

Friday 18 May 2012 – Morning

AS GCE CLASSICS: CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

F381 Archaeology: Mycenae and the classical world

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 16 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- In this paper you are encouraged to use diagrams, sketches etc., where appropriate, to illustrate your answers.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Section A: Commentary Questions

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

Marks are awarded in parts (b) and (c) of Questions 1 and 2 for the quality of written communication in your answer.

1 Study the photograph and answer the questions.



(a) The gold hairpin above is an example of an item found in a grave at Mycenae. Describe some other artefacts that have been found in graves at Mycenae.

Your description should include:

- a range of different types of artefact;
- how these artefacts could have been used.

[10]

(b) How useful can the object above be in teaching us about everyday life? Choose another object from a non-Mycenaean civilisation and explain which of the two objects is more useful in teaching us about everyday life.

[20]

(c) 'Everyday life in Classical societies was little more than a struggle to stay alive.' How far do you agree with this statement?

In your answer you should include discussion of **both** the Mycenaeans **and one** other Classical society that you have studied.

[25]

Do **not** answer this question if you have already answered Question 1.

Marks are awarded in parts (b) and (c) of Questions 1 and 2 for the quality of written communication in your answer.

2 Study the photograph and answer the questions.



- (a) This photograph shows part of the site of Tiryns. What have archaeologists found at Tiryns? [10]
- (b) Using the photograph as a starting point, discuss how skilful builders were in **both** the Mycenaean civilisation and **one** other Classical society. [20]
- (c) Compare the usefulness of Tiryns to archaeologists with any other site that you have studied. Explain which you think is the more useful site in teaching us about the people who lived there. [25]

In your answer you should include discussion of Tiryns and **one** other site. Your other site may be a Mycenaean site or a site from another Classical period. [25]

[Section A Total: 55]

Section B: Essays

Answer **one** question.

Start your answer on a new page.

Marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 3** Which is more useful in teaching us about the past, written evidence left behind by the people who lived then, or the archaeological evidence?

In your answer you should:

- consider the usefulness and limitations of written evidence;
- include an analysis of the usefulness and limitations of archaeological evidence;
- use specific evidence from your study of written evidence and Classical sites. **[45]**

- 4** ‘Archaeology now is much better than it was in the early years of classical Archaeology.’ Explain how far you agree with this statement.

In your answer you should:

- consider the development of scientific methods and new technologies;
- include a discussion of different archaeological techniques;
- use specific evidence from the Classical sites you have studied. **[45]**

- 5** ‘Conservation of evidence from the past is the most important job of an archaeologist.’ How far do you agree with this statement?

In your answer you should:

- consider how archaeologists conserve evidence;
- include a discussion of what else an archaeologist does;
- support your answer with evidence from any of the sites you have studied. **[45]**

[Section B Total: 45]

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