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Wednesday 15 May 2019 – Afternoon

AS Level History A

Y136/01 England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558

Study the three sources and then answer **both** questions.

- 1 How useful is Source C as evidence for the reaction to the Marian burnings? [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the aim of Mary's religious policy was reconciliation. [20]

Source A: Mary sets out her intentions on religion at the start of her reign.

Her Majesty will observe the Catholic religion she has professed all her life, and desires that all her subjects would quietly follow suit. However she will not compel any to this until further decisions are made. She commands her subjects to live together in Christian charity, avoiding the new and devilish terms of papist and heretic, and trying to live peaceful Christian lives. Any man who stirs up the people to disorder will be severely punished. Printers have published books and ballads written in English which discuss controversial religious teaching. Let nobody do so in future without the Queen's express permission.

Queen Mary Tudor, Proclamation on Religion, 16 August 1553

Source B: The Imperial ambassador's report to the Emperor Charles V on the subject of the ownership of former Church lands by lay people.

We decided that we should write to your Majesty that Cardinal Pole had better be persuaded to be patient for a little longer until we see how matters are going to turn out here. Above all, before coming to England, he must clear up the business of the position of the holders of Church property. The present possessors must be reassured that they will not have to hand back these lands. Otherwise we shall never achieve the desired result. Unless he takes this advice he will run great risks himself and make the whole religious question much more difficult.

Simon Renard, Letter, 8 August 1554

Source C: The Imperial ambassador in England writes to King Philip, who was abroad, about the policy towards Protestants.

The people of London are murmuring about the cruel enforcement of the recent Acts of Parliament against heresy which has now begun, as shown publicly when a certain Rogers was burnt yesterday. Some of the onlookers wept; others prayed to God to give him strength and patience to bear the pain and not convert back to Catholicism. The haste with which the bishops have proceeded in this matter may well cause a revolt. If the people got the upper hand, not only would the cause of religion be again threatened, but the persons of your Majesty and the Queen might be in peril.

Simon Renard, letter to King Philip, London, February 1555

SECTION B

England 1485–1547

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How successful was Henry VII's financial policy? **[20]**

4* 'Henry VII's foreign policy achieved little.' How far do you agree? **[20]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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