

# AS HISTORY

## The Reformation in Europe, c1500–1531

Paper 2C

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**

1 hour 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 **2C**.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01  
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
    - 50 minutes on Section A
    - 40 minutes on Section B.
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**Section A****Answer Question 01**

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**Source A**

From a letter written by Erasmus to Cardinal Compeggio, the Papal Nuncio to the Imperial Court, 1520. The letter was a response to the Papal Bull, **Exsurge Domine**.

I found Luther's good points laudable; actually, I favoured not him, but the glory of Christ. I maintained good relations with Luther simply in order to better advise and direct him. In fact, I have only dabbled in Luther's books so that of all I have read less than a dozen pages and those only here and there. I have never been and shall never be a wilful teacher of error, nor shall I ever be a leader or an accomplice in any disorder. Others may desire martyrdom; I do not consider myself worthy of that honour. I realise I am hateful to some, not for being a follower of Luther; in fact, they are angry because I am not.

**Source B**

From a letter, by Luther to Erasmus, March 1519 following Luther's open criticism of Erasmus' study of St Paul.

Where is there someone whose heart Erasmus does not occupy, whom Erasmus does not teach, over whom Erasmus does not hold sway? I speak of course of those who truly love learning. Yet I am so foolish that I, with unwashed hands and without a reverential and honorific introduction, address you, such a great man and writer of books, in the most familiar tone. Now I have heard from the excellent Fabricius Capito that you are acquainted with my name through those trivial writings of mine on the indulgences. As a result, my Erasmus, amiable man, if it seems acceptable to you, acknowledge also this little brother in Christ. He is certainly most devoted to you and has the greatest affection for you.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the influence of Erasmus on the early years of the Reformation?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03

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**EITHER**

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‘The most serious threat to the church in the years 1517 to 1521 was the Ninety-Five Theses.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**OR**

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‘The spread of the radical reformation by 1531 was due to effective leadership.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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