



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1E

**Unit 1E Absolutist States: The Reign of Louis XIV,  
1661–1715**

**Tuesday 13 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm**

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

### **Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 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 HIS1E.
- Answer **two** questions.

### **Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
  - refer to relevant historical information
  - show an understanding of change and continuity
  - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

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Answer **two** questions.

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- 1** (a) Explain why Louis XIV ordered the construction of the Palace of Versailles. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was Louis XIV in maintaining the absolute authority of the monarchy in the years 1661 to 1685? *(24 marks)*
- 2** (a) Explain why France became involved in the War of Spanish Succession. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was Louis XIV in achieving the objectives of his foreign policy in the years 1685 to 1715? *(24 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain why Louis XIV introduced new forms of taxation in the later years of his reign. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful were the reforms to the French financial system in the years 1661 to 1715? *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**