

A-level HISTORY

Component 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603

Thursday 23 May 2024 Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7042/1C.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Extract A

The twenty years to 1547 were a time of high drama as Henry VIII faced new and challenging issues which threatened the stability of the country. Henry's most pressing need was the resolution of his 'Great Matter'. To achieve this, he relied on the tireless support of the great administrative genius, Thomas Cromwell. Henry sought to challenge the authority of the Papacy and achieve control over the Church. He appealed to the widespread anxiety about the survival of the dynasty and the growing anti-clericalism of parliament to carry through these aims. Following his triumph over the Church, Henry attempted to sweep away further limitations on his power. Areas which had traditionally not been under the control of the king, such as the Palatinate of Durham, were made subject to royal authority. However, although the Church in England was brought under political control, Henry did not plan to use the royal supremacy as a weapon to radically change the doctrine of the Church itself.

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Adapted from D Loades, *Politics and The Nation*, 1999**Extract B**

It is easy to assume that Henry VIII was motivated by ambition and greed to take over the power and wealth of the Church in the years between 1527 and his death. Yet this is only part of the story. Henry clearly believed that he was following a path laid down by Scripture and that it was his moral duty to impose his authority over the Church. Henry never separated his religious role from his political responsibilities. He saw his chief political duty as removing superstition from the Kingdom. This was made clear in his most important religious work, the King's Book. Henry also wished to transform the state.

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However, the campaign to implement the Royal Supremacy resulted in division and challenge at every level so that in the last ten years of his reign he had to adopt increasingly defensive policies. It then seemed that his intention was to persecute both religious offenders and political enemies alike.

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Adapted from L Wooding, *Tudor England: A History*, 2022

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to Henry VIII's aims in the years 1527 to 1547.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2 'Henry VII's royal authority was never secure.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

0 3 How successful were Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I in carrying out their religious policies in the years 1547 to 1566?

[25 marks]

0 4 In the years 1565 to 1587, how significant a threat was Mary, Queen of Scots, to Elizabeth I?

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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