

Thursday 24 May 2012 – Afternoon

AS GCE CLASSICS: CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

F386 City Life in Roman Italy

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 **8** 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 photographs and answer the questions.



**Photograph A:
Part of the House of Octavius Quartio (Loreius Tiburtinus)**



**Photograph B:
Part of the House of Menander**

- (a) Briefly describe the layout of the House of Octavius Quartio (Loreius Tiburtinus), part of which is shown in Photograph A. [10]
- (b) What were the main features of the House of Menander, part of which is shown in Photograph B? In your opinion, how impressed would Roman visitors to this house have been? [20]
- (c) 'The same but different.' How far do you agree with this description of the houses in Pompeii and Herculaneum which 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 plan below and answer the questions.



Plan of the Suburban Baths – Herculaneum

- (a) Briefly describe the rooms a Roman would have expected to see in a **typical** set of baths. [10]
- (b) 'The ultimate in luxury.' In what ways do you think that the Suburban Baths in Herculaneum would have impressed Roman visitors? [20]
- (c) How far do you agree that baths were important public buildings for the inhabitants of Herculaneum and Ostia? [25]

[Section A Total: 55]

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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 How far do you agree that trade was important to the inhabitants of Ostia and Pompeii?

In your answer you should:

- consider evidence from public and private buildings;
- include an analysis of what the evidence tells us about trade in Ostia and Pompeii;
- use evidence from Ostia and Pompeii.

[45]

4 'A catastrophe so memorable that it is likely to live for ever.' (Pliny *Letters* 6.16 – adapted)
To what extent do you agree that the eruption of Vesuvius helped Pompeii and Herculaneum to 'live for ever'?

In your answer you should:

- include details of the destruction and later discovery of Pompeii and Herculaneum;
- consider the advantages and disadvantages of the sudden destruction and later discovery of the sites;
- use both literary and archaeological evidence.

[45]

5 Study the sources below and answer the question:

Source A

(Portrait) Of Gaius Norbanus Sorex, actor of second parts; the presidents of the Fortunate Augustan Suburban County District (set this up). Space given by decree of the town councillors.

(CIL X 814= ILS 5198 Cooley & Cooley D70)

Source B



Imagines Clipeatae – Ostia

What evidence is there about individuals from city life in Roman Italy? How useful do you consider this evidence to be in helping us to learn about their lives?

In your answer, you should:

- use the sources above and other evidence of your own choice from **at least two** cities of Herculaneum, Ostia and Pompeii;
- consider evidence from literary sources, inscriptions and buildings;
- analyse the usefulness of this evidence in telling us about individuals and their lives. **[45]**

[Section B Total: 45]

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