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## HISTORY

## HIS2B

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

Friday 16 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 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.

**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 an appropriate form and style of writing
  - organise relevant information clearly and coherently
  - 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.

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

**Source A** Adapted from the Pontefract Articles, December 1536, which are regarded as a summary of the demands of those involved in the Pilgrimage of Grace

We demand ...

- 1 ... to have the heresies within this realm destroyed
- 2 ... to have the Supreme Head of the Church restored unto the see of Rome
- 3 ... that the Lady Mary be made legitimate
- 4 ... to have the abbeys that have been suppressed, restored
- 5 ... to have the Observant Friars restored to their houses again
- 6 ... to have the heretics punished by fire
- 7 ... to have the Lord Cromwell, the Lord Chancellor, receive punishment

**Source B** We must be very clear about the aims of the Pilgrimage. Firstly, it was not a military rising designed to overthrow the king, and must not be seen as such. It was, as its name suggests, a pilgrimage that was to be peaceful and whose aim was to put pressure on the king to change his ways. The nobles and gentry disliked the king's use of lowly-born councillors and the Statute of Uses. The peasants were dissatisfied with rising entry-fines and new taxes, as well as with the attack on their beliefs. The strength of the rising lay in the existence of a common grievance – bad government. Cromwell had misused the power and trust Henry had given him. He had subjected the nation to too much unwanted change and subverted the laws of God.

Adapted from N FELLOWS, *The Pilgrimage of Grace*, 2000

**Source C** The movement was complex. The north was dominated by old feudal allegiances which resented the interference of central government under Cromwell. The gentry and nobility objected to the Statute of Uses and the increase in royal rights. The influential Percy interest was discontented because of the downfall of the sixth Earl of Northumberland. In York, Robert Aske, a country gentleman and lawyer, appeared as leader with the support of the archbishop and Lord Darcy.

Adapted from G R ELTON, *England Under the Tudors*, 1955

(a) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from the views in **Source A** in relation to the aims of those who led the Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536. (12 marks)

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

How far was the Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536 a threat to Henry VIII? (24 marks)

**EITHER 2**

- (a) Explain why Henry VIII wanted to end his marriage to Catherine of Aragon in 1529. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'Anne Boleyn was the most important person in bringing about the King's divorce in the years 1529 to 1533.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**OR 3**

- (a) Explain why acts of Parliament were passed in the years 1529 to 1534 to reduce the power of Rome. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'Between 1530 and 1541 Henry VIII made himself dependent on Parliament.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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Source C: GR ELTON, *England Under the Tudors*, Methuen & Co. Ltd., 1955

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