3.10 The Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, 1587: 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 Mary, Queen of Scots, was executed.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name the English castle where Mary was held, tried and executed.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Give the name of the English queen who ultimately authorised the warrant that led to Marys execution.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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4 Describe two features of the events surrounding Mary, Queen of Scots trial and execution at Fotheringhay in 1587.

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

5 State one legal or procedural reason given at the time for trying Mary in England rather than executing her abroad.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

1587 **B1**

Answer: 1587

Question 2

Fotheringhay Castle **B1**

Answer: Fotheringhay Castle

Question 3

Elizabeth I **B1**

Answer: Elizabeth I

Question 4

feature 1 identified, e.g. that Mary was tried by a commission of English peers and officials acting under a special Act of Parliament **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. the trial was held at Fotheringhay Castle with commissioners including the Lord Chancellor and other senior judges **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. that Elizabeth hesitated to sign the death warrant and delayed while foreign and domestic appeals for clemency were made **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. ministers pressed Elizabeth and she signed the warrant only after much reluctance and debate about legality and consequences **B1**

Answer: For example: Mary was tried by an English commission at Fotheringhay under the authority of Parliament, and Elizabeth hesitated before signing the death warrant despite domestic and international pleas for clemency.

Question 5

identifies a reason, e.g. that Mary had been accused of treason against the English crown and so could be tried under English law **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. English ministers argued they had jurisdiction because the conspiracies targeted Elizabeth and English soil was threatened **B1**

Answer: Because the accusations were of treason against the English crown, ministers argued Mary should be tried under English law for plots that targeted Elizabeth and the realm.

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