# 3.2 Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1559: Elizabeth's Succession and Character: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

**Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.**

**1** Give the year in which Elizabeth I became queen of England.

**(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)**

**2** Give the year in which the House of Commons petitioned Elizabeth to marry, early in her reign.

**(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)**

**3** Name the position held by William Cecil in Elizabeth's government from 1558, before he was made Lord Burghley in 1571.

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**

**4** State two features of the public image Elizabeth's government cultivated of her as queen.

**(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)**

**5** Describe two features of the problems Elizabeth faced as a female ruler in 1558.

**(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)**


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## Question 1

1558 **B1**

**Answer: 1558**

## Question 2

1559 **B1**

**Answer: 1559**

## Question 3

Secretary of State (Principal Secretary) **B1**

**Answer: Secretary of State**

## Question 4

portraits and public displays presented her as the 'Virgin Queen', symbolically married only to her country **B1**

she went on regular royal progresses around southern England, staying with nobles so her subjects could see her and reinforcing loyalty to her **B1**

**Answer: The 'Virgin Queen' image in portraiture, and public royal progresses.**

## Question 5

feature 1 identified, e.g. many at the time doubted whether a woman had the authority or strength to rule effectively **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. this prejudice was expressed in works such as John Knox's 1558 pamphlet against female rule **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. the question of who Elizabeth might marry **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. whoever she married could gain great influence over the realm, risking a repeat of the unpopularity Mary I faced over her marriage to Philip of Spain **B1**

**Answer: Any two features, e.g. contemporary prejudice against female rule, and the political risks attached to the marriage question.**


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