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HISTORY
Unit 2

HS20

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

Monday 2 June 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 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 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 **one** other question.

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

Source A In 1621 debates on the Palatinate produced a Parliament that sharpened divisions at home, made Puritanism a political issue and developed the parliamentary weapons of supply and impeachment.

Adapted from I CARRIER, *James VI and I, King of Great Britain*, 1998

Source B Adapted from a letter from the Venetian ambassador in England to the Doge and Senate of Venice, April 1621

His Majesty James now feels that the entire responsibility for the recovery of the Palatinate will rest upon his shoulders alone. He has as yet no preparations nor money nor anything else necessary for taking an adequate army so far into the continent. He has always been reluctant to become involved militarily. If he was
5 against doing this before, he now seems even more so. If he preferred to negotiate before, he now thinks of nothing else.

Source C

A brief text extract adapted from C DURSTON, *James I*, 1993, discussing the refusal of James I, in 1624, to support war despite the efforts of Buckingham, Charles and parliament to intimidate him into agreement with them. Not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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

Explain briefly what was meant by 'supply' (line 3) in the context of the finances of James I's reign. (3 marks)

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

How useful is **Source B** as evidence of James I's attitude to the Palatinate crisis in the years 1621 to 1625? (7 marks)

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

'The most important cause of serious conflict between Crown and Parliament in the years 1621 to 1625 was James I's foreign policy.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement. (15 marks)

EITHER

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

A brief text extract adapted from J DURSTON, *James I*, 1993, stating that a struggle over parliamentary privilege dominated James I's early days of parliament. Not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

- (a) Comment on 'parliamentary privilege' in the context of the authority of Parliament. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why James I wanted a Union of England and Scotland during his first parliament. (7 marks)
- (c) Explain the importance of arguments over finance, in relation to other factors, in explaining the conflict between James I and his First Parliament (1604–1611). (15 marks)

OR

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

The king was well aware that the English church contained many who regarded themselves as 'the godly'.

Adapted from P CROFT, *King James*, 2003

- (a) Comment on 'the godly' in the context of the religious groupings of James I's reign. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why religion was an important issue for James I in the years 1603 and 1604. (7 marks)
- (c) Explain the importance of their anti-catholicism, in relation to other factors, in explaining why the Puritans caused difficulties for James I in the years 1605 to 1625. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1, Source A: I CARRIER, *James VI and I, King of Great Britain*, Cambridge University Press, 1998

Source C: C DURSTON, *James I*, Routledge, 1993, pp 50–51

Question 2: *ibid*, p 38

Question 3: P CROFT, *King James*, Macmillan, 2003. Reproduced by permission of Palgrave Macmillan