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**GCSE**

**HISTORY**

**Paper 2 Section B/D:**

**Restoration England, 1660–1685**

**8145/2B/D**

**Interpretations Booklet**

**INTERPRETATION A for use in answering  
Question 01**

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## **INTERPRETATION A**

**An interpretation of London after the  
Fire of 1666.**

**Adapted from an article by Liza Picard,  
in 'Restoration London', 1997.**

**London was always a fire risk but had never suffered such a catastrophe before. Over 200,000 Londoners lost their homes so they camped in fields, moved to the suburbs, or emigrated. 5**  
**There were grand plans to rebuild London completely and the King promised, ‘a new more beautiful city.’**

**However business owners wanted to get the city back to work as soon as possible. 10**  
**Therefore Parliament passed two Acts, one of which set up Fire courts and the other was the Rebuilding Act. In less than 10 years a new city had been created despite the difficulties of 15**  
**clearing the ruined buildings using only people and horses.**

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