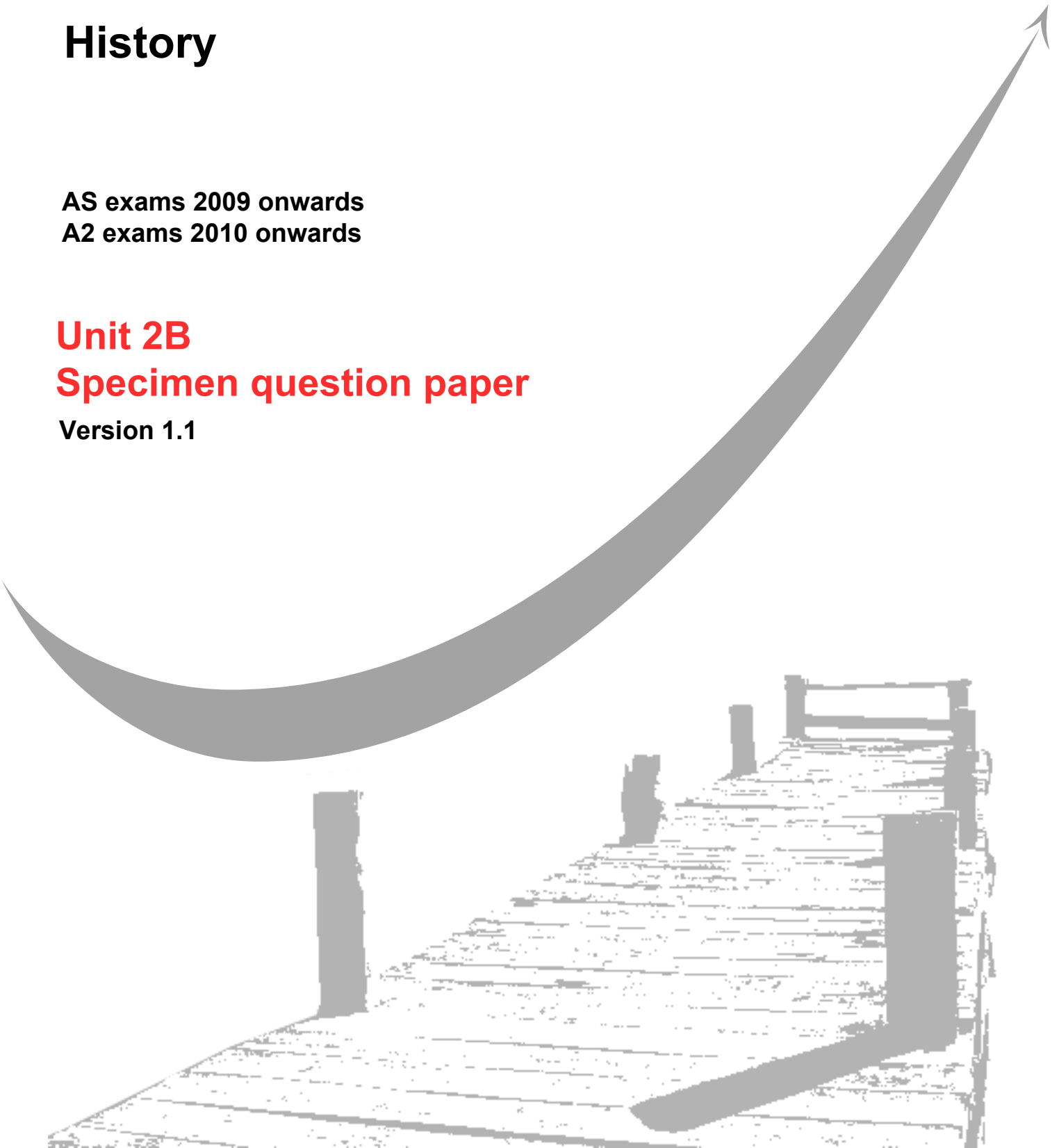
History

AS exams 2009 onwards
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Unit 2B

Specimen question paper

Version 1.1



HISTORY
Unit 2

HIS2B

The Church in England: the Struggle for Supremacy, 1529–1547

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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 HIS2B.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

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

HIS2B

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Adapted from Edward Hall's 'Chronicle' for 1529

When the Commons met in Parliament, they began to complain about the churchmen. The first complaint was the excessive fees that the church took for settling wills. Another complaint was that parish priests had occupied farms and grazing land. They complained that the abbots bought and sold wool, cloth and many goods just as the
5 merchants did. They complained also that many priests were non-resident so that there was no charity for the parish poor and no spiritual preaching or instruction for the parish people so leaving their souls at risk. The final complaint was that one priest of little learning might have ten or twelve parishes while many learned and able priests in the universities held no parish.

Source B Adapted from the will of Thomas Foldyngton, 22 June 1530

I, Thomas Foldyngton of Barholm in Lincolnshire, will my body to be buried in the chapel of Our Blessed Lady within the parish church of St. Martin in Barholm. I leave my best goods to my priest to pray for my soul and to provide a blue cloth to lay over the sacrament upon Corpus Christi day.
5 Also I leave money so that my daughter may light candles before the image of Our Lady and repair the church bell, then give the bellringers a pennyworth of bread and a gallon of ale.

Source C Relations between the priests and parishioners were usually good and there were astonishingly few complaints against the priests. There were occasional local tensions but they were against individuals not the Roman Catholic Church. In our search for the causes of the Reformation we must not take isolated local disagreements and pile them
5 together as evidence of widespread dissatisfaction. The English people had not turned against their Church, and there was no widespread desire for reform.

Adapted from C HAIGH, The English Reformation Revised, 1987

- (a) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

How far do the views in **Source A** differ from the views in **Source B** in relation to corruption in the Catholic Church in England before the Reformation? (12 marks)

- (b) Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far had the Catholic Church retained the support of the English people on the eve of the Reformation? (24 marks)

EITHER 2

- (a) Explain why a series of Acts changing the position of the clergy was passed in the years 1529 to 1534. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'Henry VIII broke from Rome because he wanted to increase his personal power.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR 3

- (a) Explain why Cromwell dissolved the monasteries and convents in the years 1535 to 1539. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'The Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536 was a popular rebellion against religious change.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1 Source C: C HAIGH (ed.), *The English Reformation Revised*, Cambridge University Press, 1987

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