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Introduction

It was pleasing to see candidates able to engage effectively across the ability range in this, the third year of the reformed AS Level Paper 1 Option 1C: Britain, 1625-1700: conflict, revolution and settlement.

The paper is divided into three sections. Section A comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1) by targeting the second order concepts of cause and/or consequence. Section B offers a further choice of essays, targeting any of the second order concepts of cause, consequence, change and continuity, similarity and difference, and significance. Section C contains a compulsory question which is based on two given extracts. It assesses analysis and evaluation of historical interpretations in context (AO3). Candidates in the main appeared to organise their time effectively, although there were some cases of candidates not completing one of the three responses within the time allocated. Examiners did note a number of scripts that posed some problems with the legibility of hand writing. Examiners can only give credit for what they can read.

Of the three sections of Paper 1, candidates are generally more familiar with the essay sections, and in sections A and B most candidates were well prepared to write, or to attempt, an analytical response. Stronger answers clearly understood the importance of identifying the appropriate second order concept that was being targeted by the question. A minority of candidates, often otherwise knowledgeable, wanted to focus on causes and engage in a main factor/other factors approach, even where this did not necessarily address the demands of the conceptual focus. Candidates in the main were able to apply their knowledge and understanding in a manner suited to the different demands of questions in these two sections, in terms of the greater depth of knowledge required where Section A questions targeted a shorter-period, as compared to the more careful selection generally required for the Section B questions covering a broader timespan. Candidates do need to formulate their planning so that there is an argument and a counter argument within their answer; some candidates lacked sufficient treatment of these. The generic mark scheme clearly indicates the four bullet-pointed strands which are the focus for awarding marks and centres should note how these strands progress through the levels. Candidates do need to be aware of key dates, as identified in the specification, and ensure that they draw their evidence in responses from the appropriate time period.

In Section C, the strongest answers demonstrated a clear focus on the need to discuss different arguments given within the two extracts, clearly recognising these as historical interpretations. Such responses tended to offer comparative analysis of the merits of the different views, exploring the validity of the arguments offered by the two historians in the light of the evidence, both from within the extracts, and candidates' own contextual knowledge. Such responses tended to avoid attempts to examine the extracts in a manner more suited to AO2, assertions of the inferiority of an extract on the basis of it offering less factual evidence, or a drift away from the specific demands of the question to the wider taught topic.

Question 1

On Question 1, stronger responses targeted the reasons for the problems faced by the monarchy in the years 1625-40 and included an analysis of relationships between key issues and concepts required by question. Sufficient knowledge was used to develop the stated factor (religious issues) and a range of other factors (e.g. Charles I's continued support for Buckingham, the Petition of Right and tax raising without reference to parliament). Judgements made about the relative importance of religious issues were reasoned and based on clear criteria. High scoring answers were also clearly organised and effectively communicated. Weaker responses tended to be generalised and, at best, offered a fairly simple, limited analysis of the reasons for the problems faced by the monarchy in the years 1625-40. Low scoring answers also often lacked focus on causation or were essentially a narrative of the period under discussion. Where some analysis using relevant knowledge was evident, it was not developed very far or offered only on one narrow aspect of the question (e.g. of the stated factor – religious issues). Furthermore, such responses were often fairly brief, lacked coherence and structure, and made unsubstantiated or weakly supported judgements.

Chosen question number: Question 1 Question 2

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This Level 4 response possesses several strengths, namely: (1) it targets the reasons for the problems faced by the monarchy in the years 1625-40 and has a good focus on the stated factor - religious issues, (2) sufficient own knowledge is brought in to assess the stated factor (e.g. Laud's reforms, religious conflict with Scotland) and other factors (e.g. financial problems, relations with parliament), and (3) a reasoned judgement is reached in the conclusion based on the criteria developed in the analysis.



Higher level responses are often based on brief plans that offer a logical structure for the analysis. They identify three or four themes and points for and against the proposition. Take a minute or two at the beginning to plan before you start writing your response. That way, you are more likely to produce a relevant, logical and well-structured response.

