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## History

## HIS2B

**Unit 2B The Church in England: The Struggle for Supremacy, 1529–1547**

**Tuesday 22 May 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 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 HIS2B.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.  
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**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.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.  
Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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### Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

#### Source A

**Source A**, a passage from Thomas More's *A Dialogue*, written in 1528, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.  
The full copy of this paper can be obtained from AQA Publications.

#### Source B

There were those familiar shortcomings of the clergy: the problems of pluralism and non-residence; careerism and a false attitude to money, sexual scandals and so on. A major reason why we need not go into detail about those abuses is that, for most people, these were not matters of serious concern. Indeed, some of the things which we today regard as weaknesses were welcomed. The Church provided many opportunities for social activities through pilgrimages and festivals. By blessing shrines, relics and so on, even if some were of dubious authenticity, it nourished local pride as well as piety.

Adapted from J J SCARISBRICK, *The Reformation and the English People*, 1984

#### Source C

After Wolsey's fall, the new Chancellor was Sir Thomas More. For all his Humanism, More was a firm opponent of Protestantism. The choice of a lay man in this traditional clerical office shows the anti-clericalism which was widespread during the fiasco of the divorce proceedings. Whatever the King's frustration over the divorce proceedings, there was no question yet of doctrinal change. The king hoped perhaps that the wave of anti-clericalism would frighten the pope into agreeing to a divorce. In the new Parliament, the Commons were allowed to argue against ecclesiastical abuses. Acts were passed. The King's divorce case continued to drag wearily on.

Adapted from CSL DAVIES, *Peace, Print and Protestantism*, 1977

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 Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to the abuses of the Church. (12 marks)

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 Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How important was anti-clericalism as a motive for the break with Rome? (24 marks)

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**EITHER****Question 2**

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 Explain why Henry VIII dissolved the smaller monasteries in 1536. *(12 marks)*

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 'The main cause of the Pilgrimage of Grace was the dissolution of the smaller monasteries.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**OR****Question 3**

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 Explain why the English Bible was placed in every parish church in England from 1536. *(12 marks)*

**and**

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 'The government of Henry VIII did not significantly change the doctrine of the Church of England between 1537 and 1547.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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Question 1 Source A: E DUFFY, *The Stripping of the Altars*, Yale University Press, 1992

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