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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Thursday 12 June 2025

Morning (Time: 2 hours 15 minutes)

Paper reference **9HI0/33**

History

Advanced

PAPER 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth

Option 33: The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c1580–c1750

You must have:
Source Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- You must answer **three** questions.
- There are three sections in this question paper. Answer the question in Section A, **one** question from Section B and **one** question from Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer Question 1.

Study the source in the Source Booklet before you answer this question.

- 1** Assess the value of the source for revealing how accusations of witchcraft spread in Bamberg and the process of securing a confession there.

Explain your answer, using the source, the information given about its origin and your own knowledge about the historical context.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B**Answer ONE question in Section B.****You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.****EITHER**

- 2** How significant was the Earl of Bothwell to the spread of the Scottish witch hunts?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)**OR**

- 3** 'The influence of Cotton Mather's father, Increase Mather, was the main reason for the ending of the Salem witch hunt.'

How far do you agree with this judgement?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

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Chosen question number: **Question 2** ☒ **Question 3** ☐

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SECTION C**Answer ONE question in Section C.****You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.****EITHER**

- 4** 'John Webster's *The Displaying of Supposed Witchcraft* (1677) had the most significant impact on changing attitudes to witchcraft in Britain in the years c1580–c1710.'

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

OR

- 5** How accurate is it to say that Francis Bacon and the empirical scientific method had a limited impact on the changing approach to human understanding and knowledge in the years c1580–c1750?

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Chosen question number: **Question 4** ☒ **Question 5** ☐

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS
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Source for use with Section A.

From the minutes of the trial of Johannes Junius, Mayor of Bamberg, 1628.

On 28 June 1628, Junius, Mayor of Bamberg, was examined, without torture, on the charge of witchcraft. He was fifty-five years old. He was asked how, and in what fashion, he had fallen into that sin. He said he was wholly innocent, knew nothing of the crime and had never in his life renounced God. He said that he was wronged before God and the world, and would challenge any human being to prove that he had been seen at a witch-sabbath. 5

Junius was confronted by the Bishop's Vice Chancellor, Doctor Haan, who told him to his face that he saw him, a year and a half ago, at a witch-gathering in the Council meeting room where they ate and drank. The accused denied this. He was confronted by another who told Junius that he saw him on the moor at a witch-dance. Junius was then told that his accomplices had confessed against him, and he was given time for thought. 10

On 30 June 1628, Junius was again, without torture, encouraged to confess, but again confessed nothing. He was then put to torture and, first, the thumb screws were applied. He said that he had never denied God. Leg screws were then applied, and Junius confessed nothing and said he knew nothing about it. He was then stripped and examined. On his right side was found a blueish mark, which was pricked. Junius felt no pain and no blood flowed out. 15

On 5 July, Junius was, without torture but with urgent persuasions, strongly encouraged to confess and at last he began to do so: 20

Junius said that whenever he wished to ride to a witch-sabbath, a black dog had come upon his bed, who said to him that he must go with him. Junius then seated himself upon the dog, and the dog raised himself in the Devil's name and journeyed there. About two years ago, he journeyed on the dog to the Council meeting room. At a table were the Chancellor, another Mayor, Doctor Haan and many others. 25

On 6 August 1628, this confession was read to Junius. He confirmed his confession and was willing to stake his life on it. Afterwards, he voluntarily confirmed the same to the court.

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