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Paper 2 Section B/D: Restoration England, 1660–1685

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Interpretation A for use in answering Question 01



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Interpretation A An interpretation of conflict with the Dutch.

Adapted from 'The Anglo–Dutch Wars of the Seventeenth Century' by J R Jones, 1996.

The wars against the Dutch resulted in important developments in naval warfare. The wars were fought by fleets of great ships in major battles. The purpose of the wars was to take over Dutch trade. However, as time went on, some began to question Charles' reasons for the wars and Parliament refused to grant him money to fight them. People doubted Charles' honesty and feared that the wars were aimed at their freedoms and religion in England, as much as against the Dutch.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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