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**Tuesday 11 June 2019 – Afternoon**

**GCSE (9–1) History B (Schools History Project)**

**J411/32 Viking Expansion, c.750–c.1050  
with Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest, 1519–1535**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Section A – Viking Expansion, c.750–c.1050: Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2, 3 and **either** question 4 **or** question 5.
- Section B – Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest, 1519–1535: Answer questions 6 and 7, and **either** question 8 **or** question 9.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **8** pages.

## SECTION A

## Viking Expansion, c.750–c.1050

Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2 and 3.

- 1 (a) Give **one** example of a group that traded with the Volga Vikings. [1]
- (b) Identify **one** reason why Vikings left their homelands. [1]
- (c) Identify **one** feature of Harald Bluetooth's rule. [1]
- 2 Write a clear and organised summary that analyses the trading activities of the Volga Vikings. Support your summary with examples. [9]
- 3 What was the impact of the Great Heathen Army's invasion of England? Explain your answer with examples. [10]

Answer **either** question 4 **or** question 5.

- 4\* 'Religion was the most important aspect of the lives of Vikings in their homelands.' How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [18]
- 5\* 'Harald Bluetooth was more important than Svein Forkbeard in the development of a Viking kingdom.' How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [18]

## SECTION B

**Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest, 1519–1535**

Answer questions 6 and 7.

- 6 What can Source A tell us about the Spanish as they moved through Tlaxcalan territory? Use the source and your own knowledge to support your answer.

[7]

**Source A – From *The Conquest of New Spain* written by Bernal Diaz in the 1560s. Diaz was a member of Cortes' expedition to Mexico. In this source Diaz describes a debate between Cortes and some of his soldiers in September 1519. This was shortly after fierce battles with the Tlaxcalans.**

B Diaz, 'The Conquest of New Spain', pp158-160, translator J Cohen, 'The Conquest of New Spain', Penguin Books Ltd, 1963, © J Cohen 1963. Item removed due to third party copyright restrictions.

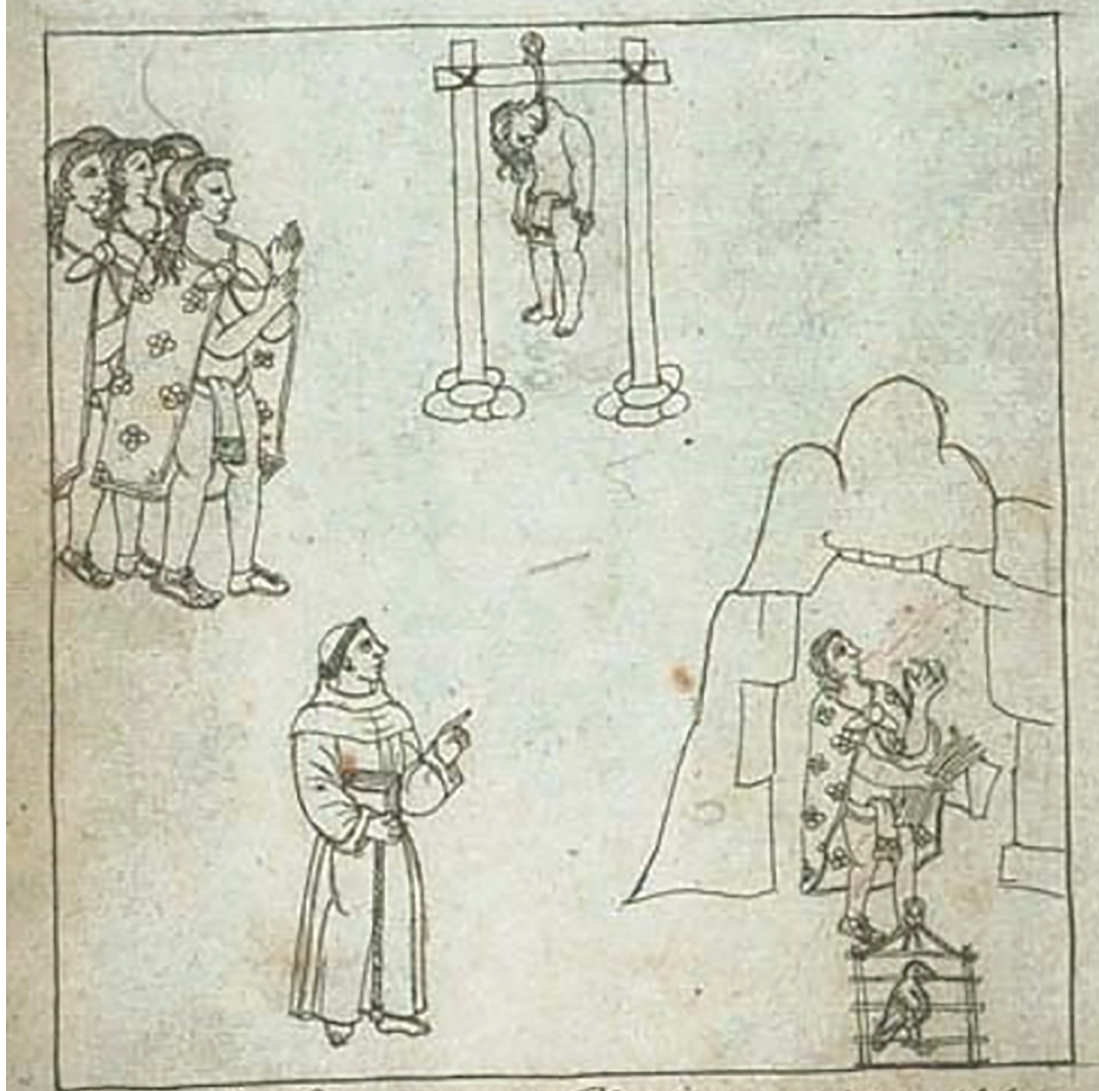
- 7 How useful are Sources B and C and Interpretation D for a historian studying the work of the Church in New Spain? In your answer, refer to the two sources and the interpretation as well as your own knowledge. [15]

