



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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History

HIS1E

Unit 1E Absolutist States: The Reign of Louis XIV, 1661–1715

Wednesday 13 May 2015 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1E.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

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 Explain why the Nine Years War began in 1688. **[12 marks]**

and

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 How far was Louis XIV's foreign policy in the years 1661 to 1685 driven by a desire for 'la gloire'? **[24 marks]**

Question 2

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 Explain why new taxes were introduced in France in the later years of Louis XIV's reign. **[12 marks]**

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 How far were Louis XIV's financial problems in the years 1661 to 1685 due to corruption? **[24 marks]**

Question 3

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 Explain why war broke out over the Spanish Succession. **[12 marks]**

and

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 How far did Louis XIV's foreign policy in the years 1685 to 1715 strengthen France? **[24 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS