

Early Elizabethan England

<u>Key topic 1 – Queen, government and religion, 1558-69</u>	
Outline	Detail
The situation on Elizabeth's accession	Elizabethan England in 1558: society and government. The Virgin Queen: the problem of her legitimacy, gender, marriage. Her character and strengths. Challenges at home and from abroad: the French threat, financial weaknesses.
The 'settlement' of religion	Religious divisions in England in 1558. Elizabeth's religious settlement (1559): its features and impact. The Church of England: its role in society.
Challenge to the religious settlement	The nature and extent of the Puritan challenge. The nature and extent of the Catholic challenge, including the role of the nobility, Papacy and foreign powers.
The problem of Mary, Queen of Scots	Mary, Queen of Scots: her claim to the English throne, her arrival in England in 1568. Relations between Elizabeth and Mary, 1568–69.

4 marks – Describe two features of.....
a) Elizabeth's Privy Council b) Elizabeth's experiences before she became Queen. c) Elizabeth's education d) Elizabeth's Religious Settlement e) the challenge from the Puritans between 1558 and 1569.
12 marks – Explain why.....
a) Explain why religion was so important in sixteenth century England. b) Explain why Elizabeth had not ended religious problems by 1569. c) Explain why Mary, Queen of Scots created a problem for Elizabeth when she came to England in 1568. d) Explain why the Catholic threat to Elizabeth I increased after 1566. You may use the following in your answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dutch Revolt • Mary, Queen of Scots' arrival in England in 1568. You must also use information of your own.
16 marks
a) 'The threat of invasion was Elizabeth's main problem when she became Queen in 1558.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. b) 'Elizabeth I dealt with the problems of 1558 successfully.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. c) 'Elizabeth's religious settlement was a successful compromise.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

d) 'The religious settlement of 1559 did not solve the problem of religion in Elizabethan England.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer:

- The new Church of England.
- The Catholics and the Puritans.

You must also use information of your own.

e) 'Religion was Elizabeth's main problem in the years 1558-69.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer:

- The settlement of religion.
- Mary, Queen of Scots' arrival in England in 1568.

