Edexcel GCE

History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 2
Option A: Early Modern British History: Crown and Authority

Monday 8 June 2009 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

You must have:
Sources Insert (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.
• Answer question part (a) and part (b) of the topic for which you have been prepared. There is a choice of questions in part (b).
• 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.
• The quality of your written communication will be assessed in ALL your responses – you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Keep an eye on the time.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Choose EITHER A1 (Question 1) OR A2 (Question 2) for which you have been prepared.

A1 – Henry VIII: Authority, Nation and Religion, 1509–40

Study Sources 1 to 8. Answer Question 1, parts (a) and (b).

There is a choice of questions in part (b).

You should start the answer to part (a) on page 4.
You should start the answer to part (b) (i) OR (b) (ii) on page 9.

Question 1

Answer part (a) and then answer EITHER part (b) (i) OR part (b) (ii).

(a) Study Sources 1, 2 and 3.

How far does the evidence of Sources 1, 2 and 3 suggest that the early sixteenth-century Church exploited people's religious faith to increase its own wealth?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 1, 2 and 3.

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EITHER

(b) (i) Use Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that the main reason for Henry's failure to obtain the annulment of his marriage in the years 1525–29 was the determined opposition of Katherine of Aragon?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge.

(40)

OR

(b) (ii) Use Sources 7 and 8 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that the most significant changes of the 1530s were political rather than religious?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 7 and 8 and your own knowledge.

(40)

(Total for Question 1 = 60 marks)
A2 – Crown, Parliament and Authority in England, 1588–1629

Study Sources 9 to 17. Answer Question 2, parts (a) and (b). There is a choice of questions in part (b).

You should start the answer to part (a) on page 4. You should start the answer to part (b) (i) OR (b) (ii) on page 9.

Question 2

Answer part (a) and then answer EITHER part (b) (i) OR part (b) (ii).

(a) Study Sources 9, 10 and 11.

How far do Sources 9 and 10 support Clarendon’s assessment of Charles’ character in Source 11?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 9, 10 and 11.

(20)

EITHER

(b) (i) Use Sources 12, 13 and 14 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that before 1621 James I’s problems with parliaments were caused mainly by the financial difficulties that he inherited from Elizabeth?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 12, 13 and 14 and your own knowledge.

(40)

OR

(b) (ii) Use Sources 15, 16 and 17 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that the main responsibility for the difficulties faced by King Charles I in the years 1625–29 lay with the Duke of Buckingham?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 15, 16 and 17 and your own knowledge.

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(Total for Question 2 = 60 marks)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box 🟢. If you change your mind, put a line through the box 🟢 and then indicate your new question with a cross 🔴.

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