

6522A - Paper 2A

Monarchs and their Servants: Henry VIII and Charles I

Choose EITHER Option I or Option II for which you have been prepared and answer ONE question from your chosen option. Answer part (a) and part (b) of the question you choose.

Answer part (a) on page 3. Answer part (b) on page 8.

Option I – The King’s Faithful Servant? The Age of Wolsey, 1509–29

1. (a) By what steps did Wolsey gain power in the state in the years 1509–15? (20)
- (b) Why did Wolsey’s relationship with Henry deteriorate in the years 1525–29? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

2. (a) In what ways did Wolsey reform and improve the law and the legal system during his years as Lord Chancellor? (20)
- (b) Why did Henry VIII face financial problems, despite inheriting a financial surplus from his father? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

Option II – Personal Rule and the Crisis of Monarchy in Britain, 1629–42

3. (a) What were the main features of Charles I’s financial management during the years of Personal Rule? (20)
- (b) Why was Strafford widely disliked and feared by 1640? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

4. (a) In what ways did the Long Parliament successfully limit the power of the King before the outbreak of war in 1642? (20)
- (b) Why did Civil War break out in England in 1642? (40)
- (Total 60 marks)**

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