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History HIS1E

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

Tuesday 17 May 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:
- an AQA 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.
- 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.

Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

0 1 Explain why Louis XIV was keen to promote the principles of the Divine Right of Kings at the start of his personal rule. *(12 marks)*

0 2 How important was Versailles for the image of Louis XIV at home and abroad? *(24 marks)*

Question 2

0 3 Explain why, in 1661, Louis XIV wanted France to play an active role in foreign affairs. *(12 marks)*

0 4 How successful was Louis XIV's foreign policy in the years 1661 to 1684? *(24 marks)*

Question 3

0 5 Explain why there were inequalities in the system of taxation in France. *(12 marks)*

0 6 How successful was the system of taxation in providing for the needs of the monarchy in the years 1661 to 1715? *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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