

AS HISTORY

The Sun King: Louis XIV, France and Europe, 1643–1715

Component 2F The Sun King, 1643–1685

Monday 20 May 2019

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2F.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a Report on State Finances by Jean-Baptiste Colbert. This was presented to the King, 1670.

Before 1662, the Dutch brought into France far more merchandise than they took away, taking the balance in cash. This brought riches to them but poverty to us. In 1662, Your Majesty supported a tax on all imports to France. Therefore, the number of French merchant vessels has increased, and they have taken away the coasting trade between French ports from the Dutch. In 1664, Your Majesty agreed to a new tariff arrangement – charges on French manufactured goods were reduced but those on imports increased, but only slightly, until this new income could be used to establish our own new industries. In this way, a million Frenchmen will get work and the State's greatness and power will increase.

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Source B

From an official letter sent by Pieter de Groot, the ambassador of the United Provinces in Paris, presented to Louis XIV, 10 October 1670.

The States General of the United Provinces, my masters, want to maintain good relations with France. These are kept not so much by treaties but by the friendship of the two peoples based on the usefulness of trade between our countries. However, Your Majesty has raised extraordinary tariffs upon goods and produce coming from the Netherlands into your kingdom. The mutual affection of our two peoples is diminishing as trade is suffering under the weight of the tariffs. To provide for the needs of both our countries' subjects, my masters have instructed me to ask you most respectfully to end all the extraordinary tariffs which have burdened both our peoples in the last few years.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the results of Colbert's trading policies towards the Dutch?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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 'Anne of Austria was a more important force in government than Mazarin during the Minority of Louis XIV.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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 'The Peace of Nijmegen of 1678–9 was a major success for France.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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