



General Certificate of Education  
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## Classical Civilisation

## CIV3A

### Unit 3A Mycenaean Civilisation

Monday 14 June 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 16-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 **C I V 3 A**.
- 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-hand margin at the start of each question, e.g. **0 1**.
- 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 75.
- 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.

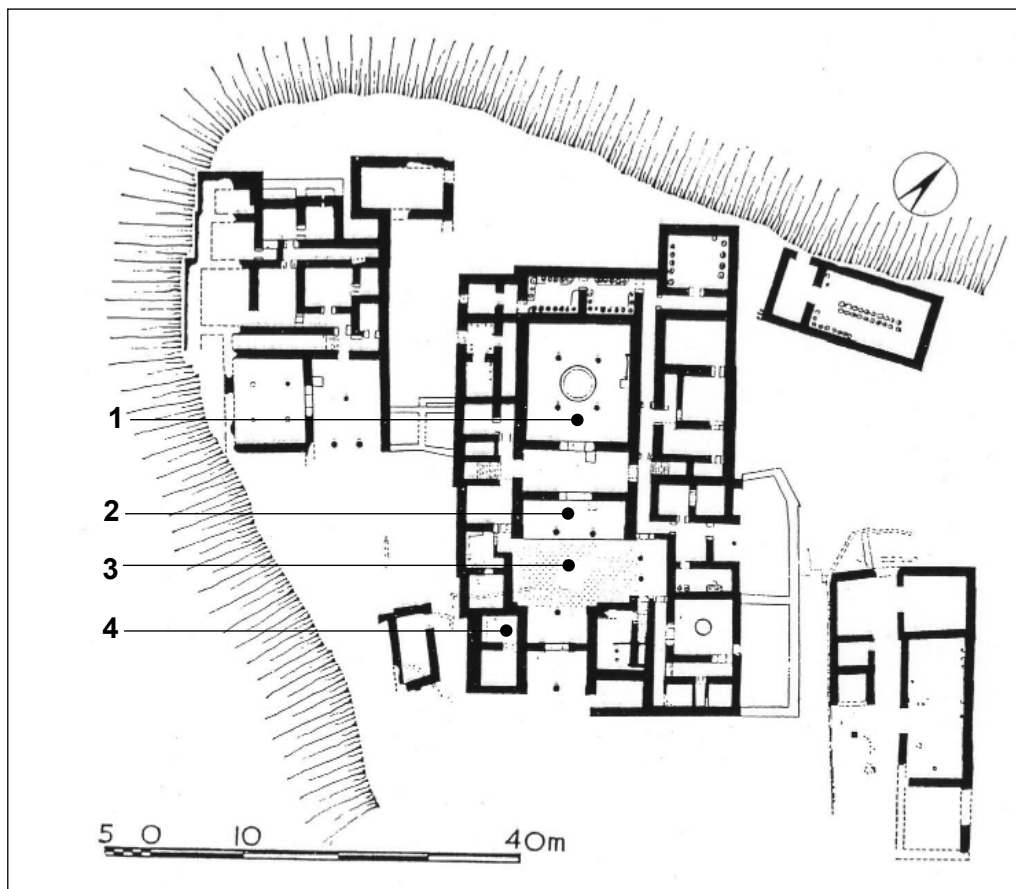
Answer **all** questions from the option you have chosen.

You may use drawings or diagrams to illustrate your answer.

### EITHER

#### Option A

Study the plan below, which shows the palace at Pylos, and answer Questions 01 to 04 which follow.



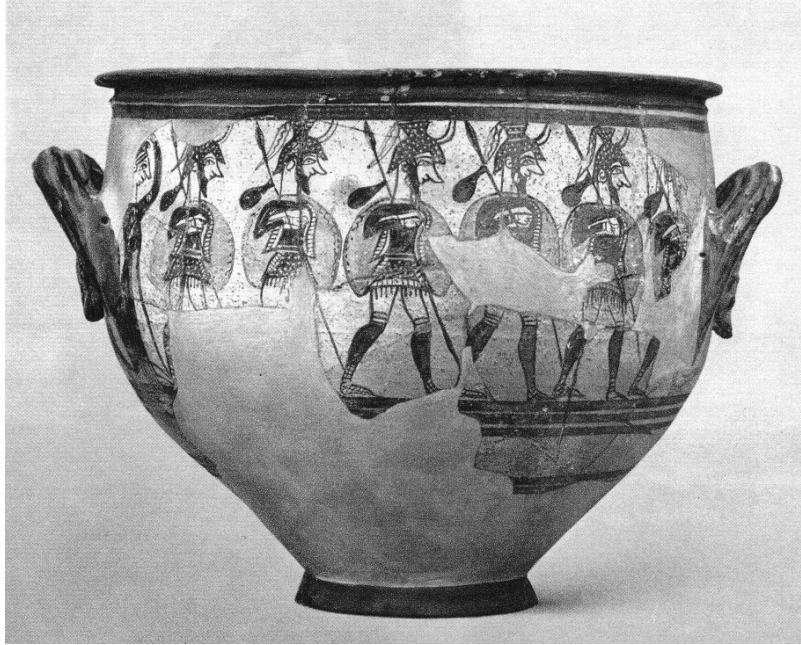
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| 0   1 | Give the approximate date of the palace.  | <i>(1 mark)</i>   |
| 0   2 | Identify the areas marked 1, 2, 3 and 4.  | <i>(4 marks)</i>  |
| 0   3 | To what extent does this site <b>both</b> resemble <b>and</b> differ from other palace sites of its period? | <i>(10 marks)</i> |
| 0   4 | To what extent does the evidence from this site give a clear picture of the lifestyle of its occupants?     | <i>(20 marks)</i> |

OR

Option B

Study the photograph below and answer Questions 05 to 08 which follow.



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- 0 5** Where was the vase in the photograph found, **and** what is its approximate date? *(2 marks)*
- 0 6** What is the subject matter of the picture? Make **three** points. *(3 marks)*
- 0 7** To what extent is the representation of the human figure on this vase typical of Mycenaean art? *(10 marks)*
- 0 8** To what extent do the visual arts of the Mycenaeans support the view that they were preoccupied with war? *(20 marks)*

**Turn over for the next question**

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**Section Two**

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

You may use drawings or diagrams to illustrate your answer.

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**EITHER****Option C**

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'The visual and written evidence for Mycenaean religion is very difficult to interpret.'

How far do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with reference to particular examples of evidence that you have studied. *(40 marks)*

**OR****Option D**

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'Studies of Mycenaean civilisation have concentrated on the archaeological evidence for the way of life of a ruling elite, rather than that of the ordinary Mycenaean.'

How accurately does this statement reflect current approaches to understanding Mycenaean society? Support your answer with specific examples. *(40 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**