



# History

# HIS3B

## Unit 3B The Triumph of Elizabeth: Britain, 1547–1603

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the [new numbering system](#) and [new AQA answer book](#)

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 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 HIS3B.
- 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.

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**Question 1**

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'Between 1547 and 1559 England was almost torn apart by religious revolution.'  
Assess the validity of this view.

*(45 marks)*

**Question 2**

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'Between 1571 and 1588, the Catholic threat to Elizabeth, both at home and abroad, was neutralised with relative ease.'  
How convincing is this view?

*(45 marks)*

**Question 3**

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'During the last years of Elizabeth's reign, England became an increasingly unstable kingdom, menaced by crisis and disillusionment.'  
Assess the validity of this view.

*(45 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**