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# A-level HISTORY

## The English Revolution, 1625–1660

Paper 2E

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**

2 hours 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2E**.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
    - 60 minutes on Question 01
    - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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**Section A**Answer Question 01

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**Source A**

Oliver Cromwell's speech to Parliament, April 1657, explaining his refusal of the offer of the crown

It was said that kingship is not a title, but an office, so interwoven with the fundamental laws of the nation that they cannot, or cannot well, be executed and exercised without it – I cannot take upon me to repel these grounds; for they are strong and rational. But if I shall be able to make any answer to them, I must not grant that they are necessarily conclusive. Truly the providences of God had laid aside the title of king providentially and this not by sudden humour or passion; but it hath been by issue of as great deliberation as ever was in a nation. It hath been the issue of ten or twelve years civil war wherein much blood hath been shed. I will not seek to set up that which Providence hath destroyed and laid in the dust and I would not build Jericho again.

**Source B**

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**Source C**

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying Cromwell's refusal of the offer of the crown in 1657.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B**Answer **two** questions

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'It was Charles I's stubborn adherence to the Divine Right that produced conflict between Crown and Parliament in the years 1625 to 1629.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]****0 3**

How significant were developments in Scotland and Ireland in the years from 1637 to the outbreak of civil war in England in 1642?

**[25 marks]****0 4**

To what extent was the regicide a religious rather than a political act?

**[25 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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