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Classical Civilisation

CIV1F

Unit 1F The Life and Times of Cicero

Thursday 8 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a CMI + 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.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Shade the boxes on pages 2 and 7 of your answer book to show which questions you have chosen.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Answers written in margins or on blank pages will not be marked.
- 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.

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 A

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

- 1 Read the passage below from Cicero's speech *Against Verres*, and answer the questions which follow.

But first I must ask you to note how he handled the situation in its early stages. He returned from his province – and then, instantly, he tried to buy up the whole panel of judges! The attempt cost him a large sum. All went well according to the terms and conditions then laid down, until the day when the judges were challenged. On an earlier occasion the drawing of lots by which you yourselves were appointed had constituted a defeat for his hopes and a triumph for the destiny of Rome; and now, too, in the challenging of the judges' names, my labours again frustrated the unscrupulous tactics of the opposition.

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Against Verres I, p. 43

- (a) (i) In which province had Verres been the governor? (1 mark)
- (ii) For how many years had he served as a governor there? (1 mark)
- (iii) Give **three** examples of Verres' misbehaviour in his province, according to Cicero in *Against Verres I*. (3 marks)
- (b) In the **whole** of this speech, how effectively does Cicero highlight the behaviour of Verres and his supporters in the build-up to the trial? Give the reasons for your views and support them with details from the speech. (10 marks)
- (c) How important for Cicero's career was the trial of Verres? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- problems Cicero faced in advancing his career before the trial of Verres and how successful it had been so far
- Cicero's relationship with the senate and the *equites*
- the political significance of Verres' trial
- Cicero's reputation after the trial.

(20 marks)

OR

- 2 Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow. Cicero is writing to Pompey in 62 BC.

I shall explain to you openly what I have in mind – my character and our friendship being what they are, I cannot do otherwise. I have achieved things for which I had hoped, in view of our relationship and the national interest, to find some word of congratulation in your letter. I expect you left it out in case you should cause someone offence. But I must tell you that the reaction to what I did to save our country has been universally favourable. When you come home, you will, I know, realize that what I did was brave, as well as wise; and so I am confident that you will be happy to let me join you as a political ally as well as a friend – you being so much greater than Scipio Aemilianus, and myself not much inferior to Laelius! 5

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- (a) (i) From where has Pompey sent Cicero the letter referred to in the passage? (1 mark)
- (ii) What had Pompey achieved there in recent years? Make **two** points. (2 marks)
- (iii) Cicero probably means Metellus Nepos when he writes ‘someone’ in line 5. In what way had Metellus Nepos behaved towards Cicero **and** why? (2 marks)
- (b) Judging from the **whole** of the letter from which the passage comes **and** from your other knowledge, how close do you think Cicero’s relationship with Pompey was down to 62 BC? Give the reasons for your views. (10 marks)
- (c) To what extent do you think Cicero deserved congratulation for his consulship from Pompey and other Romans? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- the circumstances in which Cicero was elected to the consulship
- the reasons for Catiline’s conspiracy and how serious a threat it posed
- the way Cicero dealt with Catiline’s conspiracy
- other actions Cicero took during his consulship. (20 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

- 3 What do you find to praise **and** what do you find to criticise in Cicero's career between 61 and 50 BC? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- how consistently Cicero held to his political principles and how far he was able to achieve them
- the difficulties Cicero faced
- Cicero's attitude towards the first triumvirate
- the reasons for his exile
- the reasons for the conference at Luca and its consequences for Cicero and the republic
- Cicero's activities between 55 and 51 BC
- his governorship of Cilicia. (30 marks)

OR

- 4 How effective a part did Cicero play in Roman politics from the outbreak of the Civil War in 49 BC to his death in 43 BC? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- Cicero's aims and the problems he faced in achieving them
- his relationship with Pompey and Caesar at the start of the Civil War
- Cicero's record during the Civil War
- his attitudes towards Caesar's powers and policies after the Civil War
- Cicero's opinions about Caesar's death and the conspirators
- his attitude towards Antony and Octavian and his actions after September 44 BC, including his letter to Plancus in March 43 BC. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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