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HISTORY

Course HI267: **REFORMATION EUROPE**

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours
Answer **THREE** questions

1. The Reformation has been characterized as 'an urban event'. Why is this?
2. What did Martin Luther initially hope to achieve by posting his 95 theses against indulgences?
3. Why was Ulrich Zwingli more closely involved in Reformation politics than Martin Luther?
4. Discuss the interpretation of the German Peasants' War as an 'early bourgeois revolution'. What are the strengths and weaknesses of this interpretation?
5. What did contemporaries understand as the causes of the 16th-century price rise? Why did inflation lead to popular unrest?
6. Discuss the difficulties faced by the Emperor Charles V in responding to the Reformation.
7. Discuss the causes of the Pilgrimage of Grace in England.
8. How and with what success did King Henry VIII's government attempt to tackle the problems of inflation and demographic growth in England?
9. What were the main reasons for Habsburg-Valois rivalry in the age of Charles V and Francis I?
10. Did 'Kett's demands being in rebellion' (1549) resemble the Twelve Articles of the German Peasants (1525)? And if so, where and why?
11. 'The primary purpose of the Counter-Reformation was to counter the spread of Protestantism, not to reform the Catholic church.' Discuss.
12. Account for the growing appeal of Calvinism from the 1550s.