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HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 5

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

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(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.

The quotations used in this unit 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.

“Francis I’s reign can be summed up in a few words: it was war and women.”

[Jules Michelet, an academic historian and specialist in French history, writing in a general historical survey, *Histoire de France* (1867)]

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

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

“Undoubtedly, the root of the trouble [the French Wars of Religion] was the weakness of the monarchy.”

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

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

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

“There is little in the work of Henry IV or Sully to suggest that either had a coherent policy.”

[Martyn Rady, an academic historian and specialist in early modern French history, writing in a student study guide, *France 1495-1610: Renaissance, Religion and Recovery* (1991)]

How valid is this interpretation of the work of Henry IV and his advisor the Duc de Sully? [80]