

A-level HISTORY

Component 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603

Friday 23 May 2025

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7042/1C.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

Mary Tudor's reign halted England's move towards national independence. Mary put herself and her kingdom under the control of Spain, by marrying Philip II. With his assistance she restored papal authority, and England surrendered its independence. Those who challenged the control of the Catholic Church were treated as criminals and sent to the stake. English adventurers were prohibited, in the interests of Spain, from exploring the New World. Finally, England was plunged into war with France to help Philip II, and lost Calais for its pains. Mary's reign showed the evil effects of supporting Spain.

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To Elizabeth fell the task of completing her country's national independence. She avenged the contempt in which England had been held by protestants during Mary's reign. She outraged Catholic Europe by assisting the Scots to expel the French. Elizabeth supported the Dutch against Philip II. At heart she was with her people, who lost no opportunity of plundering and insulting the Spanish who got in their way.

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Adapted from AF Pollard, *The History of England: A Study in Political Evolution*, 1912

Extract B

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The extract is adapted from page 323 of *Elizabeth – Apprenticeship* by David Starkey, printed by Vintage Books in 2001, ISBN 0099286572.

Adapted from D Starkey, *Elizabeth – Apprenticeship*, 2001

Extract C

It is generally assumed that it was Elizabeth I who had overcome the obstacles to female rule. However, Mary I had been just as capable as her male predecessors in offering strong government. Elizabeth was the 'Virgin Queen' but Mary's marriage had in no way weakened her royal authority. Philip did not operate in England as a king, but instead carved out a role for himself as a king consort. It was Mary, not her successor, who normalised queenship. It was Elizabeth who learned from Mary's example and built on her success. Mary was a moderate, hardworking, courageous, decisive and skilful ruler. Mary's achievements have often been thought the work of Elizabeth: for example, the search for new markets abroad, social and economic legislation, the increase in revenues from customs, plans for a recoinage. In the same way as Elizabeth, Mary was also compared to many Biblical figures, even to the Virgin Mary herself.

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Adapted from S Doran, *Mary Tudor: Old and New Perspectives*, 2011

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to Mary I and Elizabeth I.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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How successful were Henry VII's foreign policies in strengthening England's ties with European powers?

[25 marks]

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To what extent was the Church in England transformed in the last twenty years of the reign of Henry VIII?

[25 marks]

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'The last twenty years of Elizabeth I's reign were years of economic depression rather than prosperity.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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