| Q. When did Elizabeth become Queen? A. November 1558 | Q. How old was Elizabeth when she became Queen? A. 25. | Q. Who had been Elizabeth's mother and what happened to her? A. Anne Boleyn. She was a Protestant and executed. | |
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| Q. Who acted as a mother figure to Elizabeth in her teenage years? A. Catherine Parr, Henry VIII's sixth wife and | Q. What had the Third Act of Succession of 1544 stated? A. That Elizabeth could only succeed to the throne after | Q. Why had Princess Elizabeth feared for her life? A. Her sister, Queen Mary I had her imprisoned after being implicated in Wyatt's Rebellion, | |
| Protestant reformer. Q. What religious problem did Elizabeth face when she became Queen. | Q. Why was the Royal Court important? A. It was the centre of | Q. Who ran the Royal Court? | |
| A. England had lurched from Protestantism under Edward VI to Catholicism under Mary. Q. Elizabeth ran a Personal | political power and nobility had access to Elizabeth. Q. Who sat in the Royal Court? | A. The Lord Chamberlain. Q. Name some of Elizabeth's 19 residences? | |
| Monarchy. What does this mean? A. Access to the Queen was essential for political power. | A. Courtiers: about 500 nobles, advisors, officials, servants. | A. Richmond, Whitehall Palace, St James' Palace, Hampton Court, Greenwich, Nonsuch, Tower of London, Windsor Castle. | |
| Q. Where was the Royal Court based? A. Wherever the Queen was in residence. | Q. What were Elizabeth's Progresses? A. When she travelled with her Court on tours to homes of the | Q. What purpose did Progresses serve? A. Public relations exercises - Elizabeth seen by her subjects and flattered nobles chosen. | |
| Q. What was the Privy Council? A. Most important body of | Q. Who and what accompanied Elizabeth on her Progresses? | Q. How did Elizabeth appear in Progresses? | |
| central government. It met daily and ran government, even in absence of Queen | A. Her Court, 400 waggons with clothes, linen, furnishings. | A. As a goddess, parading in her finery. | |

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| Q. What practical purpose did Progresses serve? | Q. How did performance at Court play an important role? | Q. What types of performance were used by Elizabeth at Court? | |
| A. Allowed Elizabeth to live in luxury at expense of subjects. Moved out of filthy palaces + plague infested London. | A. Gave impression of power by displaying Queen's magnificence. | A. Lavish banquets, elaborate masques, musical performance, plays, tournaments, feasts. | |
| Q. What did the Privy Council co-ordinate? | Q. What key role of the Privy Council? | Q. How did Elizabeth set up her Privy Council? | |
| A. Financial departments, law courts, regional bodies (e.g. Council of the North), instruction of local officials (Lords Lieutenant, JPs) | A. Advise Elizabeth and direct policy. Could issue proclamations in the Queen's name | A. No Catholics appointed. Balanced nobility with gentry (educated, professional, full- time politicians). | |
| Q. Who was Elizabeth's most important Privy Councillor? A. William Cecil (became Lord Burghley). | Q. Why was William Cecil, Lord Burghley, so important? A. Served Elizabeth for 40 years. Trusted and loyal. All royal correspondence passed through him. Knew how to manage Elizabeth. | Q. What was 'divide and rule'? A. Elizabeth's control of Privy Council by creating rival factions in Court. Promoting and favouring loyalty, demoting and punishing disloyalty. | |
| Q. Why was Sir Francis Walsingham important? A. Key Privy Councillor, loyal, Puritan, clashed with Cecil, ally of Dudley, 'spy master' - head of Elizabeth's secret service. | Q. Why was Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, important? A. Key Privy Councillor, Elizabeth's favourite, courtier, Puritan, argued with Cecil over succession and religion. | Q. Why was Sir Christopher Hatton important? A. Key Privy Councillor, loyal, clever, moderate Protestant, helped organise processions, helped control MPs in House of Commons. | |
| Q. How did Elizabeth regard Parliament? A. An inconvenient necessity. | Q. What two Houses made up Parliament? A. Commons (gentry, lawyers, merchants) and Lords (nobility and bishops). | Q. How many parliaments sat during Elizabeth's reign? A. 13. | |
| Q. What important acts did Elizabeth's first parliament pass? A. Restoration of royal supremacy over Protestant Church of England - 'Religious Settlement'. | Q. What was Parliament's main role? A. Turn policies of Elizabeth and Privy Council into laws. | Q. Why did Elizabeth need parliament to grant taxes? A. Gave consent of the nation, to fund war, support foreign allies, crush rebellion. | |