**Source B – From *The History of the Indies of New Spain* by Fray Diego Duran, written in 1581. Duran was born in Spain but his family moved to Mexico City and he was educated there. In 1556 he became a Dominican friar and spent the rest of his life preaching and in close contact with the Indians.**

The Christian religion began to grow and the Indians took to it with love and willingness. After the Christian fathers had preached to them, they began to abandon their idols. They broke them, mocked them and stepped on them. They begged to be baptised with great enthusiasm, and it was an amazing thing to see the millions who came for this baptism and who gave up the blindness in which they had lived their lives.

Twelve years after the conquest of New Spain, the fathers of the Order of Saint Augustine arrived and took up the work of conversion. They dedicated themselves to this work and began to convert these poor nations. In order to present a good example before the Indians, the most Christian Cortes would kneel and kiss the hands of any friar he met.

**Source C** – An illustration from *The History of Mexico* written by Munoz Camargo in the 1580s. Camargo was born in 1529. He had a Spanish father and Indian mother. This illustration was probably not drawn by him but by an Indian. Underneath the illustration was written ‘Punishment and justice for someone who had gone back to the Aztec religion. He is to be hanged the very next day.’



**Interpretation D** – From *The Conquest of Mexico* by the historian Hugh Thomas, 1993.

Cortes believed that the friars held the secret of keeping the large population peaceful and he was pleased to welcome in 1523, three volunteer Franciscans. So began the domination of the friars. Many more came, carrying out conversions by the thousand. Documents suggest that at least on a superficial level their success in Mexico was remarkable. The conquerors covered the country with a network of monasteries, churches and shrines. Yet this conversion was a patchwork. Fray Diego Duran was honest enough to see that Mexicans, while formally attending Christian festivals, seemed underneath to be celebrating pagan ones. The secret practice of ancient religious ceremonies continued for many years. Some Indian converts publicly washed their heads; so renouncing their baptism.

**TURN OVER FOR QUESTIONS 8 AND 9**

Answer **either** question 8 **or** question 9.

- 8\*** How far do you agree that its agriculture was the basis of the wealth of the Aztec Empire? Explain your answer. **[18]**
- 9\*** 'Religious belief was the most important reason the Aztecs practised human sacrifice.' How far do you agree with this view? **[18]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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