Edexcel History 9-1



A round up of all published questions (from the exam board and textbooks) as of February 2017 for

Early Elizabethan England 1558—1588

Paper 2

- Queen ,Government and Religion 1558—69
- Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad 1569—88
- Elizabethan Society in the Age of Exploration 1558—88

Exam Questions—Elizabethan England 1558—1588

Describe two features of.. (4 marks) - Big point supported by precise and specific knowledge x 2

- Describe two features of the Elizabethan religious settlement.
- Describe two features of Elizabethan society.
- Describe two features of the Revolt of the Northern Earls.
- Describe two features of the plots against Elizabeth I in the years 1571—86.
- Describe two features of the Elizabethan system of poor relief that were new.
- Describe two features of Mary, Queen of Scots threat to Elizabeth I.
- Describe two features of the Ridolfi Plot.
- Describe two features of Elizabeth's experiences before she became Queen.
- Describe two features of the Babington Plot.

Explain (12 marks) Exam paper will give 2 bullet points of information that can be included. Candidates must include knowledge of their own as well

- Explain why the Catholic threat to Elizabeth I increased after 1566.
- Explain why Phillip II launched the Armada against England in 1588.
- Explain why the attempt to colonise Virginia in 1585-86 was a failure.
- Explain why the revolt of the Northern Earls took place in 1569.
- Explain why Mary, ,Queen of Scots created a problem for Elizabeth when she came to England in 1568.

Evaluate (16 marks) Exam paper will give 2 bullet points of information that can be included.

Candidates must include knowledge of their own as well

- 'The decline in Anglo-Spanish relations in the years 1569—85 was caused by Elizabeth I.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'The main reason that voyages of exploration were undertaken during Elizabeth I's reign was to increase England's wealth.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'Population growth was the main reason why vagabondage increased in Elizabethan England,'
 How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'Religion was the main cause of the growing tension between England and Spain between 1570 and 1588.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

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- Describe two features of Drake's attacks on Spanish shipping and trade.
- Describe two features of Elizabethan theatre.
- Describe two pastimes and sports for the wealthy.
- Describe two features of the attempts to colonise Virginia in the 1580s.
- Describe two features of Elizabethan schools.

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• Explain why the Spanish Armada was defeated in 1588.

Evaluate (16 marks) Exam paper will give 2 bullet points of information that can be included.

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- 'Elizabeth I dealt with the problems of 1558 successfully.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'Elizabeth's religious settlement was a successful compromise.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'Lack of foreign support was the main reason why Catholic revolts and plots against Elizabeth failed. How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- The Babington Plot was the main cause of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'Religious rivalry rather than commercial or political rivalry caused the war between Spain and England.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'Relations with the Native Americans were the main reason for the failure of the Virginia colonies.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'The religious settlement of 1559 did not solve the problem of religion in Elizabethan England.'
 How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- 'The threat of invasion was Elizabeth's main problem when she became Queen in 1558.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.