Question 2

On Question 2, stronger responses targeted the reasons for Charles II's difficult relations with his parliaments in the years 1665-81 and included an analysis of relationships between key issues and concepts required by question. Sufficient knowledge was used to develop the stated factor (fear of royal absolutism) and a range of other factors (e.g. parliamentary opposition over finance and taxation, and the king's attempts to pursue a pro-Catholic agenda). Judgements made about the relative importance of royal absolutism were reasoned and based on clear criteria. High scoring answers were also clearly organised and effectively communicated. Weaker responses tended to be generalised and, at best, offered a fairly simple, limited analysis of the reasons for Charles II's difficult relations with his parliaments in the years 1665-81. Low scoring answers also often lacked focus on causation or were essentially a narrative of the period under discussion. Where some analysis using relevant knowledge was evident, it was not developed very far or offered only on one narrow aspect of the question (e.g. of the stated factor – royal absolutism). Furthermore, such responses were often fairly brief, lacked coherence and structure, and made unsubstantiated or weakly supported judgements.

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ⊠. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ⊠ and then indicate your new question with a cross ⊠. Restoration = 1660

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(Section A continued) The fear of roupl absolutism was a common occurence and factor in the relationship between Crown and Parliament. The threat of tyranny was feared and it increased tensions with Parliament. There are other factors such as a fear of catholicism. which, like absolutism was a major concern and the two can be linked. In addition, Parliament itself and the Whigs and Tonies also impacted the relationship between Crown and Parliament as these were clear divisions. Royal absolutism, for a major part, was crucial in the destruction of relationship with Parliament.

Finance could be seen as a trigger for absolutism. Parliament wanted to limit the Charles acindependent ability by pushing for more reliance on the king's behalf. Furthermore, in 1670, the Secret Treaty of Dover was established between Charles and the French king, Louis XIV. This was a sign of absolutism as it enabled charles to receive money outside of Parliament which undermined the authority of Parliament. Moreover, there was a foor of the influence of Louis, who was an absolutist and Catholic. This common factor of alosolutism would draw Charles and Louis closer whilst driving Parliament away and would load to suspected sympathies andmore frustration from Parliament as Charles could not be trusted.

Another foctor in Absolutism was the dissolution of Parliament Several times. During the Exclusion Crisis, Charles dissolved Parliament each time at 'ne was not sociafied. Charles inability to work with Parliament was significant as it meant tenser relations with the monarch (Section A continued) and a continued lack of trust. Charles alragons belief in the divine right of kings mode him feel a sense of superiority abover everyone, including the Courts.

On the other hand, a fear of Catholicism also had a large role. For years, religious divisions were prominent throughout the country. Charles was supposedly a secret Catholic yet only converted on his death bed. His close ties to the absolutist and Catholic France, further wealloned his reblianship with Parliament. For a part, a fear of Catholicism linus to absolution due to Louis XIV and Charles' absorblation tendencies when altempting lo impose Catholicism. One factor of the Searel Treaty of Dover south in 1670 was that Charles would declare publically that he was Catholic in exchange for money and land. However, the fact he didn't could suggest that a fear of Catholicism, although important, was not crucial in regards to relationships with Parliament until James reign.

Parliament's role, although not as pivotal as Charles', was still able to Cause tensions. The divisions between whigh and Tories demonstrated the oppositions within Parliament. The Tories were more rouplist and supported the divine right monarchy, whilst the Whigs wanted to vid of the threat of absolutism and supported the liberties of people. The Clarendon Code (1661 - 1664) went against the Idea of liberty for tender consciences, as outlined in Breda. It passed cots such as the Act of Uniformity (1662) which meant all public of Africe holders had to take Angliaan communion, but overall, it protected the Anglican Monopoly in Church and state. Furthermore, in 1664, the