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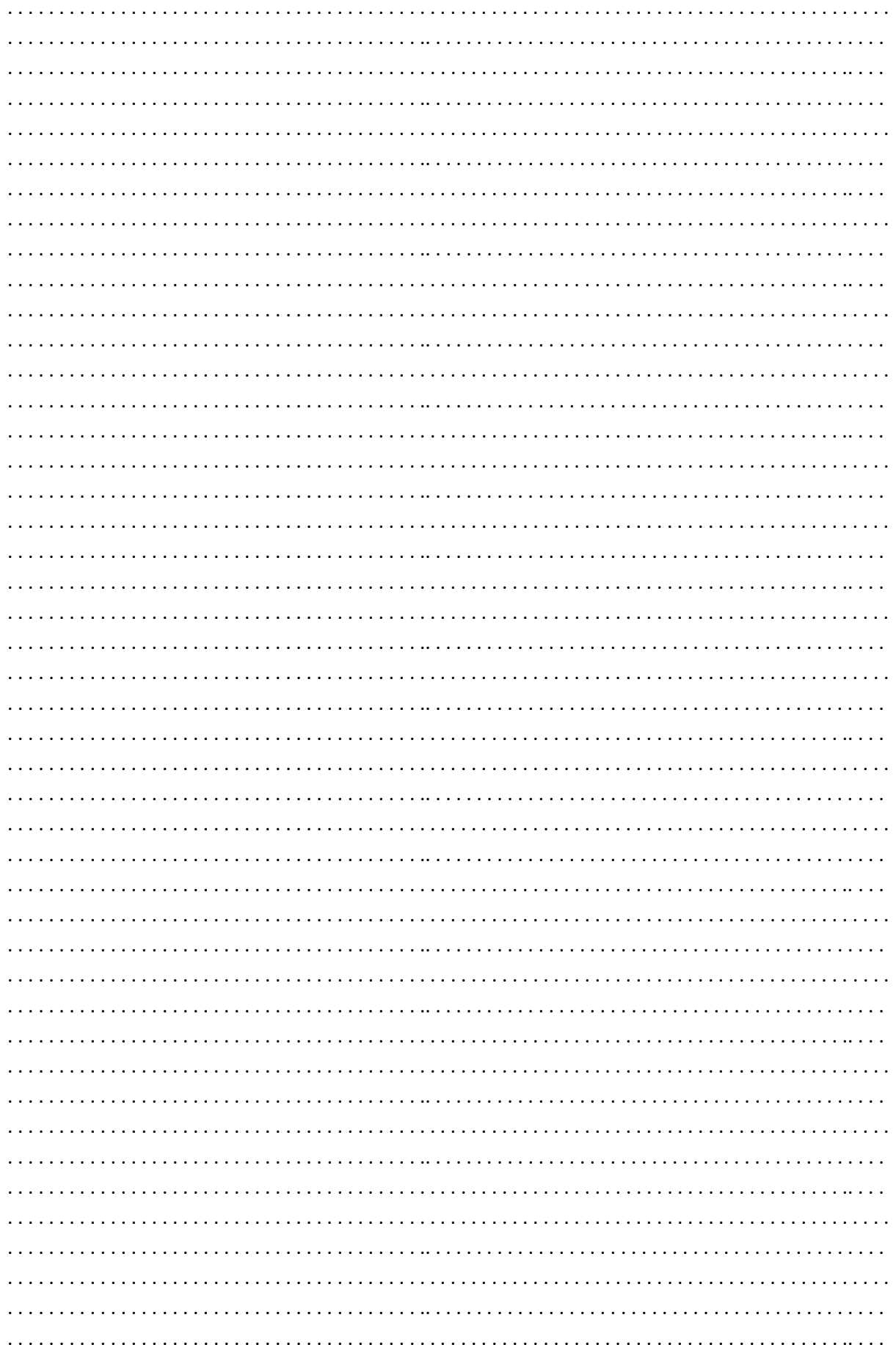
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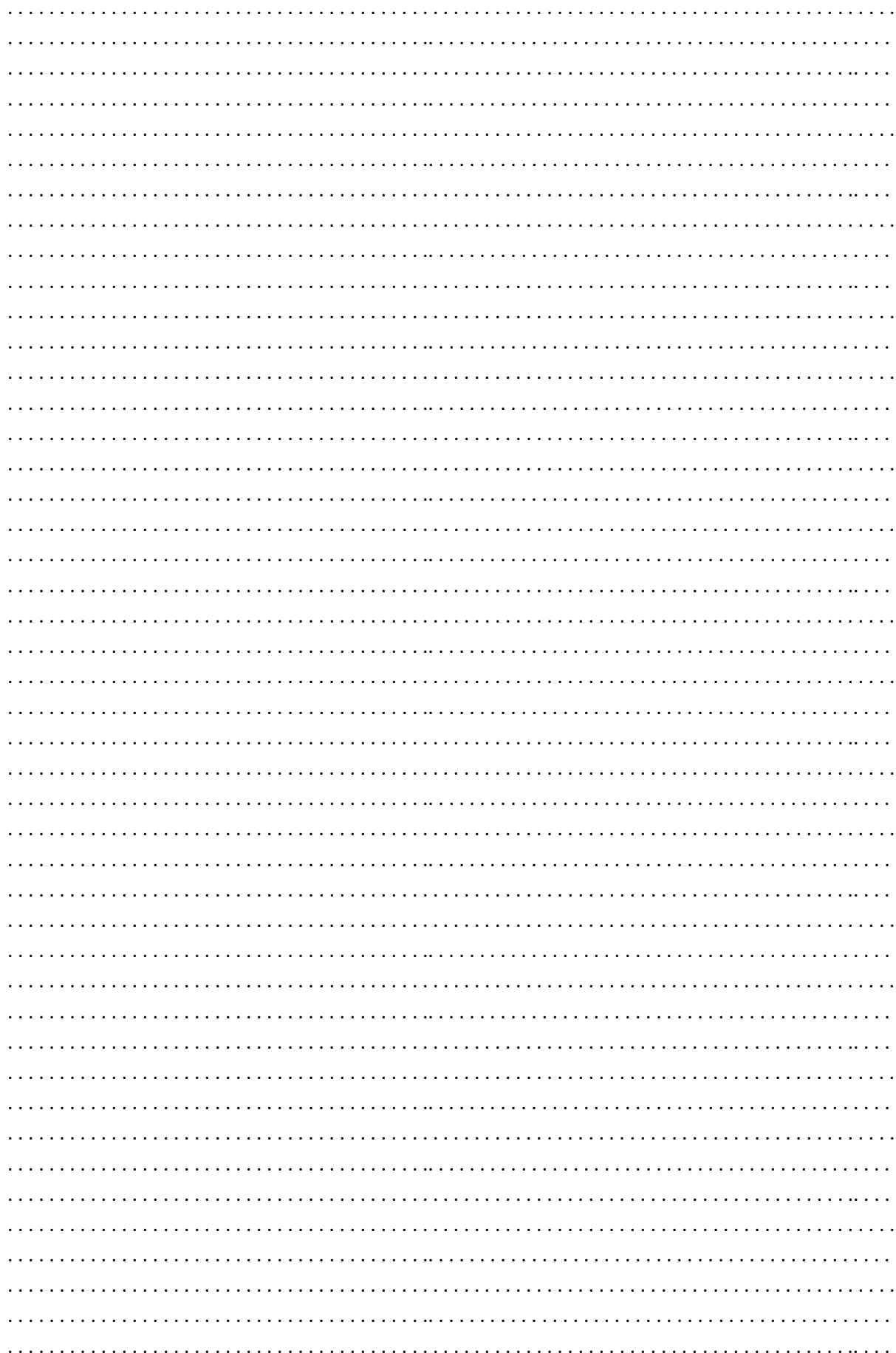
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<u>Key Topic 2 – Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad, 1569-88</u>	
Outline	Detail
Plots and revolts at home	The reasons for, and significance of, the Revolt of the Northern Earls, 1569–70. The features and significance of the Ridolfi, Throckmorton and Babington plots. Walsingham and the use of spies. The reasons for, and significance of, Mary Queen of Scots' execution in 1587.
Relations with Spain	Political and religious rivalry. Commercial rivalry. The New World, privateering and the significance of the activities of Drake.
Outbreak of war with Spain 1585-88	English direct involvement in the Netherlands, 1585–88. The role of Robert Dudley. Drake and the raid on Cadiz: 'Singeing the King of Spain's beard'.
The Armada	Spanish invasion plans. Reasons why Philip used the Spanish Armada. The reasons for, and consequences of, the English victory.

