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# A-level HISTORY

Component 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603

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Wednesday 24 May 2023 Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7042/1C.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

## Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
  - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
  - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Extract A**

Henry VIII not only reigned over England but led the nation. He held back men who went too fast, dragged forward men who lagged behind. The conservatives in religion trusted him because he shared their conservatism. The King believed in the traditions in which he had been trained. Nevertheless, during his reign, the constitution of England was transformed. Henry brought Ireland within the reach of English civilisation. He absorbed Wales into the general English system. He alone raised the House of Commons from its narrow duty of granting taxes and made the Commons into the first power in the state under the Crown. He brought the Commons to life in 1529, and they became his right hand, enabling him to subdue the resistance of the House of Lords. He forced upon the Lords a course of legislation which they whole-heartedly detested. King Henry VIII not only broke through the ancient practices of government, he was the architect and saviour of the English nation.

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Adapted from JA Froude, History of England, 1856

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**Extract C**

Henry VIII failed to fulfil many of his most personal ambitions. He failed to achieve any substantial victories or conquests in France. He failed to secure the succession, leaving Edward, a child, to inherit a wealth of complications which surrounded Mary and Elizabeth's illegitimacy. He failed to secure his vision of a reformed, yet still Catholic, Church. He failed to win support for the royal supremacy which he sought from his subjects. In even more personal terms, he failed to secure the loyal marriage which he idealised. He felt himself betrayed by a succession of those closest to him. Yet, if Henry's life was a failure in personal terms, he still achieved an extraordinary amount by 1547. It was Henry VIII who had laid the foundations of the English nation; he had separated England from the rest of Christendom. That England was neither Catholic nor straightforwardly Protestant, was a consequence of Henry's extraordinary reign.

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Adapted from L Wooding, *Henry VIII*, 2009

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to Henry VIII as ruler.

**[30 marks]****Turn over for Section B**

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**Section B**

Answer **two** questions.

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**0 2**

'Financial measures were the most successful means by which Henry VII established his authority in the years 1485 to 1509.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

**0 3**

To what extent was there a crisis of government in the years 1547 to 1571?

[25 marks]

**0 4**

'A 'Golden Age' for all.'

Assess the validity of this view of developments in art, literature and music during the reign of Elizabeth I.

[25 marks]

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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