



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination

History

HIS3C

Unit 3C The Emergence of a Great Power? Spain, 1492–1556

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 HIS3C.
- 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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‘The acquisition of Granada in 1492 was the most important factor in securing Ferdinand and Isabella’s authority in Spain in the early years of their reign.’

To what extent do you agree with this view?

(45 marks)

Question 2

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How far had the Catholic Kings secured financial and economic stability in Spain by the death of Isabella in 1504?

(45 marks)

Question 3

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To what extent was Catholicism under threat in Spain in the years 1504 to 1556?

(45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS