3.9 The Ridolfi, Throckmorton and Babington Plots, 1571-86: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

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

1 Give the year in which the Throckmorton Plot was uncovered in England.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name the Italian banker who organised contacts for the Ridolfi Plot and sought Spanish support for replacing Elizabeth I with Mary Queen of Scots.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Describe two features of Walsingham's intelligence network that helped to uncover plots against Elizabeth I between 1571 and 1586.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

4 Explain two reasons why Elizabeth I was reluctant to have Mary, Queen of Scots executed, even though plots were made in Mary's name.

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

1583 **B1**

Answer: 1583

Question 2

Roberto Ridolfi **B1**

Answer: Roberto Ridolfi

Question 3

feature 1 identified, e.g. use of agents and spies both in England and abroad to recruit informers and to monitor suspected Catholics **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. agents infiltrated Catholic circles, reported on meetings, and maintained secret contact with double agents **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. systematic interception and deciphering of letters and ciphers to secure documentary evidence **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. Walsingham employed codebreakers and controlled the route of suspect correspondence to obtain readable copies **B1**

Answer: He ran agents and spies who infiltrated Catholic networks and he intercepted and deciphered coded letters, using broken ciphers to produce documentary evidence.

Question 4

reason 1 identified, e.g. Mary was an anointed queen and Elizabeth's cousin, and executing a monarch might set a precedent that could be used against Elizabeth herself **B1**

development of reason 1, e.g. Elizabeth believed that monarchs should not be judged by their subjects, so a trial and execution challenged the ideas that protected her own throne **B1**

reason 2 identified, e.g. an execution might provoke a violent reaction from Catholic powers, or from Mary's son James VI of Scotland **B1**

development of reason 2, e.g. France or Spain could use the execution as an excuse to invade, and English Catholics might rise in anger **B1**

Answer: Mary was an anointed queen and cousin, so her execution set a dangerous precedent; and it risked revenge from Catholic powers or from her son James VI.

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