4 marks – Describe two features of.....
a) the Ridolfi Plot b) the Babington Plot. c) Drake's attacks on Spanish shipping and trade. d) the English navy sent against the Spanish Armada. e) the naval battle of Gravelines. f) the revolt of the Northern Earls. g) the plots against Elizabeth between 1571 and 1587. h) Mary, Queen of Scots' threat to Elizabeth I.
12 marks – Explain why.....
a) Explain why Mary, Queen of Scots was executed in 1587. b) Explain why the Throckmorton Plot (1583) was a threat to Queen Elizabeth. c) Explain why war broke out between England and Spain in 1585. d) Explain why Philip II launched the Armada against England in 1588. You may use the following in your answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England's involvement in the Netherlands • Drake's attacks on Spain's colonies in America. You must also use information of your own. e) Explain why the Spanish Armada was defeated in 1588. You may use the following in your answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ships and guns • Philip's plan. You must also use information of your own.
16 marks
a) 'The Babington Plot was the main cause of the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

- b) 'Lack of foreign support was the main reason why Catholic revolts and plots against Elizabeth failed.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer:
- the Ridolfi Plot
 - the Bond of Association.
- You must also use information of your own.
- c) 'Religious rivalry rather than commercial or political rivalry caused the war between Spain and England.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- d) 'Political grievances were the main reason for the Revolt of the Northern Earls in 1569-70.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer:
- The Earls of Northumberland and Westmorland
 - Mary, Queen of Scots.
- You must also use information of your own.
- e) 'The decline in Anglo-Spanish relations in the years 1569-85 was caused by Elizabeth I.' How far do you agree? You may use the following in your answer:
- Drake's voyages to the New World
 - The Netherlands
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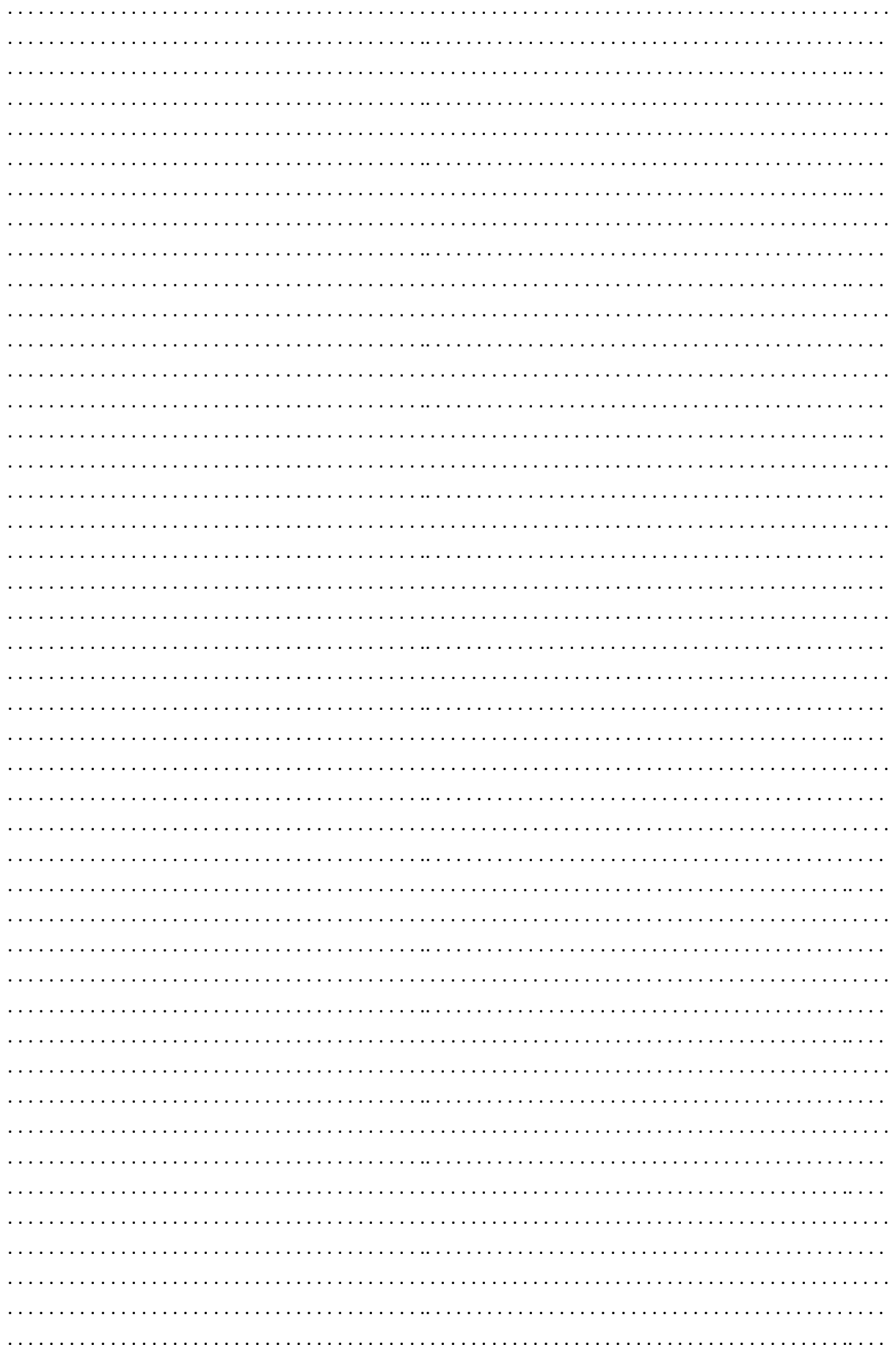
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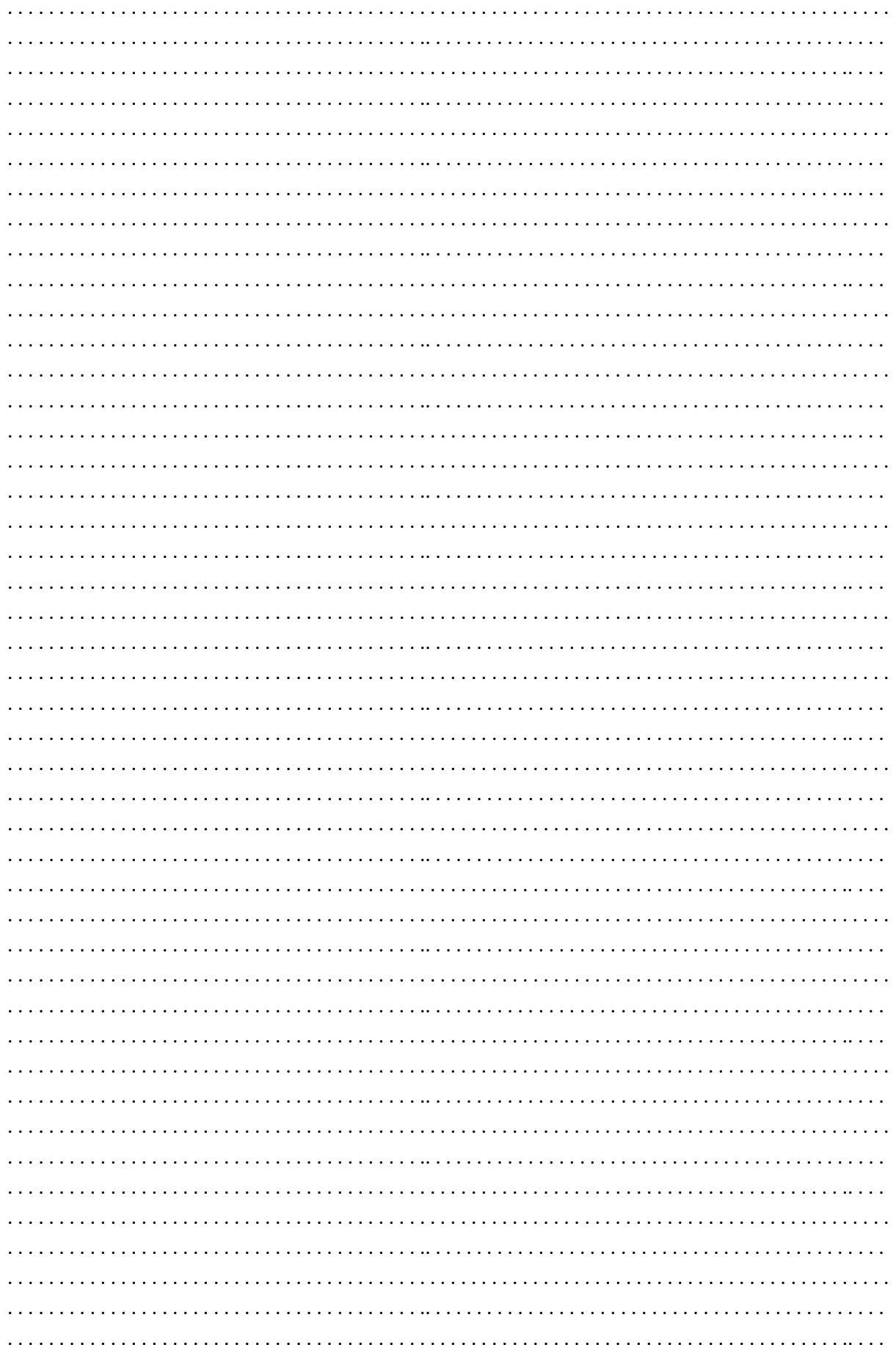
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Key Topic 3 – Elizabethan society in the age of exploration, 1558-88

