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Paper 2: Depth study

Option 2B.1: Luther and the German Reformation, c1515–55

Option 2B.2: The Dutch Revolt, c1563–1609

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Sources for use with Section A.

Answer the questions in Section A on the option for which you have been prepared.

Option 2B.1: Luther and the German Reformation, c1515–55

Source for use with Question 1(a).

Source 1: From *Exsurge Domine*, the Papal Bull condemning Luther issued by Pope Leo X in June 1520. Leo ordered that it be circulated and read throughout Germany.

Arise O Lord and judge your cause. Listen to our prayer. When you rose into heaven you committed the care of your Church to St Peter and his successors. Now a wild boar from the forest threatens to destroy the Church, a wild animal attacks it.

We condemn by this decree Martin, his followers and supporters. In addition we forbid all Christian believers to read, praise or print the writings of the said Martin so that his memory may be completely destroyed. Yes, they are to burn them. And in order to increase the disgrace of the said Martin and those in agreement with him, they are to seize him, his followers and supporters and to hold them captive and send them to us. For this good deed they will receive a suitable reward from the papal throne.

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Source for use with Question 1(b).

Source 2: From Martin Luther's *Autobiographical Fragments*, published in 1545. Here he is describing his 'Tower Experience' which is commonly dated to 1519.

My case was this: however well I tried to live my life as a monk, I felt myself to be a sinner and I could not believe God to be satisfied by my repentance. I did not love, no, I hated this God who punishes sinners. I was angry with God as if it were not really enough that miserable sinners, damned forever by original sin, should also be crushed by the law of the Ten Commandments; that God, even through the Gospel, brings his anger to bear on us.

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Finally, as I reflected day and night, God showed mercy and I turned my attention to the words, namely, 'the just shall live by faith*'. And there I began to understand that a just man lives by the gift of God, in other words by faith. At this I felt myself straightaway born afresh and to have entered through the open gates into heaven itself.

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* a passage in the Bible (St Paul's Letter to the Romans)

Option 2B.2: The Dutch Revolt, c1563–1609

Source for use with Question 2(a).

Source 3: From the *Pacification of Ghent* passed by the States-General of the Netherlands in November 1576.

These states of the Netherlands have fallen into great misery and distress through civil war, harsh government, and other disturbances committed by the Spaniards and their supporters during the last nine or ten years. In order to take measures against these evils and to prevent further troubles, commissioners of His Majesty and of the prince of Orange and the states of Holland and Zeeland met at Breda and put forward measures by which peace could be furthered. But the proposals came to nothing; on the contrary, the Spaniards continued every day to oppress and ruin the poor subjects and reduce them to eternal slavery. 5

This treaty has been drafted in order that we, the inhabitants of all these Netherlands, united in a lasting peace and agreement, may jointly force the Spaniards, who are a public plague, to depart. We must be given back our old privileges, customs and freedoms so that trade and prosperity might return. 10

Source for use with Question 2(b).

Source 4: From a letter written by Pieter Titelmans to Margaret of Parma in July 1562. Titelmans was charged with destroying Calvinism in the southern provinces of Flanders and Artois. He personally, as Inquisitor, tried 1600 individual cases of heresy in the years 1550–66.

I had heard gossip about some scandalous behaviour in the village of Boescepe near Steenvoorde. So I went there on Tuesday to find out the truth of the matter. I found out that on the previous Sunday, during High Mass, a man had climbed up to a place from where he could preach in the churchyard. He then gave a sermon attacking the Church, the Pope's authority, the Mass and other parts and rites of our Holy Catholic faith. Some estimated that there was a crowd of about 150 to 200 people from the local area listening to him. To protect the preacher, some of the crowd carried rusty swords, clubs and some pistols. 15 20

I thought I should pass along this news to advise that Your Majesty act. The normal methods for maintaining law and order are inadequate as Your Highness will find out. This is especially true in the countryside where the poor simple folk have been misled by these people who can go back and forth to England and other places sympathetic to heresy. 25

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