

AS HISTORY

Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603–1649

Paper 1D

ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **1D**.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 or 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.
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Section A**Answer Question 01**

Extract A

The received view of James in England was as a would-be absolutist, a slobbering drunkard, a coward, a lazy debauché who preferred hunting, extravagance and homosexual affairs to the business of ruling. James certainly cut an undignified and unprepossessing figure. His demeanour was scruffy, unkempt and slovenly. He shambled around and had little regard for personal hygiene. His new English subjects found his Scottish accent difficult to understand, and this probably fuelled rumours of him dribbling because his tongue was too big for his mouth. He could also be foul-mouthed, and once grew so exasperated at the constant presence of onlookers that he cried out 'God's wounds! I will pull down my breeches and they shall also see my arse'.

Adapted from D L Smith, **A History of the Modern British Isles 1603–1707**, 1998

Extract B

James had many qualities. Good-humoured and good natured, he was honestly desirous of increasing the prosperity of his subjects. His mental powers were of no common order; his memory was good, and his learning, especially on theological points, was by no means contemptible. He was intellectually tolerant, anxious to be at peace with those whose opinions differed from his own. He was above all to be a reconciler, to make peace where there had been war before. These merits were marred by grave defects. Warmly affectionate, it was too easy for his favourites to abuse his good-nature.

Adapted from S R Gardiner, **The History of England from the Accession of James I to the Outbreak of the Civil War 1603–1642**, 1883

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of James' character?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03

EITHER

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‘The influence of favourites led to a breakdown of Crown and Parliament relations in the years 1603 to 1629.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

OR

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‘Civil War was the result of a Puritan reaction to the Personal Rule of Charles I in the years from 1629.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT-HOLDERS AND PUBLISHERS**

Question 1 Extract A: D L Smith, *History of Modern British Isles*, Wiley-Blackwell, 1998

Question 1 Extract B: Selection from S R Gardiner printed in I Carrier, *James VI & I* (1998), Cambridge University Press

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