



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2009

Classical Civilisation

CIV1F

Unit 1F The Life and Times of Cicero

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

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. Do **not** use pencil or gel pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
The **Paper Reference** for this paper is **CIV1F**.
- Answer questions from **two** options.
Choose **one** option from Section One and **one** option from Section Two.
Answer **all** questions from the options you have chosen.
- Use both sides of the paper.
- Write the question number in the boxes provided in the left margin at the start of each question,
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- Leave a space between each answer.
- 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 65.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section One

Choose **either** Option A **or** Option B.
Answer **all** questions from the option you have chosen.

EITHER

Option A

Read the passage below from the beginning of *Against Verres I*, and answer Questions 01 to 04 which follow.

That, then, is the dangerous crisis with which your Order and your courts are faced. Speeches have been prepared, laws drafted, with the purpose of inflaming still further this hatred that already rages against the Senate. And at this very juncture Gaius Verres has been brought to trial. Here is a man whose life and actions the world has already condemned – yet whose enormous fortune, according to his own loudly expressed hopes, has already brought him acquittal! I, gentlemen, am his prosecutor. 5

Against Verres I, p. 37

- 0 1** In which court in Rome was Verres on trial? (1 mark)
- 0 2** ‘Actions the world has already condemned’ (lines 4-5). Give **four** details of Verres’ criminal activities throughout his career, according to Cicero in *Against Verres I*. (4 marks)
- 0 3** How far do you agree with Cicero that the political situation in 70 BC at the time of Verres’ trial was a ‘dangerous crisis’ (line 1)? Give the reasons for your views. (10 marks)
- 0 4** How great a success do you think Cicero’s prosecution of Verres was? Give the reasons for your views.
- You might include discussion of
- the opposition Cicero faced
 - Cicero’s methods in collecting evidence and presenting it to the court
 - the way Cicero presents his case in *Against Verres I*
 - the consequences of Verres’ trial for Cicero’s career and Roman politics. (20 marks)

OR

Option B

Read the passage below and answer Questions 05 to 10 which follow. Cicero is writing to Plancus in March 43 BC.

The report by our friend Gaius Furnius about your attitude to the Republic pleased the Senate and satisfied the Assembly very greatly. But your letter which was read out in the Senate seemed by no means to agree with what Furnius had said. For you spoke in favour of peace at a time when your distinguished colleague Decimus Brutus was under siege from a gang of repulsive brigands. It is imperative that they should 5 lay down their arms and beg for peace. Alternatively, if they are determined to fight in order to secure this peace, then victory, not negotiation, is the only way for us to win it.

Fam. X, 6

- 0 5** What official post did Plancus hold at this time? (1 mark)
- 0 6** In what way was Decimus Brutus a 'colleague' (line 4) of Plancus? (1 mark)
- 0 7** What had Decimus Brutus done in 44 BC which, in Cicero's opinion, made him 'distinguished'? (1 mark)
- 0 8** How did Plancus react to Cicero's letter **and** in what way did he later show he was untrustworthy? (2 marks)
- 0 9** To what extent do you think Cicero was justified in calling Antony and his troops 'a gang of repulsive brigands' (line 5)? Give the reasons for your views. (10 marks)
- 1 0** To what extent would you praise, or criticise, Cicero for his handling of the political situation after Caesar's murder in 44 BC until his own death in 43 BC? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- Cicero's principles and aims
- his reaction to Caesar's murder and relationship with the conspirators
- his dealings with Antony
- his attitude towards Octavian
- the events leading to his death
- the reasons for Cicero's successes and failures.

(20 marks)

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Section Two

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

EITHER**Option C**

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In the period 67 to 61 BC, to what extent do you think Cicero showed himself to be a man of principle or an opportunist? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- how consistent Cicero's principles and aims were
- the difficulties Cicero had to overcome in this part of his career
- his relationship with the senate and with Pompey
- his election to the consulship
- the Catilinarian Conspiracy and Cicero's other actions during his consulship
- Cicero's actions during 62 and 61 BC. (30 marks)

OR**Option D**

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To what extent **and** for what reasons did the relationship between Cicero and Caesar change between 60 and 44 BC?

You might include discussion of

- Cicero's and Caesar's aims, methods and abilities
- Cicero's attitude towards the formation of the first triumvirate and the reasons for his exile
- the reasons for the conference at Luca and its consequences for Cicero and Caesar
- Cicero's behaviour during the Civil War
- Cicero's attitude towards Caesar's powers and policies between 46 and 44 BC
- the feelings Cicero expressed about dinner with Caesar
- Cicero's reaction to Caesar's death. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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Instructions to Invigilators

The examination will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 9.00 am to 10.30 am

- AQA is trialling new answer books for candidates. GCE Classical Civilisation Unit 1F is one of the examinations we are trialling the books in.
- Each candidate must be given a **12-page CMI+ answer book** for this examination.
- Candidates who run out of space must be given a second CMI+ answer book. They must **not** use additional sheets.
- **Instructions to candidates** can be found on the front cover of the Question Paper. They are repeated on the front cover of the answer book.
- Candidates must write the information required on the front of **each** answer book. The **paper reference** is CIV1F. The **examination date** is 12/05/09.
- Candidates who use more than one answer book must write the total number of answer books used on the front of **each** book.
- Candidates must write the 3 digit question number in the boxes provided in the left hand margin at the **start** of each answer.