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HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 5

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE, c. 1490-1621

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 7 June 2006

(45 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The sources or quotations used in this unit have been extracted, and may have been amended or adapted from the stated published work in order to make the wording more accessible.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Candidates in their response to the interpretation question should consider the validity of the interpretation using their knowledge of the period and other possible interpretations. Candidates should also consider the factors which may have influenced the way in which the interpretation has been formed – such as the type of historian/author, the evidence available to the historian/author and the date of the publication.

1. **France, 1515-1547.**

‘In all great matters of state, matters of peace or of war, His Majesty, (Francis I), who is submissive in everything else, insists on his will being obeyed. In this event there is no one at court, however great his authority, who dares disagree with His Majesty.’

[Martino Cavalli, the Venetian Ambassador to France, writing in his official report to Venice (1546)]

How valid is this interpretation of the government of Francis I? [80]

2. **The Wars of Religion in France, 1562-1598.**

‘The series of French civil wars which began with the massacre at Vassy, were conflicts fought primarily over the issue of religion.’

[Mack P. Holt, an academic historian and specialist in sixteenth century French history, writing in a specialist book, *The French Wars of Religion, 1562-1629* (1995)]

How valid is this interpretation of the Wars of Religion in France? [80]

3. **The reign of Henry IV, 1589-1610.**

‘Henry IV finally extinguished the religious problem of France by the Edict of Nantes. It established toleration – liberty of conscience and liberty of worship.’

[J.E. Neale, an academic historian and specialist in sixteenth century European history, writing in a book of historical essays, *The Age of Catherine de Medici* (1943)]

How valid is this interpretation of religious reconciliation in the reign of Henry IV? [80]