(Section A continued) Triennial Act was passed which meant regular Parliaments every 3 years. Such laws would have caused tensions as it undermined the authority of the monarch to try and prevent absolutism

In conclusion, I would say that a fear of royal absolutism was significant in causing tensions between Grown and Parliament as the Secret Treaty of Dover (1670), for example, fundermined the authority of the man Parliament. Also, the dissolution of Parliament in 1681 browe the Triennia 1 Act which called for regular Parliament: Despite the issue of religion. I think its significance was heightened with James 11 as Charles wept his religion a secret. Parliament bassed such laws to go against the king but ultimately, the king had more power so this was less significanu. I also think Parliament were successful in reducing the threat of Catholicism, making it less crucial.



This Level 3 response offers some analysis of the reasons for Charles II's difficult relations with his parliaments in the years 1665-81 (e.g. financial issues, fear of royal absolutism, dissolution of parliament, the monarch's perceived pro-Catholic agenda). Limited contextual knowledge is brought in to support and assess the relative importance of the causal factors selected. The criteria for judgement are mostly explicit and a conclusion on 'main reason' is reached at the end.



Be sure that you are able to make a logical judgement about the relative importance of the stated factor named in the question when set against your other selected factors.

Question 3

On Question 3, stronger responses targeted the extent to which the power of the nobility declined in Stuart Britain in the years 1625-88. These also included an analysis of relationships between key issues and a focus on the concept (change/continuity) in the question. Sufficient knowledge to develop the argument was demonstrated too (e.g. impact of inflation, the civil war and overspending, the use of strict settlement or entail, the greater use of aristocratic titles under the later Stuarts). Judgements made about the extent of change and continuity concerning the power of the nobility were reasoned and based on clear criteria. Higher scoring answers were also clearly organised and effectively communicated. Weaker responses tended to be generalised and, at best, offered a fairly simple, limited analysis of the extent to which the power of the nobility declined in Stuart Britain in the years 1625-88. Low scoring answers also often lacked focus on change/continuity or were essentially a description of the nobility during the 17th century. Where some analysis using relevant knowledge was evident, it tended to lack range/depth (e.g. just the impact of the civil war or inflation). Furthermore, such responses were often fairly brief, lacked coherence and structure, and made unsubstantiated or weakly supported judgements.

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This borderline Level 2 response exhibits many of the shortcomings of lower scoring answers. It makes a few generalised statements about the decline of the nobility's power without really engaging with the issue at the heart of the question. It lacks range and depth and does not offer a clear judgement. There is little attempt to structure the answer appropriately.



You will be expected to offer detailed knowledge to support your arguments. Check the specification so you know what is required.

Question 4

On Question 4, stronger responses targeted the significance of the Royal Society in the promotion of a 'scientific revolution' in Stuart Britain (1660-88). These answers included an analysis of the links between key issues and a focus on the concept (significance) in the question. In addition, sufficient knowledge to assess the significance of the Royal Society in promoting a 'scientific revolution' (e.g. the Royal Society was boosted by a royal charter and attracted ground-breaking scientists such as Newton, Royal Society only dedicated exclusively to scientific research after 1684, other scientific groups at Oxford and Cambridge played a significant role) was demonstrated. Judgements made about the significance of the Royal Society were reasoned and based on clear criteria. Higher scoring answers were also clearly organised and effectively communicated. Weaker responses tended to be generalised and, at best, offered a fairly simple, limited analysis of the significance of the Royal Society in promoting a 'scientific revolution' in Stuart Britain (1660-88). Low scoring answers often lacked focus on significance or were essentially a description of the Royal Society. Where some analysis using relevant knowledge was evident, it lacked range/depth (e.g. the Royal Society was boosted by a royal charter and attracted ground-breaking scientists such as Newton). Furthermore, such responses were often fairly brief, lacked coherence and structure, and made unsubstantiated or weakly supported judgements.

