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HISTORY**9769/53**

Paper 5c Special Subject: The Reign of Henry VIII, 1509–1547

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Opposition to the Henrician Reformation**Question 1**

Study both the following documents, A and B, and answer the question which follows.

- A** *Thomas More writes to his daughter Margaret Roper of his third interrogation before members of the King's Council.*

The King had sent them to command me to make a plain answer whether I thought it lawful that his Highness should be Supreme Head of the Church of England. I answered that I had always looked first upon God and next upon the King, according to the lesson that his Highness taught me at my first coming to his noble service. And I could not go further in this matter, for it were a very hard thing to compel me to say either precisely with it against my conscience to the loss of my soul, or precisely against it to the destruction of my body. To this Cromwell said that when I was Chancellor I examined heretics, to find out whether they believed the Pope to be the head of the Church and compelled them to make a precise answer. I said there was a difference between those two cases because at that time, through Christendom, the Pope's power was recognised for an undoubted thing which now seems not like a thing agreed in this country and the contrary taken for truth in other countries. In this case a man is not bound in his conscience by one country's law.

More, Letter, 3 June 1535.

- B** *The trial of Thomas More is reported in a Paris newsletter.*

More said: 'Since I am condemned, I wish to speak freely of your Act of Supremacy, for the discharge of my conscience. For the seven years that I have studied the matter, I have not read in any approved doctor of the Church that a temporal lord could or ought to be head of the spirituality.' The Chancellor interrupting him, said, 'What, More, you wish to be considered wiser and of better conscience than all the bishops and nobles of the realm?' To this, More replied, 'My lord, for one bishop of your opinion I have a hundred saints of mine; and for one parliament of yours, I have all the General Councils for 1,000 years, and for one kingdom I have France and all the kingdoms of Christendom. I say further, that your Act is ill made, because you have sworn never to do anything against the Church, which through all Christendom is one and undivided, and you have no authority, without the common consent of all Christians, to make a law or Act of Parliament or Council against the union of Christendom.'

Newsletter, 4 August 1535.

Compare and contrast the evidence in Documents A and B about the views of Sir Thomas More. You should analyse the content and provenance of both documents. [10]

The break from Rome: religious change, 1529–1547

Question 2

Study all the following documents, C, D, E and F, and answer the question which follows.

- C** *The Churchwardens' accounts from the parish of Ashburton in Devon reveal the concerns of those running the day-to-day life of a parish church.*

1537

Paid

6s 4d* for painting new images for the church

3s 9d for a new cloth for the altar

6d for cutting the timber to make a statue of St. Christopher

4d for incense

1543

Received

£6 13s 7d from profit from the sale of ale sold in the church yard to raise money

20s 0d donation from the Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Paid

5s 4d Payment for candles (for remembering the dead in burial services)

3d for incense

2s 1d for the heads of two devils made for a religious play

3s 4d mending and washing the vestments of the priest

11s 11d for the poor people of the parish

Accounts, 1537 and 1543.

*In the money of the day there were twenty shillings (s) to the pound (£) and 12 pence (d) to every shilling (s). One pound in the 1530s was the equivalent of a month's wage for a skilled tradesman.

- D** *A chronicle records some events in 1543 relating to religion.*

In 1543 four men were condemned for heresy at Windsor under the Act of Six Articles. These were the heresies they were condemned for: one man said to the people from the pulpit that the body of Christ which you shall eat refreshes not the body but the spirit. He also commended the scripture, the word of God saying 'This is the word: this is the body of Christ'. Another said that the sacrament of the altar is nothing but a symbol and a ceremony. Another had collected and written out certain men's writings that were expressly against the Mass.

Edward Hall, *Chronicle*, 1548.

E *The King sets out the reasons for clarifying what people should believe.*

In the time of darkness and ignorance, finding our people seduced and drawn from the truth by superstition, we purged and cleansed our realm, by publishing the scriptures, but we find now false understanding of scripture.

We have need always of the grace of God, as in our Paternoster*, for all things necessary to a Christian man in this present life; with declaration of the Ave Maria, as a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary Our Lady, honouring and worshipping her. And because our people have been confused with the understanding of freewill, justification, good works, and praying for the souls departed, we have, by the advice of our clergy, set forth, plainly, the truth.

It is necessary for ministers of the church to possess, read, and study of holy scripture, both the Old and New Testaments: but for the ordinary people who need to be taught, the reading of the Old and New Testament is not so necessary, except as the prince and the rulers of the realm shall think fit.

Henry VIII, *Preface to the King's Book*, 1543.

*Paternoster = 'Our Father' in Latin, the Lord's Prayer

F *The King speaks to parliament about the state of religion.*

What love and charity is amongst you when one calls another 'heretic and anabaptist' and he calls him back 'papist and hypocrite'? This lack of charity amongst you will destroy the fervent love between us unless this is healed. I must judge the fault of this discord to be partly the negligence by church leaders. I see and hear daily that you of the clergy preach against each other without charity. Do not judge spiritual matters yourselves using your own fantastical opinions. Alas, how can the poor souls live in peace when you preachers sow debate and discord amongst them in your sermons? I, whom God has appointed his vicar, will see these wrongdoings corrected.

Henry VIII, Speech, December 1545.

How convincing is the evidence provided in this set of documents for the view that Protestantism was well advanced in England by 1547? In evaluating the documents, you should refer to all the documents in the set (C–F). [30]

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