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GCSE

HISTORY

UNIT 1

STUDY IN DEPTH – WALES AND THE WIDER PERSPECTIVE

1A. THE ELIZABETHAN AGE, 1558-1603

SAMPLE ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

1 Hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer all questions on the examination paper.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.

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 language as appropriate.

QUESTION 1

This question is about popular entertainment in Elizabethan times.

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

Source A

There are four theatres in London of beauty which have various names. In them a different play is presented to the public every day. Of all the theatres, the largest is the Swan; it has space for three thousand persons and is built of flint stones supported by wooden columns, painted to look like marble. It looks like a Roman building.

[A description of Elizabethan theatres, from the writings of Johannes de Witt, a Dutch visitor to London (1596)]

Source B

[A drawing of the Swan Theatre from the late sixteenth century]

What can be learnt from Sources A and B about the theatre in Elizabethan times? [4]

[12 x answer lines]

QUESTION 2

This question is about the problem of religion.

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

Source C

Awake now lovely people of Wales ! I remember one excellent virtue which improved your lives namely the worship of pure Christianity. But recently you have not participated in anything of the good fortune of the world! This is because no one has written nor printed anything in your language. Therefore now you should be glad and offer your thanks to God, and to her grace the Queen. For by their authority and their command, your Bishops with the help of William Salesbury are bringing to you in Welsh and in print the Holy Scriptures.

[Bishop Richard Davies, translator of the New Testament into Welsh, writing in the *Preface* to the translated New Testament (1567)]

To what extent does this source accurately explain the importance of the translation of the Scriptures into Welsh? [6]

[In your answer you should refer to the strengths and limitations of the source and use your own knowledge and understanding of the historical context.]

[18 x answer lines]

QUESTION 3

This question is about the Catholic threat.

Why was Mary, Queen of Scots significant in the Catholic threat to Elizabeth? [12]

[36 x answer lines]

QUESTION 4

This question is about Elizabethan government.

Explain the connections between any **THREE** of the following:

[12]

- Privy Council
- Parliament
- Taxation
- Freedom of speech

Your three choices:

- _____
- _____
- _____

[36 x answer lines]

QUESTION 5

This question is about the lifestyles of the rich and poor in Elizabethan times.

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

In both Wales and England, the profits of the rich were, and were known to be, made at the expense of the poor. The poor were without rights in every sense. High rents, the threat of eviction and becoming a vagabond, a wage freeze during a price rise, the poor flocking into the towns, all made sure that the majority barely had enough to survive on.

[Christopher Hill, an historian who specialised in social history, writing in his book, *Reformation to Industrial Revolution*, published in 1967]

How far do you agree with this interpretation of life for poor people in Elizabethan times? [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 language are allocated to this question. [3]

[48 x answer lines]