| Q. How did Parliament challenge Elizabeth? A Claiming freedom of speech for MPs, pressure over marriage and succession, complaints over trading monopolies, religious grievances. | Q. How did Elizabeth control parliament? A. Force of personality - speeches to charm or bully MPs. Royal veto and asserting royal prerogative. Imprisoning awkward MPs. Councillors in parliament. | Q. By when was Elizabeth's government in crisis? A. The 1590s. |
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| Q. Why was Elizabeth's government in crisis by the 1590s? A. War, plague, poverty, harvest failure, deaths of Dudley (1588), Walsingham (1590), Hatton (1591), Cecil (1598). Essex Revolt. | Q. Who was Robert Devereux? A. The Earl of Essex. | Q. How did the Earl of Essex anger Elizabeth? A. By marrying without permission. Insulting and almost drawing sword on Queen. Making peace in Ireland without permission. |
| Q. Why did Essex rebel? A. He was banned from Court, placed under house arrest, lost his jobs and monopoly on sweet wines. | Q. What did Essex do in revolt? A. Gathered 300 supporters, fortified his house, refused to attend Pricy Council, marched to capture Queen. | Q. What did Elizabeth do with the Earl of Essex? A. Executed him. |
| Q. Why was being a woman a potential obstacle for Elizabeth? A. Women seen as weak. Not suited intellectually or temperamentally to reign. | Q. How did Elizabeth use her gender to her advantage? A. A useful political weapon used to charm and manipulate and avoid decisions she disliked. | Q. Who put pressure on Elizabeth to marry? A. Her Privy Council and Parliaments. |
| Q. How did Elizabeth stop Parliament discussing marriage? A. In her third Parliament she lost her temper, claimed royal prerogative and forbade further discussion. | Q. Who were Elizabeth's foreign suitors? A. Prince Eric of Sweden, King Phillip II of Spain, Holy Roman Emperor Charles of Austria, Duke of Alencon. | Q. Who were Elizabeth's English suitors? A. Earl of Arundel, Sir William Pickering, Robert Dudley (Earl of Leicester) |
| Q. Why could Elizabeth not marry Dudley? A. Dudley's wife died mysteriously. Marriage would have created scandal. | Q. Why would Elizabeth not name Mary Queen of Scots as her heir? A. She was a Catholic, was implicated in murder of her husband, could provoke Catholic rebellion. | Q. Who did Elizabeth eventually name as her heir? A. King James VI of Scotland. |

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| Q. How was Elizabeth's reign a Golden Age? A. England experienced a blossoming of culture - theatre, art, architecture, literature, music. | Q. Why was there a rise of the gentry? A. Elizabeth was suspicious of many of the nobility and promoted men from gentry class. Big landowners after Dissolution of Monasteries. Wealth from trade and exploration. | Q. How did the rise of the gentry help the Golden Age? A. Gentry's money helped fuel cultural achievements, sponsoring arts. |
| Q. What technology revolutionised cultural achievement? A. The printing press. | Q. How did fashion reinforce the Great Chain of Being? A. Court led fashion and gentry copied. Statutes of Apparel, 1574 controlled clothes people were allowed to wear according to rank. | Q. What was the 'Great Rebuilding'? A. Building boom and new ideas in architecture. |
| Q. What was new about Elizabethan architecture? A. Fashionable Renaissance design. Symmetry and size. Use of glass and light. Long gallery. Separate rooms. Decorative plasterwork. Tapestries. | Q. What did the 'Great Rebuilding' reflect? A. End of warfare, Renaissance influence, new technology, rise of the gentry, Great Chain of Being. | Q. What was the Great Chain of Being? A. The belief that society was ordered by God. Reinforced by church and government propaganda. |
| Q. How did the Elizabethan government discriminate against the theatre? A. Actors seen as threat to social order and beggars. 1572 Parliamentary Act classified actors as vagabonds. Puritans saw theatre as work of the Devil. | Q. What did discrimination against theatre encourage? A. Organisation of actor companies and building first theatres. The Curtain, The Rose, The Swan, The Globe. | Q. What were the features of Elizabethan theatres? A. Uncovered circular pit surrounded by covered galleries. Staged in afternoon. Flag signalling play and trumpeter for start. Boys played female roles. |