Outline	Detail
Education and leisure	Education in the home, schools and universities. Sport, pastimes and the theatre.
The problem of the poor	The reasons for the increase in poverty and vagabondage during these years. The changing attitudes and policies towards the poor.
Exploration and voyages of discovery	Factors prompting exploration, including the impact of new technology on ships and sailing and the drive to expand trade. The reasons for, and significance of, Drake's circumnavigation of the globe.
Raleigh and Virginia	The significance of Raleigh and the attempted colonisation of Virginia. Reasons for the failure of Virginia.

4 marks – Describe two features of.....

- a) theatres in Elizabethan London.
- b) grammar schools
- c) universities.
- d) sports and pastimes for the wealthy.
- e) sports and pastimes for ordinary people
- f) the attempts to colonise Virginia in the 1580s.
- g) Drake's circumnavigation of the world.
- h) Elizabethan schools.
- i) the Elizabethan system of poor relief that were new.

12 marks – Explain why.....

- a) Explain why Elizabethans were worried about the 'idle poor' and vagabonds.
- b) Explain why English sailors went on so many voyages of discovery during Elizabeth's reign.
- c) Explain why men such as Francis Drake went on voyages of exploration.
- d) Explain why the attempt to colonise Virginia in 1585-86 was a failure. You may use the following in your answer:
 - The colonists
 - Wingina
 You must also use information of your own.

