

# **Classical Civilisation**

CIV1F

Unit 1F The Life and Times of Cicero

Friday 15 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:
a 16-page CMI+ 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 C I V 1 F.
- Answer two questions.
  - Answer one question from Section One and one question from Section Two.
- Use both sides of the paper.
- Write the question number in the boxes provided in the left-hand margin at the start of each question, e.g. 1 3 2.
- 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

## Answer **one** question.

## **EITHER**

#### **Question 1**

Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow. Cicero is writing to Caelius from Cilicia.

My province, on the other hand, bores me completely ... It may be because we are menaced by the horror of a major war in these parts, which I seem likely to avoid if I leave the province on the appointed day.

The matter of the panthers is being carefully attended to by my orders through the agency of the men who make a practice of hunting them. But there are surprisingly few of the animals; and those that there are, I am told, complain that in my province they are the only living creatures for whom traps are laid! So rumour has it that they have decided to evacuate the province and live in Caria. Nevertheless, strenuous attempts are being made, and by nobody more than Patiscus. Anything that is caught will be yours, but what it will be I have no idea.

Fam. 2.11

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|1||1||1| In what circumstances had Cicero been sent as governor to Cilicia? Make two points. (2 marks) 1 | 1 | 2 | (1 mark) Against whom did Cicero fear there would be a major war in his province? |1||1||3| (2 marks) Why did Caelius want Cicero to send him panthers? Make two points. 1 2 0 How far did Cicero try to avoid involvement in the Civil War from 49 to 46 BC? (10 marks) Give the reasons for your views. |1||3||0| How committed to good provincial administration do you think Cicero was during his career? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- his quaestorship in Lilybaeum in Sicily
- his prosecution of Verres
- his governorship of Cilicia
- his main priorities during his career.

(20 marks)

#### OR

## Question 2

Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

TO ATTICUS

Brundisium, 12 or 13 June 47 B.C.

I am giving this letter to someone else's messengers, since they are leaving urgently; that is why it is so short – also because I am about to send messengers of my own.

My Tullia came to see me on 12 June and told me all about your attentiveness and kindness to her; and she handed me three letters. But her goodness and sweet character and affection did not give me the pleasure which I ought to feel for such a wonderful daughter, because I was terribly distressed that such a person should be in so miserable a situation – which she has done nothing to deserve, since it is entirely my own lamentable fault. So I expect neither consolation from you – though I see you would like to give it me – nor advice, since there is none that can be taken. I realize you have made every possible attempt in many earlier letters as well as in these last ones.

Att. 11.17

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- 2 1 1 In what circumstances had Cicero come to Brundisium? Make two points. (2 marks)
- 2 1 2 Why could Cicero not return to Rome immediately? (1 mark)
- 2 1 3 In what circumstances was Cicero finally able to return to Rome? Make **two** points.

  (2 marks)
- 2 0 How strong was Cicero's friendship with Atticus? Give the reasons for your views.

  (10 marks)
- How close were Cicero's relationships with members of his family? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- his daughter Tullia
- his wife Terentia
- his son Marcus
- his brother Quintus
- his second wife Publilia.

(20 marks)

#### **SECTION TWO**

#### Answer one question.

## **EITHER**

## **Question 3**



In the period 70 to 50 BC, how important was it for Cicero to align himself with Pompey? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- the trial of Verres
- Cicero's relations with Pompey in 67 and 66 BC
- · Cicero's consulship
- Cicero's ambitions in 62 BC
- the first triumvirate
- · Cicero's exile
- the conference at Luca
- the period from 56 to 50 BC.

(30 marks)

#### OR

## **Question 4**



'Cicero's opposition to Antony was as vigorous as his opposition to Catiline had been, but the consequences were far more disastrous.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of

- Cicero's attitude towards Antony after Caesar's murder
- his actions in the senate from September 44 BC
- his attitude towards Octavian
- his letters to Trebonius and Plancus
- the problems Cicero faced in achieving his aims and the consequences of his actions
- Cicero's behaviour in response to Catiline.

(30 marks)

## **END OF QUESTIONS**

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