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A Level History A

Y310/01 The Development of the Nation State: France 1498–1610

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the question in Section A and **any two** questions in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Section A

Read the **two** passages and answer Question 1.

- 1** Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the strength of royal power under Francis I.

[30]

Passage A

© Martyn Rady, *France: Renaissance, Religion and Recovery, 1483-1610*, p34-7, Hodder, 1988. From first line "New" or 'Renaissance Monarchy' were the terms used to describe the type of government which emerged in the sixteenth century." to last line "Everywhere else, royal officials were alloc

Passage B

© Geoffrey Woodward, *The Development of Early Modern Europe: 1480-1648*, p101-5, Longman, 1997. From first line "The early years of Francis' reign saw a large amount of consultation." to last line "Until he had enough revenue to rule independently, a standing army to enforce his will and a judic

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

- 2*** 'The power of the French monarchy in the period from 1498 to 1610 depended on the character of the king.'

How far do you agree? [25]

- 3*** 'The nobility was the main factor holding back the growth of royal power in France in the period from 1498 to 1610.'

How far do you agree? [25]

- 4*** 'The Catholic Church held back the development of the French nation state in the period from 1498 to 1610.'

How far do you agree? [25]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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