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A Level History A

Y108/01 The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War
1603–1660

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer Question 1 in Section A. Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

SECTION A

The Execution of Charles I and the Interregnum 1646–1660

Study the four sources and then answer Question 1.

- 1 Using these four sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the Levellers were a dangerous threat to society. [30]

Source A: An anonymous pamphlet sets out the political agenda of the Leveller movement in a protest to the House of Commons against John Lilburne's imprisonment for demanding liberty of conscience.

Lawful authority of a king or parliament comes only from the people's trust. Any other authority is oppression. Parliament must be freely chosen once every year. It is high time we are plain with you. We expect you to declare openly the wickedness of King Charles, and pay crown revenue into the public treasury. Disempower the Lords, because we, the people, choose only *you* to make or alter laws. Abolish all unreasonable laws, end imprisonment for debt and enforced war service, and free the press. Note that you serve our interests and not your own, so expect to hear more frequently from us and heed these warnings.

Remonstrance of Many Thousand Citizens, July 1646

Source B: Oliver Cromwell gives his view about how Leveller policies would impact the social hierarchy and order.

No man says that you have a mind to anarchy, but the consequence of this (Leveller) rule tends to anarchy, must end in anarchy. For where is there any bound or limit set if you take away this limit [on the right to vote], that men who have no interest but the interest of breathing shall have no voice in elections.

Cromwell, speech to the General Council of the Army, 29 October 1647

Source C: A Royalist writer attacks the Levellers over their view towards monarchy and traditional authority.

No King, the Levellers do cry.
 Let Charles be impeached;
 And for his conscience let him die
 When (hey boys) up we go we.
 We'll have no ruler, lord or peer, Over us for to command:
 We'll level all alike, we swear,
 And kill those that withstand.

Bring forth the King, chop off his head
 We will not rest satisfied
 Till we tread upon his body.

Marchamont Nedham, The Levellers Level'd, December 1647

Source D: The wife of an important parliamentarian soldier and politician recalls contemporary opinion of the Levellers.

The Lords claimed many privileges which set them out of reach of common justice, which these good-hearted people argued should belong equally to the poorest as well as the mighty; and for this and other honest declarations they were nicknamed Levellers. But afterwards other people rose up under that name who attempted the levelling of all ranks and qualities which these sober levellers were never guilty of desiring, as they were men of just and moderate principles, of honest and religious aims, and therefore hated by all the scheming self-interested men. Colonel Hutchinson knew these moderate men well.

Lucy Hutchinson, *Memoirs of the Life of Colonel Hutchinson*, written between 1664 and 1671

SECTION B**The Early Stuarts 1603–1646**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 2*** How serious were the disputes between James I and his parliaments? [20]
- 3*** How successful was Personal Rule? [20]

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