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HISTORY

Unit 1: Study in Depth
Wales and the Wider Perspective

1A. The Elizabethan Age, 1558–1603

1 hour

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Answer **all** questions.

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

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Answer **all** questions.

QUESTION 1

This question is about the lifestyles of the rich and poor.

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

Source A

[A photograph of St Fagans Castle built in 1590]

Source B

> The following rules must be observed: religious rules, learning Latin, Greek and Hebrew, instrumental music, French and Italian. The cost for food, drink, accommodation and education is £13 per year….

[Part of a letter by Thomas Martin to Sir John Wynn of Gwydir with details of education at Bedford School, England, 1597]

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What can be learnt from Sources A and B about the lives of the gentry in Wales? [4]

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QUESTION 2

This question is about the Spanish Armada.

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

Source C

> There are many causes to explain the Armada's defeat. Firstly, many Spanish prisoners have told us that there was not one ship in their whole fleet without several sick people. Secondly, their ships, masts, sails and ropes were very much damaged by our guns. Thirdly, at Calais, the fireships forced them to cut many of their cables and they lost many of their anchors.

[Part of a letter to the Privy Council, from Sir Francis Drake, Vice-Admiral of the English Fleet, August 10, 1588]

To what extent does this source accurately explain the defeat of the Spanish Armada? [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.]

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QUESTION 3

This question is about the Elizabethan government.

Why was the role of Parliament significant during Elizabeth's reign? [12]

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QUESTION 4

This question is about the Catholic threat.

Explain the connections between any **THREE** of the following: [12]

- Elizabeth's excommunication
- Catholic plots
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Catholic recusants in Wales

Your three choices:

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QUESTION 5

This question is about the problem of religion.

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

> Pilgrimages associated with their nation's saints … making the sign of the cross … carrying relics and beads … To many foreign observers, the determination with which the Welsh countryfolk kept to these practices seemed to show a deep desire for the restoration of the Catholic faith.

[G Dyfnallt Owen, a Welsh historian writing in *Elizabethan Wales: The Social Scene*, published in 1964]

How far do you agree with this interpretation that Elizabeth's religious settlement had little impact on Wales? [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]

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