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HISTORY – A2 unit 4
DEPTH STUDY 5
The Religious Reformation in Europe c.1500-1564

Part 2: The spread of Protestantism and Counter-Reformation c.1531-1564

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018 – AFTERNOON 1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer Question 1 and either Question 2 or 3.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

You are advised to spend up to 60 minutes on Question 1 and up to 45 minutes on either Question 2 or 3.

The sources and quotations used in this unit may have been amended or adapted from the stated published work in order to make the wording more accessible.

In your answers, you should use knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Unit 2 (AS) where appropriate.

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

Study the following sources and answer the question that follows:

Source A

Most Holy Father, you ordered that we should point out to you the abuses and the most serious ills with which the Church of God has long been afflicted. We have therefore listed as briefly as possible the diseases and such remedies as we could suggest in spite of our limited abilities.

The first abuse is the ordination of clerics in which neither care nor diligence is employed. Everywhere, those who are the least educated, of the lowest birth, conspicuous for their bad habits, or too young, are admitted to holy orders, especially to the priesthood. From this stems countless scandals and contempt for the clergy and for this reason respect for divine worship is not only diminished, but well-nigh extinct. Another extremely grave abuse consists of bestowing ecclesiastical benefices, especially parishes, and above all, bishoprics. Also indulgences should not be granted more than once a year in each large city.

Our hope is that you are truly chosen to restore our hearts and actions in the name of Christ, and aid us, the clergy, to heal our diseases, to lead the sheep of Christ to one fold, and to turn away from us the wrath of God and the vengeance we deserve, which is hanging over our heads and ready to fall on us.

[The proposal written by a Select Committee of cardinals concerning the reform of the Church, commissioned by order of Pope Paul III (1537)]

Source B

- 1. We should put away completely our own opinion and keep our minds ready and eager to give our entire obedience to our holy Mother the hierarchical Church, Christ our Lord's undoubted spouse.
- 4. We should speak with particular approval of religious orders, and the states of virginity and celibacy, not rating matrimony as high as any of these.
- 6. We should approve of relics of the saints, showing reverence for them and praying to the saints themselves.
- 7. We should approve of the laws of fasting and abstinence.

[Extracts from *Rules for Thinking within the Church*, drawn up by Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order (1541)]

Source C

We shall hold a free and ecumenical council in this distinguished and thriving city in order to root out heresy, re-establish peace in the Catholic Church and improve the ruined morals of the Christian people. Unfortunately we live in a grievous time when boundless injustice and sacrilege has resulted for the Church of God due to the recent abominable heresy of Luther for the uprooting of which we are gathered. Church property has been robbed, church buildings destroyed and the most holy representation of Christ and true disciple of Peter, the Pope, as well as bishops and other priests of God are no longer respected and no longer properly honoured but slandered and vilified. The heretics dare to challenge the divine and Christian teachings founded by our Saviour Christ which have been transmitted to us by these same holy fathers, defined in Councils and confirmed by the Popes.

Esteemed fathers! If we would carefully search out the origin of these evils and without prejudice carefully consider everything, and if each of us will be an incorruptible judge, then we will easily see that we ourselves are, so to speak before our eyes, the cause. We, who have been appointed by God as shepherds of the Church, have done this. We have so much offended the immortal God and the Christian people that we have not in the least done our duty.

[The Councillors of Trent, in a published sermon, at the opening of Session Eighteen of the Council of Trent (1562)]

With reference to the sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the reform of the Catholic Church from 1537-1562.

Answer either question 2 or question 3

Either,

2. To what extent was the formation of the Schmalkaldic League the most significant development in the growth of support for Lutheranism in Germany in the period 1531 to 1555? [30]

Or,

3. How far do you agree that John Calvin was mainly responsible for the development of the Protestant Reformation in Europe 1531-1564? [30]

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