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**THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2022 – MORNING**

**HISTORY**  
**COMPONENT 1: STUDIES IN DEPTH**  
**Non-British Study in Depth**

**1F. The Voyages of Discovery and Conquest of the Americas, 1492–1522**

1 hour

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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**Answer all questions on the examination paper.**

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space is provided for question 5 within the booklet (if required). If further space is required for any question, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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

Question 5 will assess your ability to construct a balanced, reasoned and well-substantiated extended response.

In addition your answer to question 5 will assess your ability to spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately and use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate.



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Answer **all** questions.

**QUESTION 1**

Study the source below and then answer the question which follows.

**Source A**

The captain said he was the ambassador of the King of Portugal. For sixty years the King's ancestors had sent ships to make discoveries in the direction of India, as they knew there were Christian kings there like themselves. He had been told not to return on pain of death until he had found them. He said this was the reason why the Portuguese wanted to discover India, not because they sought gold or silver, for they already had these in abundance.

[Vasco de Gama, writing in his book *Round Africa to India*, 1497–98]

Use Source A and your own knowledge to describe the factors that contributed to the European voyages of discovery. [5]

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**QUESTION 2**

Study the source below and then answer the question which follows.

**Source B**

As for the newly born, they died early because their mothers, overworked and starving, had no milk to nurse them. While I was in Cuba, 7000 children died in three months. Some even drowned their babies from sheer desperation. In this way, husbands died in the mines, wives died at work and children died from a lack of milk. Having seen these acts, I tremble as I write.

[Bartolome de las Casas, a priest writing in his book *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, published in the 1500s. Upon completion the book was sent to the King of Spain.]

What was the purpose of Source B? [8]

[Use details from Source B and your own knowledge and understanding of the historical context to answer the question.]

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### QUESTION 3

Study the interpretations below and then answer the question which follows.

#### Interpretation 1

Modern historians portray Cortes as a ruthless brute, but in reality he was a great soldier of the Church with a deep devotion to Mary. He was a deeply religious soldier and leader and entered every battle after having confessions heard and Mass said. He was up against a Satanic society and was driven by his religious devotion to Jesus and Mary. He was responsible for defeating the Aztecs.

[Mark and Patti Armstrong, writing in an article entitled *Hernando Cortes and Our Lady*, published on the website *catholicexchange.com* in 2007.]

#### Interpretation 2

Led by Hernan Cortes, the Spaniard's formidable weapons and thirst for treasure would bring devastating destruction and disease to the Aztecs and were the key to defeating them. Cortes found willing local allies only too eager to help topple the Aztec regime and within three years the largest ever empire in North and Central America fell.

[Mark Cartwright, writing in an article entitled *Cortes and the Fall of the Aztec Empire*, published in the academic website *ancient.eu* in 2016.]

Do the interpretations support the view that Cortes was responsible for defeating the Aztecs? [10]

[In your answer you should refer to how and why the interpretations may differ. Use your own knowledge and understanding of the wider historical debate over this issue to reach a well-supported judgement.]

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**QUESTION 4**

Study the sources below and then answer the question which follows.

**Source C**

Where this disease came from we were unsure, but we could not walk without treading on the bodies and heads of dead Indians. I have read about the destruction of Jerusalem, but I do not think the mortality was greater there than here in Mexico. Indeed the stench was so bad that no one could endure it. Even Cortes was ill from the smells which attacked his nostrils.

[Bernal Diaz, a Spanish conquistador, writing in *The Conquest of New Spain*, published in the sixteenth century. Diaz served under Cortes during the conquest of Mexico.]

**Source D**

The plague of smallpox was a disease brought over here by one of Cortes' men. It began to attack the Indians and spread among them throughout the land. In most places more than half the population died. They died in heaps, like bedbugs. As it was impossible to bury the great number of dead, they pulled down the houses over them to stop the stench that rose from the dead bodies.

[Toribio Motolinia, a Spanish priest writing in his book *History of the Indians of New Spain*. Motolinia arrived in New Spain in the early 1520s.]

Which of the sources is more useful to an historian studying the impact of the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs? [11]

[You should refer to both sources in your answer and use your knowledge and understanding of the historical context.]

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**QUESTION 5**

Read the interpretation below and then answer the question which follows.

‘The Aztecs were an advanced, prosperous and cultured civilization who built beautiful and sophisticated cities.’

[An extract from an article entitled *Aztec Civilization*, published on the website *allabouthistory.org*. The website strongly promotes the spread of Christianity.]

To what extent do you agree with this interpretation? [16]

[In your answer you should refer to how and why interpretations of this issue differ. Use your own knowledge and understanding of the wider historical debate over this issue to reach a well-supported judgement.]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar and specialist terms are allocated to this question. [5]

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