GCSE HISTORY
Specification A Unit 2 Option C: Elizabethan England, 1558–1603

Tuesday 14 June 2016 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
• a Sources Booklet (enclosed).

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
• Answer two questions.
  You must answer Question 1 in Section A and one question from Section B.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
• Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
• The maximum mark for this paper is 64.
• The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
• You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.
• Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed in Question 2(c) and 3(c) in Section B. The marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) are shown below the mark allocations for each question.

Advice
• You are advised to spend 1 hour 5 minutes on Section A and 40 minutes on Section B.
Section A

You must answer this question.

Total marks for this question: 36 marks

Question 1

Queen and Government

Study Sources A, B, C, D and E in the Sources Booklet and then answer all parts of Question 1 which follow. In your answers you should refer to the sources by their letters.

1 (a) What do Sources A and B suggest about William Cecil? [4 marks]
1 (b) What different view of William Cecil is suggested by Sources C and D?

Explain your answer using Sources A, B, C and D.

[6 marks]
1 (c) Why do you think Sources A and B give a different view to Sources C and D?

Explain your answer using Sources A, B, C and D and your knowledge. [8 marks]
1 (d) How useful is Source E for understanding how Queen Elizabeth kept the support of most of her people?

Explain your answer using Source E and your knowledge. [8 marks]
1 (e) How did Elizabethan government work? [10 marks]
Section B

Answer either Question 2 or Question 3 which begins on page 18.

Either

Total marks for this question: 28 marks

Question 2

Catholicism

2 (a) Why was the Elizabethan Church settlement important?

[4 marks]
2 (b) Study Source F in the Sources Booklet.

Using Source F and your knowledge, explain why the arrival of Mary, Queen of Scots in England caused a problem for Queen Elizabeth. [8 marks]
2 (c) ‘The key event that changed Queen Elizabeth’s religious and foreign policy was her excommunication in 1570.’

How far do you agree with this interpretation of why Queen Elizabeth’s religious and foreign policy changed? Explain your answer.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 4 marks]
Question 3
Puritanism

3 (a) Why were Puritan ideas important? [4 marks]

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Total marks for this question: 28 marks
3 (b) Study **Source G** in the Sources Booklet.

Using **Source G** and **your knowledge**, explain how Puritan actions were a threat to Queen Elizabeth’s government.  

[8 marks]
3 (c) 'The most important way of dealing with the Puritan challenge was through the work of Archbishop Parker and Archbishop Whitgift.'

How far do you agree with this interpretation of how the Puritan challenge was dealt with by Queen Elizabeth? Explain your answer.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 4 marks]