



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination

History

HIS3E

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

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 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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 How important was Enlightened thought in the growth of opposition to the monarchy in the years 1743 to 1789? *(45 marks)***Question 2**

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 'It was the ministers, not the king, who ensured the stability of France in the years 1764 to 1774.'
To what extent do you agree with this view? *(45 marks)***Question 3**

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 How far was finance the main cause of the crisis for France in the years 1774 to 1789? *(45 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS