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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours 15 minutes)

Paper reference **8HI0/1B**

History

Advanced Subsidiary

PAPER 1: Breadth study with interpretations

Option 1B: England, 1509–1603: authority, nation and religion

You must have:
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are three sections in this question paper. Answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and the question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Were the main consequences of the closure of the monasteries, in the years 1536–47, economic?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 Were Henry VIII's personal motives the main reason for changes to religion in the years 1509–47?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 Were the monarch's principal ministers the most significant influence on Tudor government in the years 1509–88?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 How far do you agree that, in the years 1509–88, there was only limited change in the methods used by the Tudor state to control the nation?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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SECTION C

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

- 5** Historians have different views about whether there was a general crisis of government in the last years of Elizabeth's reign. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that, in the years 1588–1603, Elizabeth struggled to deal with problems at her court?

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS
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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From D. M. Loades, *Politics and the Nation: 1450–1660*, published 1986.

There was widespread restlessness and dissatisfaction amongst Elizabeth's courtiers and their followers. This was a result of the relentless effects of the war, limited funds, the caution of an ageing ruler, and the inevitable feeling that the reign was drawing to a close. This feeling was particularly strong among the younger gentry, many of whom supported Essex as the man of the future, and who believed that their patron was the victim of factional attacks. Essex was popular with the common people, and this popularity survived his fall. Thus his move against Cecil could have been a dangerous insurrection, had it been more efficiently managed. 5

Essex's fate did not remove the problems which he represented – an aristocracy starved of favours and rewards, and a faction alienated from the court by the narrowing circle of political power. Not only had the war drained away the queen's resources, but age had sapped her resilience, and weakened her judgement. At the end of her reign the Council numbered only twelve, and Sir Robert Cecil enjoyed a monopoly of power. 10 15

Extract 2: From Ronald G Asch, *A Difficult Legacy. Elizabeth's Bequest to the Early Stuarts*, published 2004.

The struggle for the control of the crown's patronage became fiercer than in the past, as rising courtiers recognised that access to the monarch was essential to achieve the financial means and the status one needed to exert influence at court.

However, such competition for patronage was often to the monarch's advantage. Elizabeth was, with the exception of the Essex revolt in 1601, still largely able to limit faction fights such as those seen between the followers of Cecil and the followers of Essex. The circle that had access to her may have become narrower during her last years, but nevertheless political stability was not seriously undermined. Those who rejected this narrow-based regime were largely content to hope for the imminent new reign and to voice their discontent in secret. Even during her last years, Elizabeth was able to appeal to parliamentary and popular support for her policies, but she could also harshly punish those who tried to offer her advice which she had not asked for. 20 25

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