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(Section B continued) Charter and investments from wealthy men that see themselves as 'amateur scientists; there was a well junded area of expertise. This was significant because An example of how they shared ideas was through the first ever Scientific journal, Philosophical Transactions in 1665. 16 was because of this The journal that softh William Harvey tound the missing link on the circulation of blood Bords The Royal society becames so popular and successful that of head to a shortage of fellows at universities and as they were all at the Royal Society. So the Royal society was very significant in promoting a 'scientific revolution's because gave scientists al respectable place in society (accepted by the King) and cleared away the suspition surrounding society by making it so open and well known Usert others were attracted to joing. On the other hand, it could be viewed that a scientific revolution was being promoted by Frances Baeon, before the Royal Society was even created. Frances Bacon was a scientist in the Who's he was significant because he created the Baconian Method, he which followed the idea that true science involves collecting all the data

(Section B continued) Dossible on a subject before reaching a judgement. It also describes using precise, mothodial, reptitive experimentation to ensure a jact is true before assuming 80. The Baconian Method was revolutionary, inspiring philosophers and scientists alke, which is lurly he could be seen as the most significant aspect in promoting a scientific revolution, because he lay down at mexhad that could be used for centuries and inspired many scientists, and the Royal Society it self. Une of those Ecientists he inspired was Isac Newton who, despite being a part of the Royal Society (President in 1708), could be viewed as a significant individual in promoting a Scientific revolution In 1672, he invented the reflective telescope which allowed him to Observe the heavens and help to prove Copernicus theories on the movement of heavenly bodies (planets), it also allowed him to help probe Galileo's theories of the Earth Orbitting the Sun. While some may say that he only achieved these become of the Royal society and the information it gave him access to which is true. Book Monverer, he is a significant individual

(Section B continued) because his proofs of planetary granty began the separation and science, because revolution' it broadened the Frances Science



This Level 3 response offers some analysis of the significance of the Royal Society in promoting a 'scientific revolution' in Stuart Britain in the years 1660-88. Mostly accurate own knowledge is brought in to assess the relative significance of the Royal Society and some other factors (e.g. the individual contributions made by Bacon and Newton). The criteria for judgement are mostly implicit and the conclusion at the end needs further development.



When planning your answer to a support / challenge question make sure you have a good balance of key points on either side of the argument, or be prepared to argue support and challenge within each key point.

Question 5

On Question 5, stronger responses were clearly focused on the extracts, and possessed the confidence and understanding to develop an extract-based analysis of the view that the Toleration Act of 1689 did little to undermine the Anglican Supremacy. Higher scoring answers offered some comparative analysis of the two extracts, and used own knowledge effectively to examine the merits/validity of the views presented (e.g. the impact on mainstream Protestant dissenters, exclusion of Catholics, Unitarians and Jews, weakened Anglican influence). Stronger responses were also focused on the precise question (the Toleration Act of 1689 did little to undermine the Anglican Supremacy) rather than the general impact of the Glorious Revolution and put forward a reasoned judgement on the given issue, referencing the views in the extracts. Weaker answers tended to show some understanding of the extracts and attempted to focus on the view that the Toleration Act of 1689 did little to undermine the Anglican Supremacy but were likely to develop a limited range of arguments. At the lower levels, basic points were selected from the extracts for illustration and comparisons made between the two extracts were fairly rudimentary. Weaker candidates sometimes also relied almost exclusively on the extracts as sources of information about the impact of the Toleration Act. Others made limited use of the two extracts and attempted to answer the question relying largely on their own knowledge. Moreover, in lower scoring responses, the candidate's own knowledge tended to be illustrative (e.g. just tacked on to points from the extracts) or drifted from the main focus of the question. Furthermore, these answers were often fairly brief, lacked coherence and structure, and made unsubstantiated or weakly supported judgements.

SECTION C

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

5 Historians have different views about how revolutionary, in the years to 1701, the Glorious Revolution was. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your own knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that the Toleration Act of 1689 did little to undermine the Anglican Supremacy?

