



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1E

**Unit 1E Absolutist States: The Reign of Louis XIV, 1661–1715**

**Tuesday 17 May 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### **Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 minutes

### **Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1E.
- Answer **two** questions.

### **Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
  - refer to relevant historical information
  - show an understanding of change and continuity
  - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**Question 1**

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 Explain why Louis XIV was keen to promote the principles of the Divine Right of Kings at the start of his personal rule. (12 marks)

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 How important was Versailles for the image of Louis XIV at home and abroad? (24 marks)

**Question 2**

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 Explain why, in 1661, Louis XIV wanted France to play an active role in foreign affairs. (12 marks)

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 How successful was Louis XIV's foreign policy in the years 1661 to 1684? (24 marks)

**Question 3**

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 Explain why there were inequalities in the system of taxation in France. (12 marks)

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 How successful was the system of taxation in providing for the needs of the monarchy in the years 1661 to 1715? (24 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**