

# Cambridge International AS & A Level

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**EUROPEAN HISTORY**

**9981/01**

Paper 1 Historical Sources

**For examination from 2027**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**1 hour 15 minutes**



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question.

**France, 1774–1814**

- 1 Read the sources and then answer **both** parts of the question.

**Source A**

The Estates-General shall meet at three-yearly intervals. Public opinion has recognised the necessity for voting by head to compensate for the disadvantages of distinction of orders.

All men are equal in rights. No citizen may be arrested or punished except by legal judgement. No citizen, not even a soldier, may be dismissed without a trial. No citizen may be arrested, nor his home entered, on the orders of the king. The civil and religious liberty of each man, his independence of every other authority except that of the law, prohibits all enquiry into his opinions, speech, writings and actions, provided they do not disturb public order and do not harm the rights of others.

Any special tax, whether personal or on property, such as the poll tax, military service, forced labour or the billeting of troops, shall be replaced by general taxes paid equally by citizens of all classes.

From the Cahier de doléances of the Third Estate of Paris, 1789.

**Source B**

The Estates-General shall meet at fixed periods. Votes shall be counted by head and not by order in the national assembly and in all political assemblies in the provinces.

No attempt shall be made upon the liberty of any citizen without giving him means of defence at the moment of his detention. Freedom of the press should be established on the condition that every man signs his writing. Only the Catholic religion should be publicly practised in France. We request proper and effective means of giving young people in town and country an education that will be solid and useful to religion and to the state.

At each meeting of the Estates-General an account shall be given to the nation of the use made of public money since the previous meeting. It should be a fundamental law of the kingdom that no tax will be imposed without the agreement of the assembly. The people should be protected from the distress caused by feudal fees relating to the use of pigeon-houses, flour mills, olive presses and ovens.

From the Cahier de doléances of the First Estate of St Malo, April 1789.

## Source C



A cartoon titled 'In times past, even the most useful were trampled underfoot', published in France in 1789. The words on the stone read 'Taille, Impôts and Corvées', which were all types of taxation.

## Source D

The crowd, besieging every baker's shop, received a small amount of bread, always with warnings about possible shortages next day. Some spent the whole day waiting at the baker's door without receiving anything. There was frequent bloodshed. Food was snatched from the hand as people came to blows. Workshops were deserted. Workmen wasted their time trying to get hold of small amounts of food. By losing working time in queuing, they found themselves unable to pay for the next day's supply.

At the height of the shortage, I went to Versailles for a short visit. I was curious to see what sort of bread was being eaten at court. Everywhere I saw only beautiful bread, of the finest and most delicate quality. It was served in great abundance and delivered by the bakers themselves.

From an article published in a Paris newspaper in 1789.

Answer **both** parts of the question with reference to the sources.

(a) Read Sources A and B.

Compare these two sources as evidence about the intentions for the Estates-General. [15]

(b) Read **all** of the sources.

How far do these sources agree that economic problems were responsible for the growth of discontent before the Revolution? [25]

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