

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

Version 1.0

Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 1B Spain in the Age of Discovery, 1469-1598**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/1B Spain in the Age of Discovery, 1469-1598**.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/1B**.

Part one: The establishment of a 'New Monarchy', 1469-1556

Section one: The forging of a new state, 1469-1516

- The political, economic, social and religious condition of the Iberian Peninsula in 1469
- Muslims/Moriscos; the Reconquista; Jews/conversos and anti-Semitism
- Economic stagnation and change: trade and exploration in Europe and North Africa; discovery and first settlements in the New World
- The degree of political unity and social and economic change by 1516

Section two: The drive to 'Great Power' status, 1516-1556

- Religious policies and the Church in Spain
- The political, economic, social and religious condition of Spain in 1556

Part two: Philip II's Spain, 1556-1598

Section three: The 'Golden Age', 1556-1598

- Philip II as ruler: character; inheritance; change and continuity in government; administration and policy
- Opposition of individuals and groups: faction and curbing internal rebellions

Section four: Spain: the "Great Power", 1556-1598

- Philip's inheritance and ambitions; ideas and pressures; the Spanish army and navy
- The eclipsing of French power: Italy; war and interference in France
- Control of the Mediterranean: challenging the Turks; the conquest of and relationship with Portugal
- Revolt in the Netherlands; relations with England: conflict in Europe and the Caribbean
- Spain's international position by 1598: the extent of Spain's power; illusion or reality

END OF ADVANCE INFORMATION