| Q. Who went to the theatre? A. Audiences from wide social range as popular and cheap. Cheapest tickets for 'pit' - poor called 'groundlings'. Wealthier in galleries. 'Lords' Room' above stage. | Q. Name some successful Elizabethan playwrights. A. Ben Johnson, Thomas Kyd, Thomas Dekker, Christopher Marlowe, William Shakespeare. | Q. Why did official attitudes to theatre change in the 1570s? A. Elizabeth and her advisors saw the potential of theatre for providing propaganda and encouraging social stability. |
| Q. How was theatre used by Elizabeth's government? A. Plays flattered Elizabeth. They were censored to prevent political criticism. Reinforced Great Chain of Being. | Q. What was the Cult of Elizabeth? A. Visual and literary propaganda to create cult of personality around Elizabeth (Gloriana). Q. What did Edmund Sper poem 'The Faerie Queen' Elizabeth? A. Gloriana. | |

| Q. How were all people familiar with Elizabeth's image? A. Portraits and miniatures were copied. Coins. | Q. What symbols were used to do in Elizabeth's portraits? A. Create mystical image, power, purity, military success, virginity, Protestantism, bringer of stability, exploration. | Q. What percentage of the Elizabethan population made up the 'poorer sort'? A. 50%. |
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| Q. What were the causes of poverty in Elizabethan England? A. Population growth. Inflation. Rising prices. Foreign wars. Trade monopolies. Harvest failure and dearth (scarcity of food). Rent increases. Enclosure of farm land. Plague and disease. | Q. Who were the 'impotent poor'? A. Those too young, too old or too ill to provide for themselves. | Q. Who were the 'idle poor'? A. Homeless people considered to be immoral or criminal class - fit but too lazy to work. |
| Q. What measures did Elizabeth's governments take to deal with the problem of poverty. A. Recoinage to slow down inflation. Town councils like in Norwich collected alms for the poor and created workhouses. Several hospitals established. Poor Laws. | Q. What did the Elizabethan Poor Laws do? A. Created nationwide compulsory system. Everyone had to pay towards 'poor rate', set up workhouses, payment of relief to 'deserving poor'. Punishment of 'idle poor'. | Q. How could the 'idle poor' be punished? A. Whipping, sent home to place of birth, imprisoned in 'House of Correction', sentenced to work on galley ships, hanged. |
| Q. How was the Elizabethan Poor Law important? A. First time English government took responsibility for welfare of people. Remained in use for 200 years. Helped avoid rebellion. | Q. What new ideas and inventions encouraged Elizabethan exploration? A. Renaissance and desire for new learning. Printing press creating maps and geographical literature. Astrolabe to plot location. Triangular lanteen sail. Royal patronage. | Q. What were 'privateers'? A. Pirates officially licensed by Elizabeth's government to rob Spanish treasure ships and ports. |
| Q. How did Elizabeth use explorers to create new trading partners? A. New trading companies established by explorers, like the East India Company, trading in Far East in spices, silks, cotton and tea. | Q. Who created the East India Company? A. James Lancaster. | Q. Who was the first Englishman to sail on slaving voyages? A. Sir John Hawkins. |
| Q. What did Hawkins bring back from his slaving voyages? A. Gold, silver, animal skins. | Q. Where did Hawkins clash with the Spanish? A. San Juan de Ulua (off the coast of Mexico). | Q. What did the Spanish call Fir Francis Drake? A. El Draque - the Dragon. |

| Q. What did Drake achieve in his voyages? A. Captured a fortune in Spanish silver. Attacked Spanish shipping. Circumnavigated the globe. Attacked Spanish in Cadiz. | Q. Who attempted to create a new English colony in the Americas? A. Sir Walter Raleigh - 'Virginia' in North America. | Q. What happened with Raleigh's attempts at colonisation? A. Failed: first settlers faced starvation and returned home after a year; second disappeared without trace. |
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| Q. What did Raleigh try to find in his 1595 voyage? A. The mythical city of gold, El Dorado, in South America. | Q. What were the consequences of Elizabethan exploration? A. Increased hostility between England and Spain. Brought great riches to merchants, nobles and Queen who sponsored voyages. Foundations of empire and development of powerful navy. | Q. Who built Hardwick Hall? A. Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury (Bess of Hardwick). |
