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# AS HISTORY

The Reformation in Europe, c1500–1564

Component 2C The origins of the Reformation, c1500–1531

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Wednesday 25 May 2016      Afternoon      Time allowed: 1 hour 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 7041/2C.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

## Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
  - 50 minutes on Section A
  - 40 minutes on Section B.

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Source A**

From a letter written by Thomas Müntzer to the people of Allstedt, April 1525, encouraging them to join a peasants' uprising.

How long are you going to sleep, how long are you going to resist God's will just because you think that God has given up on you?

Even if there are only three of you whose trust in God is unshakeable and who seek His Name, you need have no fear of a hundred thousand people. So go to it, go to it, go to it! Show no pity. Pay no attention to the cries of the godless. They will plead with you ever so warmly; they will whimper like children. Show no pity. Alert the villages and towns and other good fellows who will be of use. 5

We cannot sleep any longer.

**Source B**

From Luther's pamphlet 'Against the Robbing and Murdering Hordes of Peasants' (April to May 1525).

The peasants have violently taken matters into their own hands and are robbing and raging like mad dogs to their own ends. It is clear that they were trying to deceive us and that their promises made in their Twelve Articles were nothing but lies presented under the name of the Gospel. They are doing the devil's work. This is the work of that arch-devil, Müntzer. They have committed terrible sins against God and man and have deserved death in both body and soul. They hide their terrible and horrible sin with the Gospel, call themselves 'Christian Brethren', and force people to go along with them in these abominations. Thus they become the worse blasphemers of God and slanderers of His Holy Name. 5

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the peasants' war?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**Either**

**0 2** 'Humanism had significantly weakened the Church by 1517.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3** 'The survival of Lutheranism in the 1520s was due to the support of the German princes.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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