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# A-level HISTORY

## The Sun King: Louis XIV, France and Europe, 1643–1715

Paper 2F

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Specimen 2014

Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2F**.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
    - 60 minutes on Question 01
    - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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**Section A**

Answer Question 01.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying Louis XIV's monarchy.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **two** questions.

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‘Cardinal Mazarin had a damaging influence over the French monarchy in the years 1643 to 1661.’

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**0 3**

‘The strength of France’s enemies best explains the failure of Louis XIV’s foreign policy in the years 1685 to 1715.’

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**0 4**

‘The financial problems of the French Crown were entirely caused by Louis XIV’s wars.’

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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