**Describing key features of a period**

Describe two features of Elizabeth’s Privy Council. [4]

Describe two features of Elizabeth’s experiences before she became Queen. [4]

Describe two features of Elizabeth’s education. [4]

Describe two features of Elizabeth’s Religious Settlement of 1559. [4]

Describe two features of the challenge from Puritans between 158 and 1569. [4]

Describe two features of Mary Queen of Scots’ threat to Elizabeth I. [4]

Describe two features of the Ridolfi Plot. [4]

Describe two features of the Babington Plot. [4]

Describe two features of the plots against Elizabeth between 1571 and 1587. [4]

Describe two features of Drake’s attacks on Spanish shipping and trade. [4]

Describe two features of the English navy sent against the Spanish Armada. [4]

Describe two features of the naval battle off Gravelines. [4]

Describe two features of the Elizabethan theatre. [4]

Describe two features of Elizabethan schools. [4]

Describe two features of sports and pastimes for the wealthy. [4]

Describe two features of sports and pastimes for the ordinary people. [4]

Describe two features of the Elizabethan system of poor relief that were new. [4]

Describe two features of the attempts to colonise Virginia in the 1580’s. [4]

Describe two features of Drakes’ circumnavigation of the world. [4]

**Explain questions – 12 marks**

* **The focus for this type of question is causation.**
* **Remember to examiner is asking you to give a range of reasons.**
* **You will be given two stimulus points – remember you do not have to use them but you MUST use detail other than these two points.**

Explain why religion was so important in Elizabethan England. [12]

Explain why the Catholic threat to Elizabeth I increased after 1566. [12]

Explain why Mary Queen of Scots created a problem for Elizabeth when she came to England in 1568. [12]

Explain why the Throckmorton Plot [1583] was a threat to Queen Elizabeth. [12]

Explain why Philip I launched the Armada against England in 1588. [12]

Explain why the Spanish Armada was defeated in 1588. [12]

Explain why the Elizabethans were worried about the ‘idle poor’ and vagabonds. [12]

Explain why men such as Francis Drake went on voyages of exploration. [12]

Explain why the attempt to colonise Virginia in 1585 - 1586 was a failure. [12]

**Making judgements – 16 marks**

* **You will be given a clear statement - it is unlikely that you will totally agree or disagree with this statement.**
* **You must look at evidence for and against the statement.**
* **Make sure you look carefully at the CONTENT and CONCEPT focus of the question.**
* **Remember to set out your criteria.**
* **You will be given two stimulus points – remember you do not have to use them but you MUST use detail other than these two points.**
* **You must reach a clear judgement.**

‘The threat of invasion was Elizabeth’s main problem when she became Queen in 1558.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Elizabeth dealt with the problems of 1558 successfully.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Religion was Elizabeth’s main problem in the years 1558 – 1569.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Religion was the main cause of the Revolt of the Northern Earls in 1569 – 1570.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

‘The religious settlement of 1559 did not solve the problem of religion in Elizabethan England.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Political grievances were the main reason for the Revolt of the Northern Earls in 1569 – 1570.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Elizabeth’s religious settlement was a successful compromise.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘The Babington Plot was the main cause of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Lack of foreign support was the main reason why Catholic revolts and plots against Elizabeth failed.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Religious rivalry rather than commercial or political rivalry caused the war between Spain and England.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘The decline in Anglo Spanish relations in the years 1569 – 1585 was caused by Elizabeth I’. How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Poor harvests were the most important cause of poverty in Elizabeth’s reign.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Population growth was the main reason why vagabondage increased in Elizabethan England.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Relations with the Native Americans were the main reason for the failure of the Virginia colonies.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘The success of Drake’s circumnavigation was due solely to his skills as a sailor.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘The main reason that voyages of exploration were undertaken during Elizabeth I’s reign was to increase England’s wealth.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]

‘Events in the New World were the main reason for the breakdown of relations with Spain.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [16]