



General Certificate of Education  
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## History

## HIS3E

**Unit 3E France and the Enlightenment: Absolutism Under Threat, 1743–1789**

Monday 8 June 2015 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 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 HIS3E.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**0 1** 'The Maupeou Revolution was the most successful attempt to assert royal authority in France during the years 1743 to 1774.'  
Assess the validity of this view.

**[45 marks]**

**0 2** 'Marie Antoinette played a major role in the weakening of the authority of the monarchy in the years 1774 to 1789.'  
Assess the validity of this view.

**[45 marks]**

**0 3** 'The financial weakness of the Crown in the years 1743 to 1789 was due to the inadequacies of the finance ministers.'  
Assess the validity of this view.

**[45 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**