

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination January 2012

## History

# HIS1E

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

### Monday 16 January 2012 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 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.

#### **Question 1**

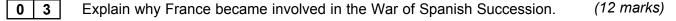


Explain why the economy of France was weak at the start of Louis XIV's personal rule in 1661. (12 marks)



How successful was Colbert in strengthening royal finances and the French economy in the years 1661 to 1683? (24 marks)

#### **Question 2**





How important was the strength of Louis XIV's enemies in explaining the failure of French foreign policy in the years 1685 to 1715? (24 marks)

#### **Question 3**

0 5 Why did Louis XIV want to reduce the power of the nobility at the start of his personal rule? (12 marks)



How successful was Louis XIV in maintaining royal authority in the years 1685 to 1715? *(24 marks)* 

#### END OF QUESTIONS

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