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This Level 4 response possesses several obvious strengths, namely: (1) it offers a clear understanding of the extracts and uses this to develop an analysis of the two competing views, (2) it uses own knowledge effectively to examine the merits of these views, (3) it is focused on the precise issue (the Toleration Act of 1689 did little to undermine the Anglican Supremacy) rather than the general controversy concerning the Glorious Revolution, and (4) it offers a reasoned judgement on the given issue, which references the views given in the Miller and Bucholz/Key extracts.



Good responses often use the introduction to set up the debate by identifying the main arguments offered by the two interpretations. This is then followed by an exploration of these arguments in the main analysis.

Paper Summary

Based on their performance on Paper 1 Option 1C, candidates are offered the following advice:

Section A/B responses

Features commonly found in candidates' responses which were successful within the higher levels were:

- Paying close attention to the date ranges in the question.
- Giving sufficient consideration to the issue in the question (e.g. main factor), as well as some other factors.
- Explaining their judgements fully this need not be in an artificial or abstract way, but rather a demonstration of their reasoning in relation to the concepts and topic they are writing about in order to justify their judgements.
- Careful focusing on the second-order concept targeted in the question.
- Giving consideration to timing, to enable them to complete all three questions with approximately the same time given over to each one.
- An appropriate level, in terms of depth of detail and analysis, as required by the question e.g. a realistic amount to enable a balanced and rounded answer on breadth questions.

Common issues which hindered performance were:

- Paying little heed to the precise demands of the question, e.g. writing about the topic without focusing on the question, or attempting to give an answer to a question that hasn't been asked most frequently, this meant treating questions which targeted other second-order concepts as causation questions.
- Answering a question without giving sufficient consideration to the given issue in the question (e.g. looking at other causes, consequences, etc., with only limited reference to that given in the question).
- Answers which only gave a partial response, e.g. a very limited span of the date range, or covered the stated cause/consequence, with no real consideration of other issues.
- Making an assertion of change/causation, sometimes with formulaic repetition of the words of the question, with limited explanation or analysis of how exactly this was a change/cause of the issue within the question.
- Not reaching a judgement, or not explaining
- A lack of detail.

Section C responses

Features commonly found in candidates' responses which were successful within the higher levels:

• Candidates paying close attention to the precise demands of the question, as opposed to seemingly pre-prepared material covering the more general controversy as outlined in the specification.

- Thorough use of the extracts; this need not mean using every point they raise, but a strong focus on these as views on the question.
- A confident attempt to use the two extracts together, e.g. consideration of their differences, attempts to compare their arguments, or evaluate their relative merits.
- Careful use of own knowledge, e.g. clearly selected to relate to the issues raised within the sources, confidently using this to examine the arguments made, and reason through these in relation to the given question; at times, this meant selection over sheer amount of knowledge.
- Careful reading of the extracts, to ensure the meaning of individual statements and evidence within these were used in the context of the broader arguments made by the authors.
- Attempts to see beyond the stark differences between sources, e.g. consideration of the extent to which they disagreed, or attempts to reconcile their arguments.

Common issues which hindered performance on Section C were:

- Limited use of the extracts, or an imbalance in this, e.g. extensive use of one, with limited consideration of the other.
- Limited comparison or consideration of the differences between the given interpretations.
- Using the extracts merely as sources of support.
- Arguing one extract is superior to the other on the basis that it offers more factual evidence to back up the claims made, without genuinely analysing the arguments offered.
- Heavy use of own knowledge, or even seemingly pre-prepared arguments, without real consideration of these related to the arguments in the sources.
- Statements or evidence from the source being used in a manner contrary to that given in the sources, e.g. through misinterpretation of the meaning of the arguments, or lifting of detail without thought to the context of how it was applied within the extract.
- A tendency to see the extracts as being polar opposites, again seemingly through expectation of this, without thought to where there may be degrees of difference, or even common ground.

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