



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## Classical Civilisation

## CIV4B

Unit 4B Alexander

Thursday 12 June 2014 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.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is CIV4B.
- 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 75.
- 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 05 which follow.

At the same time his diviner Aristander offered up a sacrifice, and after inspecting the omens, confidently announced to all those present that the city would be captured in the course of that month: this pronouncement was greeted with laughter.

Plutarch, *Alexander* 25

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 What was the name of the 'city' mentioned in line 2 of the passage? [1 mark]
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 Why was Aristander's announcement in the passage 'greeted with laughter'? [1 mark]
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 What actions did Alexander take as a result of Aristander's announcement? Make **three** points. [3 marks]
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 How far do you think Plutarch suggests Alexander's career from his accession up to Gaugamela was due to divine favour? Explain your answer with reference to the sources you have studied. [10 marks]
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 How important to Alexander was respect for the gods? Explain your answer with reference to the sources you have studied. [20 marks]

or

**Option B**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 06 to 10 which follow.

It was here, too, that Alexander learned of Philotas' plot against his life. According to Ptolemy and Aristobulus, information of what was going on had come to his ears before, while he was in Egypt, but he had refused to believe it; for Philotas had long been his friend, he had trusted him... Philotas was brought before the Macedonians to stand his trial; Alexander made his accusation in no uncertain terms, and Philotas answered the charge. Then the persons who had reported the affair came forward, with various irrefutable proofs of his own guilt... 5

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander* 3.26

- 0 6** When did the 'plot' of Philotas happen? **[1 mark]**
- 0 7** What does Arrian say were the most serious of these 'irrefutable proofs' (line 7)?  
Make **two** points. **[2 marks]**
- 0 8** What **two** reasons does Arrian give for the subsequent assassination of Parmenio? **[2 marks]**
- 0 9** How far does Plutarch's account of the 'plot' of Philotas differ from Arrian's? **[10 marks]**
- 1 0** To what extent did the 'plot' of Philotas cause a change in Alexander's style of leadership?  
Support your answer with reference to the sources you have studied. **[20 marks]**

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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**

**1 1**

How far do you think Alexander lived up to the image of himself that he and those around him projected?

Support your answer with evidence from throughout Alexander's life and refer to **both** Plutarch **and** Arrian.

**[40 marks]**

**or**

**Option D**

**1 2**

'Alexander was as interested in acquiring a range of knowledge as he was in conquest.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with reference to **both** Plutarch **and** Arrian.

**[40 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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