

A-level HISTORY

Component 2C The Reformation in Europe, c1500–1564

Friday 16 June 2017

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 7042/2C
- 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:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From The Rules of the Society of Jesus, written by Ignatius Loyola in Rome, 1539.

Whoever desires to serve as the soldier of God beneath the banner of the Cross in our Society, which we desire to be designated by the name of Jesus, and to serve the Lord alone and the Church, his spouse, under the Roman pontiff, the vicar of Christ on earth, should, after a solemn vow of perpetual chastity, poverty and obedience, keep what follows in mind. 5

He is a member of a Society founded chiefly for these purposes:

- to strive especially for the defence and propagation of the faith and for the progress of souls in Christian life and doctrine, by means of public preaching, lectures, and any other ministration whatsoever of the word of God;
- to further, by means of the Spiritual Exercises, the education of children and unlettered persons in Christianity and the spiritual consolation of Christ's faithful through hearing confessions and administering the other sacraments. 10

Moreover, he should show himself ready to reconcile the estranged, compassionately assist and serve those who are in prisons or hospitals.

Source B

From a Papal Bull, 18 October, 1549.

Although we are ever attentive toward our duty as shepherd to all regular priests, yet, like a loving father, our eyes are directed especially toward the Society of Jesus. This society has brought and brings daily, many rich fruits to the Lord for the increase of the faith. We have thought it proper to show special favour to this Society, and to its members who serve the Most High in the odour of sweetness, and therefore to grant special privileges by which the Society may be ruled usefully and guided profitably. We have granted the general leader (Loyola) complete care and administration of everything pertaining to the happy rule and prosperous direction of this Society. He will exercise his office in all things and have full jurisdiction over all the members of this Society wherever they may dwell. 5

The said general has full power to go himself or to send his followers to any place whatsoever, even among the heathen, whenever he shall judge it expedient for the salvation of souls. 10

Source C

From a letter written by the Jesuit missionary, Francis Xavier, in India to the Society of Jesus at Rome, 1543.

After explaining the Creed, I go on to the Commandments, teaching them that the Christian law is contained in those ten precepts, and that everyone who observes them all faithfully is a good and true Christian and is certain of eternal salvation, and that, on the other hand, whoever neglects a single one of them is a bad Christian, and will be cast into hell unless he is truly penitent for his sin. Converts and heathen alike are astonished at all this, which shows them the holiness of the Christian law, its perfect consistency with itself, and its agreement with reason. 5

As to the numbers who become Christians, you may understand them from this, that it often happens to me to be hardly able to use my hands from the fatigue of baptising: often in a single day I have baptised whole villages. Sometimes I have lost my voice and strength. 10

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the Society of Jesus.

[30 marks]

Turn over for the next question.

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2 To what extent was the Catholic Church weakened by humanism in the years c1500 to 1517?
[25 marks]

0 3 'The Peasants' War of 1524/25 was brought about by social rather than religious issues.'
Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]

0 4 'The spread of Calvinism beyond Geneva in the 1550s was due to its widespread political appeal.'
Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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