

## A-level HISTORY

### Component 2E The English Revolution, 1625–1660

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Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

#### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7042/2E.
- 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:
  - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
  - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

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**Section A**

Answer Question 01.

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**Source A**

From an anonymous pamphlet, 'The Routing of the Ranters being a full relation of their blasphemous words and actions at their mad meetings', intended for a widespread audience, 1650.

These Ranters, newly sprung up among us, are the most vile and abominable heretics that we ever read or hear of, carrying about them the image of Satan seducing men and women to commit mad and desperate wickedness. The first meeting that I have heard of to be frequented by these brutish people was in Shoemakers' Alley in London. The meeting began about four of the clock in the afternoon and was continued by some until nine or ten of the clock the next day; which time was spent in drunkenness, uncleanness, blasphemous words, filthy songs, and mixed dances of men and women stark naked. 5

Their ringleader, Abiezer Coppe, when he perceived he should be called to answer for the wicked blasphemies he had uttered at sundry times, took two of his female-disciples and left London. He continued his blasphemous acts. When he was soberly admonished by an officer of the army, he replied that it was his liberty and he might use it. 10

**Source B**

From a pamphlet, 'A Transcendent Spiritual Treatise', used to recruit followers, by John Reeve, a Muggletonian, 1654.

I declare from the spirit of truth, that Jesus from the throne of his glory, spake unto me John Reeve, saying, "I have given thee understanding of my mind in the Scriptures, above all men in the world. I have chosen thee to be my last messenger for a great work, to be carried into this unbelieving world. And I have given thee Ludowick Muggleton to be thy mouth. After this message is delivered Jesus will visibly appear." 5

At that very moment, the Holy Spirit entered into me, so that whoever I pronounce blessed, through Muggleton's mouth, is blessed to eternity and whoever I pronounce cursed, through Muggleton's mouth, is cursed to eternity. The Lord's words came into my spirit with such a bright burning glory that I did not know whether I was a mortal man, or an immortal God. 10

If any of the Elect desire to speak to us with regard to what is printed here they may hear us at the baker's in Bow Lane, London.

**Source C**

From a published memoir describing her conversion to Quakerism, by Dorothy White, 1659.

In February 1659 as I was walking along the street I heard a cry in me. Over the next few days the same cry was in me. And as I was waiting upon the Lord in silence, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying "write". I thus wrote, "O you bloodthirsty rulers of England, you rule by the powers of darkness. You have joined with the strengths of Hell to ensnare the innocent." Many are saying we are a people risen up that go about to turn the world upside down. But I tell you it is not the people, but it is the power of God, for He is come to turn the world upside down. Those that hath ruled over us may be brought down under and those which have been of a low degree may be raised by the power of God, to rule and have dominion, for God is coming to throw down the kingdom of Antichrist that hath had dominion. 5 10

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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 the radical sects of the 1650s.

**[30 marks]**

**Turn over for Section B**

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**Section B**

Answer **two** questions.

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**0 2** To what extent was conflict over religion the main cause of tension between the Crown and Political Nation in the years 1625 to 1629?  
**[25 marks]**

**0 3** 'In the years 1633 to 1639 Wentworth strengthened the authority of the English Crown in Ireland.'  
Assess the validity of this view.  
**[25 marks]**

**0 4** 'Cromwell failed to achieve his aims as Lord Protector in the years 1653 to 1658.'  
Assess the validity of this view.  
**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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