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- a) 'Poor harvests were the most important cause of poverty in Elizabeth's reign.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- b) 'The most important consequence of the voyages of Drake and Raleigh was the wealth they brought back to England'. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

- c) 'Relations with the Native Americans were the main reason for the failure of the Virginia colonies.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- d) 'The success of Drake's circumnavigation was due solely to his skills as a sailor.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- e) 'Events in the New World were the main reason for the breakdown of relations with Spain.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.
- f) 'The main reason that voyages of exploration were undertaken during Elizabeth I's reign was to increase England's wealth'. How far do you agree? You may use the following in your answer:
- Anglo-Spanish relations
 - Developing trade.
- You must also use information of your own.
- g) 'Population growth was the main reason why vagabondage increased in Elizabethan England.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer:
- Sheep farming
 - Rising prices
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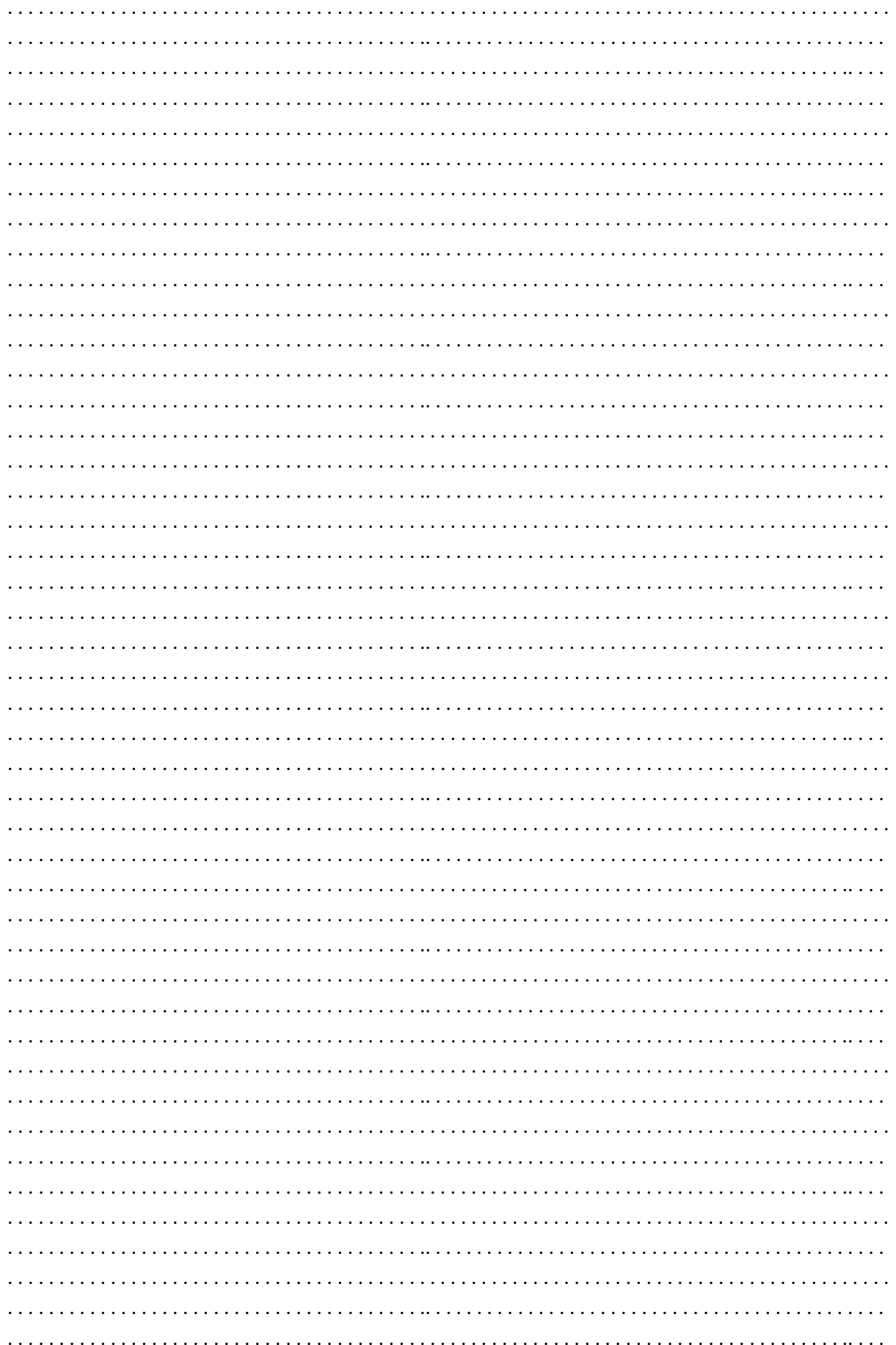
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