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HISTORY

HS20

Unit 2

Alternative O: James I and the Making of the Stuart Monarchy, 1603–1625

Friday 11 January 2008 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or 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 HS20.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A

A brief text extract from D SHARP, *The Coming of the Civil War 1603-1649*, Heinemann, 2000, p 31, discussing extravagance at the court of James I
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Source B Adapted from a letter from the Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Dorset, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Julius Caesar, 1607

You may answer those that press you for payment thus: that the King's debts, his subsidies, his rents, his revenues, despite all attempts to collect them, are not paid. How can the King pay what he owes when that which is owing to him is unpaid? The King and his Council do not neglect to devise all possible ways to bring in
5 money. I have had to endure for three years complaints about the King's debts. Besides, the King has brought with him an increased expense: a Queen, a Prince and other royal children. Even the King of Spain with all the gold of the New World has debts.

Source C It was an acknowledged duty of the monarch to reward loyal servants but James's extraordinary extravagance resulted in crippling debt. Indeed, as early as 1608 the crown debt amounted to almost £600 000. The crown therefore sought grants of supply from parliament. Members of parliament, however, continued to believe
5 that the crown should 'live of its own' during peacetime. MPs proved reluctant to subsidise James's giving, forcing the king back on prerogative income such as impositions and monopolies. This strained relations between James and his parliaments.

Adapted from G E SEEL and D L SMITH, *Crown and Parliaments, 1558-1689*, 2001

- (a) Use **Source A** and your own knowledge.

Explain briefly what is meant by 'conspicuous consumption' (line 2) in the context of James I's court. (3 marks)

- (b) Use **Source B** and your own knowledge.

How useful is **Source B** as evidence about the problems faced by James I's ministers in the years 1603 to 1611? (7 marks)

- (c) Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

'James's extravagance was the main reason for his financial problems during his reign.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (15 marks)

EITHER 2 Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

Buckingham's ascent to political dominance had its origin in the factional politics of the court. He exploited the confidence and affections of both James and Charles to achieve a remarkable hold over patronage and the formation of policy.

Adapted from D L SMITH, *A History of the Modern British Isles 1603–1707*, 1998

- (a) Comment on 'patronage' (line 3) in the context of the domestic politics of James I. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain the reasons for Buckingham's influence during the years 1614 to 1625. (7 marks)
- (c) Explain the importance of the role of favourites, in relation to other factors, in explaining conflict between James I and his parliaments during the years 1614 to 1625. (15 marks)

OR 3 Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

A brief text extract from C DURSTON, *James I*, Routledge, 1993, pp 38-39, discussing the issues affecting relations between James I and his first parliament - not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

- (a) Comment on 'parliamentary privilege' (line 2) in the context of parliamentary authority. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why James wanted to unite the two kingdoms of England and Scotland. (7 marks)
- (c) Explain the importance of James's belief in the Divine Right of Kings, in relation to other factors, in explaining the quarrels with his first parliament (1604–1611). (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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Source B: Quoted in I CARRIER, *James VI and I*, Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Source C: G E SEEL and D L SMITH, *Crown and Parliaments, 1558–1689*, Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Question 2: D L SMITH, *A History of the Modern British Isles 1603–1707*, Blackwell, 1998.

Question 3: C DURSTON, *James I*, Routledge, 1993.

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