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Where overall performance on a question/question part was considered good, with no particular areas to highlight, these questions have not been included in the report. A full copy of the question paper can be downloaded from OCR.

# Paper Y136 series overview

Y136 is one of a number of British period study and Enquiry units. Each unit has two elements: a period study and an enquiry. The Enquiry element either precedes or continues the period study so as to provide increased coherence and coverage of the chosen period of British History. The Period study element of the Unit group is assessed by essays, with two set from different Key topics and candidates are required to answer one. In the Enquiry element candidates are required to critically use three sources. The first question requires candidates to consider the utility of one source in relation to an issue and the second question requires candidates to use all three sources in their historical context to assess the validity of a view. In both questions candidates are required to explain the source or sources in relation to the question and apply both contextual knowledge and consider the provenance of the sources in order to reach a judgement based on the sources on the issue in the question.

# Section A overview

The Enquiry section in this unit comes at the end of the period and builds on the developments that have taken place in the reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII. The two questions require candidates to critically assess evidence and reach judgements. The critical evaluation of sources is the central theme in this section with all marks awarded against AO2.

## Question 1

1 How useful is Source C as evidence for the reaction to the Marian burnings?

[10]

Candidates were able to explain how the source showed that many in London were upset by the first of the Marian burnings. Whilst most were able to use some contextual knowledge to support their explanation, there was a number who did not read the attribution carefully to see that the incident was the first of the Marian burnings and therefore some of the comments about earlier burnings were erroneous. Many candidates made reference to the number of burnings carried out but pointed out that that despite the reaction shown in the Source there was little evidence of people being converted to Protestantism as a result. Many used this an opportunity to explain how the burnings were often seen as a form of entertainment and used the example of the profits made by the Kent cherry pickers to support their point. A few strong answers went further and also noted that for the burnings to take place there must have been reports made by people to JPs of heretical beliefs and therefore there was not that much opposition, although some contrasted that with the changes made to the timings because of a fear of disturbances. Candidates were less convincing in their consideration of the provenance of the source and this led to stock comments about an ambassador and his role.

However, the strongest answers - as seen in the response below - were aware of Renard's relationship with Mary and his concern about Philip's position in England. Some argued that this would lead him to be accurate in his reporting, whilst others suggested that he might exaggerate the situation in order to persuade Philip to return to England and stop the burnings given both the ambassador and Philip's view of them.

### Exemplar 1

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extent as it suggests that a rebellion
was imminent and world threaten
the authority of Direlling and Many.
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#### Question 2

2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the aim of Mary's religious policy was reconciliation. [20]

The term 'reconciliation' was challenging for some candidates and led a number to misinterpret the sources in relation to the question. In order to access the highest level on this question candidates do need to explain the three sources in relation to the question, use both contextual knowledge and provenance and reach a judgement, in light of the evaluation, as to whether the sources support or challenge the view. The example below illustrates where candidates often tackle one element well, in this instance contextual knowledge, but are weaker on the other.

The sources were taken from across Mary's reign and provided candidates with the opportunity to consider how her views developed. Most candidates argued that Source A showed clearly Mary's desire for reconciliation, but went on to argue this was because it was from the start of her reign when her position was insecure following the Lady Jane Grey affair. Most were also able to consider the provenance by analysing the purpose of Mary's proclamation. Source B presented the greatest challenge with a number unsure as to whether it was supporting or challenging the view. In trying to resolve the issue of the ownership of former monastic lands many argued that Mary was, by eventually allowing the gentry and nobility to keep them, following a policy of reconciliation. The strongest answers placed this in the context of her struggles to get legislation through parliament. In discussing provenance responses considered the position of the ambassador and the purpose of his correspondence and his attitude to the issue. Some argued that the burnings were an example of reconciliation by forcing people to conform, but most argued that this was a sign that Mary had moved away from reconciliation and that her policies had become harsher. Contextual knowledge was readily available in the form of the numbers and type of people burnt. Provenance was also often well explored, not just through considering the role of the author, but also his purpose.

