
AS HISTORY

Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603–1649

Paper 1D

Specimen 2014

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **1D**.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.
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Section AAnswer Question 01.

Extract A

The Jacobean court was corrupt, drunken, promiscuous, and wasteful, reflecting the worst failings of James I himself. The court was notorious for its extravagance, corruption, and moral laxity. This would not have mattered so much if it had been visible only to those at court. The latest news of James' court was spread throughout the country and did little to commend James to the political nation. Yet, James' court did have its more attractive side. It was a literary court which patronized major writers.

Adapted from C Durston, James I, 1993

Extract B

James' court acted positively as a nerve-centre of political activity and a 'point of contact' with the political nation. James' outgoing nature led him to participate fully in court life and his enjoyment of personal contact meant he was willing to listen to diverse opinions. While the harmful effects of his extravagance cannot be denied, James' generous nature greatly enriched the cultural life of the court. These very real achievements nevertheless coexisted with much less attractive developments. Scandals involving people so closely connected to the King were bound to bring the court into disrepute.

Adapted from D L Smith, The Double Crown. A History of the Modern British Isles, 1603–1707, 1998

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of James' court?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

EITHER

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‘The outbreak of civil war by 1642 was due to the policies of Charles I since 1629.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

OR

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‘The emergence of political and religious radicalism was the main reason why a political settlement was not achieved by 1649.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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