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## Classical Civilisation

## CIV2F

Unit 2F The Second Punic War

Thursday 24 May 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do **not** use pencil or gel pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.  
The **Paper Reference** is CIV2F.
- Answer questions from **two** options.  
Choose **one** option from Section 1 and **one** option from Section 2.  
Answer **all** questions from the options you have chosen.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.  
Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 65.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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## Section 1

Choose **either** Option A **or** Option B.

Answer **all** questions from the option you have chosen.

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### EITHER

#### Option A

Read the passage below and answer Questions 01 to 04 which follow. Livy is describing the situation in Rome shortly after the battle of Cannae.

No news had reached Rome of the survival even of this remnant of the national and allied armies, but it was still believed that both consuls had perished with all their men and that the entire military force had been wiped out. Never, without an enemy actually within the gates, had there been such terror and confusion in the city. To write of it is beyond my strength, so I shall not attempt to describe what any words of mine would only make less than the truth. In the previous year a consul and his army had been lost at Trasimene, and now there was news not merely of another similar blow, but of a multiple calamity – two consular armies annihilated, both consuls dead, Rome left without a force in the field, without a commander, without a single soldier, Apulia and Samnium in Hannibal's hands, and now nearly the whole of Italy overrun. No other nation in the world could have suffered so tremendous a series of disasters, and not been overwhelmed. 5

Livy, *The War with Hannibal*, Book xxii, 54

- 0 1** Which consul had actually survived the battle of Cannae? (1 mark)
- 0 2** What happened in the battle? Make **four** points. (4 marks)
- 0 3** How effectively in this passage does Livy portray the 'terror and confusion' (line 4) in Rome? (10 marks)
- 0 4** To what extent did Rome's own actions prevent her from being 'overwhelmed' (line 12) by the end of 216 BC **and** how far were other factors responsible? Give reasons for your answer and refer to the books of Livy and Plutarch you have read.

You might include discussion of

- the actions of the Roman Senate immediately following this passage
- what Hannibal did immediately after Cannae
- Roman tactics over the next few months
- Hannibal's response to the Roman tactics
- how much support Hannibal received from Carthage. (20 marks)

OR

**Option B**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 05 to 09 which follow. Livy is describing the situation after Masinissa's entry into Cirta following the battle against Syphax.

Sophonisba was in the full flower of her youthful beauty; as she clung to Masinissa's knees or clasped his hand, begging him to promise never to give her up to a Roman, her words grew little by little more like the blandishments of a lover than the supplication of a captive, and at this the conqueror's heart not only melted into pity but – with the characteristic inflammability of the Numidian race – was itself vanquished and led captive by love. As a pledge to fulfil her request he gave her his hand, and withdrew into the palace. Then he began to turn over in his mind how his promise could be kept, and, finding no solution to his problem, allowed his passion to suggest a plan which was both reckless and unworthy of his honour. He immediately gave orders to prepare for a wedding that very day so as to leave no opportunity either to Laelius or Scipio of deciding what was to be done with her, as she would no longer be a prisoner of war, but Masinissa's wife. 5 10

Livy, *The War with Hannibal*, Book xxx, 12

- 0 5** To whom was Sophonisba already married? (1 mark)
- 0 6** Who was Sophonisba's father? (1 mark)
- 0 7** In what circumstances did Sophonisba die? Give **three** details. (3 marks)
- 0 8** How strongly does Livy excuse or condemn Masinissa's behaviour in this passage? (10 marks)
- 0 9** How important were Masinissa **and** Syphax to Scipio's campaign in Africa? Give reasons for your answer and refer to the books of Livy you have read.

You might include discussion of

- what Scipio was trying to achieve in Africa
- the difficulties Scipio faced
- the importance of Masinissa to Roman aims
- the importance of Syphax to Roman aims. (20 marks)

**Turn over for the next question**

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**Section 2**

Choose **either** Option C or Option D and answer the question below.

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**EITHER****Option C**

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'Hannibal's successes in the campaigns up to and including Cannae were a result of the weakness of the opposition rather than his own leadership skills.'

To what extent do you agree with this judgement? Give reasons for your answer and refer to the books of Livy you have read.

You might include discussion of

- the strengths and weaknesses of Hannibal's opponents during each of these campaigns
  - his early career in Spain
  - his journey to Italy
  - the early battles in Italy
  - Cannae.
- (30 marks)

**OR****Option D**

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To what extent does Plutarch provide a different view of the Second Punic War from Livy? Give reasons for your answer and refer to the books of Livy and Plutarch you have read.

You might include discussion of

- each author's aims
  - the length of each author's account and the time span covered
  - the attention each author gives to political decision-making
  - how much detail each author gives about military strategy and tactics
  - the emphasis each author gives to portraying character.
- (30 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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