

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination January 2009

History

HIS1E

Unit 1E Absolutist States: The Reign of Louis XIV, 1661–1715

Tuesday 13 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

• a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

• 1 hour 15 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 HIS1E.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

Answer **two** questions.

1	(a)	Explain why Louis XIV ordered the construction of the Palace of Versailles.	(12 marks)
	(b)	How successful was Louis XIV in maintaining the absolute authority of the m in the years 1661 to 1685?	oonarchy (24 marks)
2	(a)	Explain why France became involved in the War of Spanish Succession.	(12 marks)
	(b)	How successful was Louis XIV in achieving the objectives of his foreign poli in the years 1685 to 1715?	cy (24 marks)
3	(a)	Explain why Louis XIV introduced new forms of taxation in the later years of his reign. (12 marks)	
	(b)	How successful were the reforms to the French financial system in the years 1661 to 1715?	(24 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS