Examination Period 3: 2016/17

HIS100317N

Module Title: Kings and Confessions in Europe, 1500-1700
Level: Four
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:
- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer three questions: two from Section A and one from Section B.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.
- Both sections are equally weighted.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.
- Students are not permitted to remove this examination paper from the examination room. For all purposes the examination paper remains the property of the University of Northampton.

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Section A

Answer two questions from Section A

1. What was Renaissance Humanism, and why did it appeal to sixteenth-century Europeans?

2. Why did some regions of Europe become primarily Protestant by 1600, but not others?

3. How and why did ideas about monarchy change between 1500 and 1700?

4. What was new about the ways in which the natural world and universe were investigated in seventeenth-century Europe?
Section B

Answer one question from Section B.

5. Why were the Spanish and Portuguese at the forefront of European global exploration in the sixteenth century?

6. How did print technology change the ways in which Europeans engaged with texts prior to 1700?

7. Assess the condition of the Western Church in 1500.

8. By what means did the Catholic Church reinforce its authority and promote its doctrines in the later sixteenth and seventeenth centuries?

9. How have historians explained the geographical distribution of early modern witchcraft trials?
10. How and why did European court culture evolve between 1500 and 1700?

11. Why did early modern people rebel?

12. Why have historians used the term ‘Military Revolution’ to describe the changing nature of warfare in the early modern period?