



GCE A level

476/05

HISTORY – HI6

UNIT 6 (Synoptic Assessment)

PERIOD STUDY 5

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

P.M. MONDAY, 16 June 2008

50 minutes

(of a 1 hour 40 minutes examination)

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.

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

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*Answer **one** question.*

Candidates are reminded that their answers should demonstrate a synoptic approach to the question, and should draw together, where appropriate, the political, social, economic, religious and cultural aspects of the topic.

1. Political and religious change in Europe in the sixteenth century.

‘Political motivation was the most significant factor in bringing about change in the sixteenth century.’

How valid is this assessment of political and religious change in Europe in the sixteenth century?
[80]

2. Spain, c. 1516-1621.

‘Despite dominating political events, Spain failed completely to establish itself as a European leader in this period.’

How valid is this assessment of Spain in the period 1516-1621?
[80]