



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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History

HIS1E

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

Tuesday 15 May 2012 9.00 am to 10.15 am

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 **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. 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

0 | 1 Explain why Louis XIV began the War of Devolution in 1667. *(12 marks)*

and

0 | 2 How important was dynastic ambition to Louis XIV's foreign policy in the years 1679 to 1715? *(24 marks)*

Question 2

0 | 3 Explain why Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes. *(12 marks)*

and

0 | 4 How successful was Louis XIV in achieving religious unity in France in the years 1661 to 1715? *(24 marks)*

Question 3

0 | 5 Explain why Louis XIV dismissed Fouquet. *(12 marks)*

and

0 | 6 How far were the financial problems of the French Crown in the years 1661 to 1715 due to war? *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS