

AS CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Paper 1B Athenian Democracy

Monday 23 May 2016

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is CIV1B.
- 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 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.

Section 1

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

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

Either**Option A**

Read the passages below and answer Questions **01** to **05** which follow.

Passage A

When the mines at Maronea were discovered and the city had a surplus of one hundred talents from the workings, some men proposed that the money should be distributed to the people, but Themistocles prevented this.

Aristotle, 'The Athenian Constitution', 22.7

Passage B

After this, now that the city was confident and a large amount of money had been collected, Aristides advised the Athenians to assert their leadership... The Athenians were persuaded. They took control of the empire...

Aristotle, 'The Athenian Constitution', 24.1-2

- 0 1** What did Themistocles do with the surplus of money mentioned in **Passage A**?
Make **two** points. **[2 marks]**
- 0 2** What naval battle in 480 BC had made the Athenians particularly 'confident' (**Passage B**, line 1)? **[1 mark]**
- 0 3** According to Aristotle, what part did Aristides play in creating the Athenian Empire?
Make **two** points. **[2 marks]**
- 0 4** From the sources you have studied, how important was the Athenian Empire for the development of the Athenian economy and democracy? Give the reasons for your views. **[10 marks]**

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How successfully had Solon **and** the tyrants Peisistratus and Hippias improved the economy of Athens in the 6th century BC? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of:

- the economic problems in Attica at the beginning of the 6th century BC
- Solon's Shaking-off of Burdens (seisachtheia)
- other economic measures that Solon took
- ways in which the tyrants improved the Athenian economy.

[20 marks]

Turn over for Option B

or

Option B

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

PHILOCLEON: Well, to get off to a flying start, I propose to prove to you that this power of ours amounts to nothing short of absolute sovereignty. Can you think of any living creature that is happier, more fortunate, more pampered, or more feared than a juror? No sooner have I crawled out of bed in the morning than I find great hulking fellows waiting for me at the bar of the court. As I pass, one slips his delicate hand into mine – the very hand that has dipped so deeply into the public funds. And they all bow down low, and plead with me in pitiful tones: ‘Have mercy, venerable sir,’ they cry; ‘Have you never made a bit on the side yourself? When you held some high office, or went shopping for your mess-mates?’ That’s how they talk to me – people who’ve never known of my existence till that moment, unless they’ve been tried before, and acquitted.

Aristophanes, ‘The Wasps’, page 28

0 6 Give **two** ways in which Philocleon has previously tried to escape from the house to serve as a juror.

[2 marks]

0 7 Give **two other** benefits that Philocleon says he gains as a juror, apart from those in the passage.

[2 marks]

0 8 Give **one** of the crimes that Philocleon himself commits later in ‘The Wasps’.

[1 mark]

0 9 How significant had **Solon’s** reforms to the legal system and laws been in the early part of the 6th century BC? Give the reasons for your views.

[10 marks]

1 0 ‘**By the end of the 5th century BC**, Athenian citizens had greater power in the lawcourts than in any other part of the democracy.’

How far do you agree? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of:

- the role of the lawcourts in Athenian politics
- who served on the juries and how they reached a verdict
- the power that Athenian citizens had in the assembly, the Council and as officials
- what Bdelycleon says in response to Philocleon.

[20 marks]

Section 2

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

Either

Option C

1 | 1

'Cleisthenes' greatest achievement was to make Athens united **and** secure.'

How far do you agree with this statement? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of:

- threats to the unity and security of Athens before Cleisthenes came to power
- Cleisthenes' reforms to the
 - demes
 - tribes
 - Council
 - generals
- his possible introduction of ostracism
- any other important effects of Cleisthenes' reforms
- any problems that Cleisthenes did not solve.

[30 marks]

or

Option D

1 | 2

'Aristophanes' 'The Wasps' gives a more damning criticism of Athenian democracy than 'The Old Oligarch' does.'

How far do you agree with this statement? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of:

- the purposes for which each author was writing
- the way in which Aristophanes portrays the jury courts and jurors
- other targets that Aristophanes has
- the attitude of 'The Old Oligarch' towards the Athenian democracy
- arguments that 'The Old Oligarch' makes for and against the Athenian democracy.

[30 marks]

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