

# Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

## History

Advanced Subsidiary

Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations

Option 1C: Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement

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### Extracts for use with Section C.

**Extract 1:** From Paul Langford, 'The Eighteenth Century 1688–1789' in Kenneth O. Morgan (ed.), *The Oxford History of Britain*, revised edition published 2001.

When compared with modern revolutions, the 'Glorious Revolution' seems to represent a change of monarch rather than a genuine shift of social and political power. This impression is reinforced by the relative absence of physical violence. Yet the acceptance of parliamentary monarchy was achieved and the major change of course carried out in 1688 can be seen to have been truly revolutionary. The Bill of Rights clearly overrode the hereditary right which formed the basis of the restored constitution of 1660. The Bill of Rights replaced hereditary right with the will of the nation expressed through Parliament. William and Mary owed their title to the determination of the propertied classes. At a time when absolutism seemed to be dominant in the Western world, the importance of this change should not be underestimated. Fundamentally, it can be seen as a historic turning point involving the decisive rejection of an entire form of government.

**Extract 2:** From Barry Coward, *Stuart England 1603–1714*, published 1997.

The limitations put on the powers of the new monarchs (by the coronation oath, the Declaration and Bill of Rights and the financial settlement of 1690) were much smaller than had been intended by some in the Convention Parliament in 1690. William's hostility to constitutional limitations was well known, and ambitious politicians at the start of the new reign took the hint. Most MPs were driven to a speedy settlement by the thought of what might happen if the lack of a settled government were prolonged. The men of 1689 were fearful of a collapse of order. In this climate, the demands of those, like radical Whigs, for major constitutional and ecclesiastical changes were swept aside. The pressing need for the re-establishment of monarchical authority took precedence over the luxury of lengthy debates that a programme of major constitutional changes would require. The Bill of Rights was the outcome of pressing needs and not careful planning. It was, as a result, a limited document.

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