



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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History

HIS1E

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

Thursday 14 January 2010 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.

- 1 (a) Explain why, in 1661, Louis XIV decided to rule without a principal minister. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was Louis XIV in maintaining the authority of monarchy within France in the years 1685 to 1715? *(24 marks)*
- 2 (a) Why did Louis XIV begin the War of Devolution? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important is the pursuit of glory in explaining the motives of Louis XIV's foreign policy in the years 1672 to 1688? *(24 marks)*
- 3 (a) Why did the death in 1700 of Carlos II, King of Spain, increase international tension? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How far was the failure of French foreign policy in the years 1688 to 1715 due to the over-confidence of Louis XIV? *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS