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Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1)

Thursday 4 June 2026

Morning (Time: 1 hour 50 minutes – total time for **both** booklets)

Paper reference **1HI0/B4**

History

BOOKLET B4: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88

You must have:
The corresponding booklet P.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are two booklets in this question paper. **This is booklet B.** Answer questions 1(a), 1(b), 2 and **either 3 or 4** in this booklet.
- Check you have the corresponding booklet P.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this booklet is 32.
- The total time for **both** booklets is 1 hour 50 minutes.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- **Do not forget to complete booklet P.**

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to divide your time equally between each booklet of the question paper.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Turn over ►

Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88

Answer Question 1(a), Question 1(b), Question 2 and EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

1 (a) Describe one feature of poverty in Early Elizabethan England.

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(b) Describe one feature of the attempted colonisation of Virginia.

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(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

- 3** 'Financial weakness was Elizabeth's main problem when she became queen in 1558.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- the Crown's debt
- Elizabeth's legitimacy

You **must** also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)

OR

- 4** 'The main reason for the English victory over the Spanish Armada was due to poor planning by the Spanish.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- the leadership of the Duke of Medina Sidonia
- the use of fire ships

You **must** also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 4 = 16 marks)

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TOTAL FOR BOOKLET B = 32 MARKS



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