#### Exemplar 2

The three sources overall have a
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adds weight as this is Many!
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A support the view to a module
extent.
The content of Source B support
the view to a significant,
extent, as the Imperial Ambassala
is advising against taking away
the former Church ands from
people, therefore suggesting
that the government are
young to appeare the workstrang
WINDERS WAS INCIPELS

re conciliate. We know this to
be true as the monasteries a
Chan tries were not restored again
and vury half will ded to
Parliament on this issue.
The letter was written in 155th, and
Cardinal Pole arrived in 1555 therefore Renaud
succeeded in managing the religious
question. However, many did not
concell on the isrue of papal supremay
making sure it was restored in
1555, despite protests from parliamen
and the Drivy Council who thought
it would be a migely un popular
move & alienate the Probestant
feith. Although. Mary did listen
to her advisors initially and
bept some aspects the same
entil Carclinal Pole arrived in 1555.
The provenance of the source adds
weight as Renard was one of
Mary's most trusted advisors of
supported for religious policy, and
would be heavily involved in
the execution of policy and know
to carry through Many's Catholic
wishes & also reconcile the
protestants. Therefore source B
has a significant export of
The view.

Source C has a very united
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towards the government
because of the burnings. This is supported by the fact that Many had burner 200 Profestants, including
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to firmly establish The Catholic
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radical changes that would
cause unrest however during
the latter years the persecution
increased anothe ain was not
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# Section B overview

Two essays are set, each from a different Key Topic, but centres should be aware that although there are two topics on Henry VII and two on Henry VIII there is no guarantee that one question will be set on each monarch, as is shown by the two questions below. The questions set require candidates to analyse causes and consequences of major historical issues.

### Question 3

3\* How successful was Henry VII's financial policy?

[20]

Although this was the least popular of the two questions, it still produced some strong answers as the exemplar below shows. The response considers a range of issues, which are well explained and reaches a supported judgement as to how successful Henry's financial policy was. At the lower end of the mark range some candidates' understanding of financial was limited and this led to them writing about other issues, particularly his suppression of rebellions and the Yorkist threat. However, there were some responses where candidates were able to link the issue of the nobility to finances and use it to help them address the demands of the question. Many responses noted the success of his financial policy and commented on the surplus he built up, but the strongest answers did question at what cost. Many responses broke his policy down into ordinary and extraordinary revenue and assessed the extent to which he was successful in each. Most were able to comment on his acquisition of funds through his foreign policy and also comment about how his attempts to raise taxation led to unrest in both Yorkshire and Cornwall. The strongest answers considered issues such as crown lands and customs and were able to support their argument with precise details. Financial policy is a large topic and it is not expected that candidates would cover all issues to access the higher levels, what is important is that there is balance and a developed analysis and judgement.

#### Exemplar 3

Henry VII is widery regarded by Historians as the best buisness man to sit on the throne of England! This because a lot of Henry's focus as hing was to increase royal pinance, the had intered a somewhat we are elain to the throne and shell were other craimants sit alive with a lot stronger claims to the throne e.g. the de la Poles. Therefore, it was vital thank theory had enough

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old Exchequer system. The exchequer system was start not efficient, did not craim the maximum amount of money possence and was prone to embezziement. Richard III and Edward IV. Metwo previous hings had used the nuch more efficient chamber system. So when Henry came to one throng there

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Historians may argue that this was
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Henry made in reference to his financial

policy. Although enterally there was united success, Henry encreased royal purance by almost tenfold malional the change to the chamber system very successful as it provided him with enough maney to depend his reign and moian that he could pass on a significant amount to his heirs, thereby purpositing his arms.

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## Question 4

4\* 'Henry VII's foreign policy achieved little.' How far do you agree?

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This was the more popular question and there was wide range of responses and coverage of the topic. The strongest answers established criteria against which to judge whether the policy 'achieved little', many did this by outlining Henry's aims and considering the extent to which they were achieved, others considered his policy in relation to each country, whilst some took a more chronological approach and often suggested that little was achieved in the later part of his reign. All of these approaches were acceptable, supporting the mark scheme comment that no set answer is required. However, whatever approach is followed, it is important that a supported a developed judgement is reached in order to access the highest marks. The script below provides a good example of a response where the explanation is strong, which would take it to the top of Level 4, but where the judgement would benefit from greater development so that it reached the very top of Level 5. Candidates who want to achieve the highest level should attempt to reach interim judgements after they have considered each issue and then use those to help reach an overall judgement in their conclusion. The weakest answers often focused on a narrow range of issues, often Medina del Campo and Etaples or did not go beyond the early years of Henry's reign. However, in a question such as this there really does need to be coverage of the whole period, even if some parts are treated less thoroughly, so that a valid overall judgement can be reached. There were a wide range of issues that could be considered and it was not expected that everything was covered but a balanced discussion was expected and therefore it was helpful to discuss the latter years of his reign and the situation by 1509 when many of the earlier achievements appear to have been undermined.

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