History
Advanced Subsidiary
Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations
Option 1C: Britain, 1625-1701: conflict, revolution and settlement

Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Afternoon
Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

You must have:
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

Instructions
• Use black ink or ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• There are three sections in this question paper. Answer ONE question from Section A, ONE question from Section B and the question in Section C.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 60.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

1 Were religious issues the main reason for the problems faced by the monarchy in the years 1625–40?  

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

2 Was fear of royal absolutism the main reason for Charles II’s difficult relations with his parliaments in the years 1665–81?  

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)
SECTION A

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☑. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☑.

Chosen question number:  Question 1 ☐  Question 2 ☐
SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 To what extent did the power of the nobility decline in Stuart Britain in the years 1625–88?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 How significant was the Royal Society in promoting a ‘scientific revolution’ in Stuart Britain in the years 1660–88?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)
SECTION B

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number:  Question 3 ☐  Question 4 ☐
SECTION C

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

5 Historians have different views about how revolutionary, in the years to 1701, the Glorious Revolution was. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your own knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that the Toleration Act of 1689 did little to undermine the Anglican Supremacy?

(20)
(Section C continued)
Extracts for use with Section C.


The bishops and Tory politicians agreed to toleration in order to prevent the weakening, or destruction, of the pure spirit of Anglicanism, or, even worse, a split within the church. The Toleration Act of 1689 was the product of a cynical political deal. It was a grudging measure. It did not repeal any of the laws against Dissent, but laid down that laws against dissenting meetings should not be enforced against mainstream Protestant dissenters. There was to be no freedom of worship for Catholics, Unitarians* or Jews. Meeting-houses had to be registered with local Justices of the Peace and had to keep their doors open during meetings, as there was still the clear suspicion that dissenters were plotting treason. The laws against dissenters holding office (including the Test and Corporation Acts) were to remain in force, as was the ban on dissenters attending England’s two universities. Public office and higher education were to remain under Anglican control.

*Unitarians = a Christian form of religion that believes in the unity of God and rejects the doctrine of the Trinity - that God has three forms, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.


In 1689, the Convention Parliament passed the Toleration Act. From then on, virtually all Protestant Churches were to be tolerated. Most of the penalties passed by the Cavalier Parliament were removed. The chief remaining obstacle faced by Dissenters was the Test Act. This was very important psychologically but it could be got round by the practice of occasional conformity. Occasional conformity meant that, on appointment and twice a year thereafter, all a Dissenting officeholder had to do was set aside his religious convictions and participate in an Anglican service. Catholics, of course, could do no such thing; they remained subject to extensive legal restrictions. The Toleration Act freed not only Dissenters from having to go to church, but also the sceptical, the lazy or the plain sleepy. Church courts, which had traditionally regulated personal behaviour, were in decline in most parts of the country by the early 18th century. In short, the Church’s ability to demand obedience and good behaviour from its followers was weakening.

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