| Q. Why was Bess of Hardwick significant. A. After the Queen, wealthiest woman in England. Her granddaughter, Arabella Stuart, was a potential heir to the throne. | Q. How did Renaissance architecture influence the design of Hardwick Hall? A. Built of stone with symmetrical facade dominated by huge mullioned windows and ground floor loggia. Proportion - each floor higher ceiling than floor below. | Q. How is power and status reflected in Hardwick Hall? A. Reflects social hierarchy - servants on ground floor, highest ranking used upper floor, increasing height of ceilings with each floor. Portraits in Long Chamber. Coats of arms and Bess' initials. |
| Q. How is new technology reflected in Hardwick Hall? A. Glass in mullioned windows. Decorative plasterwork. Stone and brick work. | Q. How is wealth of the gentry reflected in Hardwick Hall? A. Houses demonstrated new wealth and status to local people through scale of house, position on hill, size of lands on estate. Included new fashions - tapestries, glass, symmetry. | Q. How does Hardwick Hall reflect the period of peace? A. 'More glass than wall'. Built for luxury not defence |
| Q. What was Elizabeth's 'Religious Settlement? A. A middle way (via media) in religion to avoid religious conflict. A moderate Protestant Church of England with Queen as Supreme Governor. | Q. Why did Catholic opposition increase from the late 1560s? A. Worsening relations with Spain after Elizabeth's refusal to marry Philip and actions of English privateers. Papal excommunication of Elizabeth = All Catholics to remove Elizabeth. | Q. What happened in the Northern Rebellion, 1569? A. Earls of Westmorland and Northumberland raised 4,600 soldiers - remove Elizabeth + put Mary Q. of S. on throne. Captured much of north of England. Royal Army sent under Earl of Sussex. Rebels fled. Northumberland executed. |
| Q. What Catholic Plots were there? A. Ridolfi Plot 1571, Throckmorton Plot 1583, Babington Plot, 1586 - all aimed to put Mary Q of S on throne, all foiled by Walsingham. | Q. Why were the Jesuits a threat? A. Jesuit missionaries arrived in England in 1580 to turn Protestants to Catholicism. Jesuits like Edmund Camion travelled the country. Elizabeth's government feared they would start a rebellion. | Q. How did Elizabeth control the Catholics? A. Recusancy fines for non- attendance in church. 1585 law said any Catholic priest ordained after 1559 was a traitor. Jesuits banned + Campion executed. Statute of confinement stopped Catholics travelling. |

| Q. Who were Puritans? A. Strict Protestants. Wanted to 'purify' the English Church. | | Q. How were Puritans a threat to Elizabeth? A. They held 'prophesyings' to discuss the Bible and criticised Elizabeth's 'Religious Settlement'. MPs like Peter Wentworth tried to introduce Puritan laws in Parliament. Archbishop Grindal supported the Puritans. | Q. How did Elizabeth deal with the Puritans? A. Recusancy fines. Ordered Grindal to stop prophesyings. Cut off hand of Anthony Stubbs who wrote Puritan pamphlet. Imprisoned Puritan MPs who demanded Puritan laws. Archbishop Parker cracked down on Puritans. | |
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| Q. What were the causes of the Spanish Armada, 1588? | | Q. How did Drake delay the Spanish Armada? | Q. Who led the Spanish Armada? | |
| A. Philip angry over Elizabeth's refusal of marriage proposal and execution of Mary Q of S. 1570 papal excommunication of Elizabeth. Actions of privateers. | | A. Raided Spanish ships at Cadiz. He 'singed the King of Spain's beard'. | A. The Duke of Medina Sidonia, a senior nobleman with no seafaring experience. | |
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| Q. Who led the English fleet? | | Q. Why was Sir John Hawkins vital for the English success? | Q. How did Drake divide the Spanish ships? | |
| A. Lord Howard, Lord High Admiral. Sir Francis Drake, second in command. Sir John Hawkins, Rear Admiral. | | A. As Comptroller of the Navy he redesigned the English ships and riggings making them faster, more manoeuvrable, better gunned than Spanish. | A. By sending in fireships causing the Spanish to panic, cut their ropes joining ships in crescent. Caused Spanish to scatter. | |
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| Q. Why was the Armada defeated? A. Superior English ships and tactics. Spanish army did not arrive. Wind and storms scattered Spanish, many sank. Shipwrecked Spaniards were massacred. | | Q. What were the consequences of the defeat of the Spanish Armada? A. Propaganda success for Elizabeth. Showed God approved of Protestantism. Moved English Catholics away from plots and rebellion as feared foreign Catholicism. Economic harm. | Q. ? A | |
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