3.6 Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88: Elizabethan Society and the Problem of the Poor: 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 of the Vagabonds Act that introduced a compulsory local poor rate and harsher punishments for vagrants.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Give one long-term cause, dating back to the 1530s under Henry VIII, that historians link to rising poverty later in the Tudor period.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Name the earlier Tudor Act, from 1563, that regulated wages and required able-bodied people without another trade to work in agriculture.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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4 State two reasons why vagrants and 'sturdy beggars' were widely feared in Elizabethan society.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

5 Describe two features of the government's response to poverty in the 1570s.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

1572 **B1**

Answer: 1572

Question 2

the dissolution of the monasteries (1536-40), which had traditionally provided charity/almsgiving to the poor **B1**

Answer: The dissolution of the monasteries

Question 3

the Statute of Artificers (1563) **B1**

Answer: The Statute of Artificers

Question 4

they were associated in the popular imagination with crime, such as theft and fraud **B1**

their movement between towns, with no fixed home or master, was seen as a threat to the social order of a society that expected everyone to have a settled place and role **B1**

Answer: Association with crime, and their unsettled, masterless way of life threatening social order.

Question 5

feature 1 identified, e.g. a compulsory local poor rate **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. introduced by the 1572 Vagabonds Act, requiring parishes to raise money through a tax to support the deserving poor **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. provision of work for the able-bodied unemployed **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. the 1576 Poor Act required JPs to supply raw materials so they could be set to work, with a house of correction for those who refused **B1**

Answer: Any two features, e.g. the 1572 compulsory poor rate, and the 1576 work-provision requirement.

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