ENGLAND GCSE HISTORY OCR · UNIT 2 · 25 QUESTIONS

The Elizabethans, 1580-1603 — Practice Test

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1 **Which queen did Elizabeth succeed in 1558?**

- A Mary I
- B Elizabeth of York
- C Lady Jane Grey
- D Mary Queen of Scots

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2 **Which metal was mined in Cornwall?**

- A coal
- B lead
- C tin
- D iron

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3 **What did Elizabethan farmers fear most in a wet summer?**

- A a shortage of workers at harvest
- B a fall in the price of grain
- C a plague among their cattle
- D a bad harvest

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4 **Who was Elizabeth's mother?**

- A Anne Boleyn
- B Catherine Parr
- C Catherine of Aragon
- D Jane Seymour

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5 **What did Elizabethans call a group of travelling players?**

- A a school of young players
- B a guild of London actors
- C a company
- D a troupe of royal singers

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6 **What did Raleigh name the land he claimed in America?**

- A Virginia
- B New England
- C Maryland
- D Carolina

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7 **Which Jesuit priest came to England in 1580 and was executed in 1581?**

A William Allen

B Edmund Campion

C John Gerard

D Robert Persons

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8 **When did the Spanish Armada sail against England?**

A 1598

B 1578

C 1588

D 1608

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9 **Which company was founded in 1600 to trade with Asia?**

A the East India Company

B the Levant Company of 1581

C the Virginia Company of 1606

D the Muscovy Company of 1555

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10 **What did many Elizabethans believe caused disease?**

A dirty hands spreading infection

B tiny creatures in drinking water

C eating too much fresh fruit

D bad air

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11 **What did Elizabeth use portraits and progresses to do?**

- A raise money for the royal navy
- B teach her people to read and write
- C find a husband among foreign princes
- D show her power

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12 **Who were the Puritans?**

- A followers of Mary Queen of Scots in England
- B Christians who rejected all forms of worship
- C Catholics who wanted the Pope back in charge
- D Protestants who wanted a purer Church

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13 **What happened to Philip II's later armadas in the 1590s?**

A storms scattered them

B they blockaded London for a year

C they landed an army in Cornwall

D they captured Plymouth and Exeter

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14 **Where did Raleigh try to plant a colony in 1585?**

A Roanoke

B Jamestown

C Virginia

D Plymouth

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15 **What did the Poor Law of 1601 set up in each parish?**

- A a free school for poor children
- B a hospital for the sick and old
- C a workhouse for every beggar
- D a poor rate

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16 **What happened to the Earl of Essex after his rebellion failed?**

- A he was executed
- B he was locked in the Tower for life
- C he was sent into exile in France
- D he was forgiven and made a minister

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17 **Which plot of 1586 aimed to kill Elizabeth and put Mary on the throne?**

A the Babington Plot

B the Gunpowder Plot of 1605

C the Throckmorton Plot of 1583

D the Ridolfi Plot of 1571

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18 **What did the English use to break the Armada's formation at Gravelines?**

A boarding parties with cutlasses

B long range cannon from the shore

C a storm that scattered the fleet

D fireships

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19 **Who was the first English child born in America?**

A Mary Hawkins

B Virginia Dare

C Anne Gilbert

D Virginia Raleigh

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20 **Who paid the poor rate under the Poor Law of 1601?**

A the Church from its own lands

B the queen from her own purse

C local householders

D merchants trading overseas

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21 **What was the Privy Council?**

A a court that tried traitors in secret

B a group of merchants who lent money

C the queen's advisers

D a meeting of all the lords in England

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22 **Who commanded the Spanish Armada?**

A the Marquis of Santa Cruz at sea

B the Duke of Alba in the Netherlands

C Don John of Austria in command

D the Duke of Medina Sidonia

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23 **What happened to the Roanoke colony of 1587?**

- A it was taken over by Spain
- B it vanished
- C it grew into a great city
- D it moved inland to the mountains

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24 **When did Elizabeth I become queen?**

- A 1578
- B 1548
- C 1568
- D 1558

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Why did many Catholics see Mary Queen of Scots as the rightful queen?

A she had been crowned by the Pope in Rome

B she was born in England to English parents

C she was Catholic

D she was married to the king of France

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	D	**19.**	B
2.	C	**11.**	D	**20.**	C
3.	D	**12.**	D	**21.**	C
4.	A	**13.**	A	**22.**	D
5.	C	**14.**	A	**23.**	B
6.	A	**15.**	D	**24.**	D
7.	B	**16.**	A	**25.**	C
8.	C	**17.**	A		
9.	A	**18.**	D		

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