



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Classical Civilisation

CIV3B

Unit 3B The Persian Wars

Thursday 9 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 CIV3B.
- 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.
- 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.

EITHER

Option A

Read the passage below and answer Questions 01 to 03 which follow.

Not wholly can Pallas win the heart of Olympian Zeus,
 Though she prays him with many prayers and all her subtlety;
 Yet will I speak to you this other word, as firm as adamant:
 Though all else shall be taken within the bound of Cecrops
 And the fastness of the holy mountain of Cithaeron, 5
 Yet Zeus the all-seeing grants to Athene's prayer
 That the wooden wall only shall not fall, but help you and your children.
 But await not the host of horse and foot coming from Asia,
 Nor be still, but turn your back and withdraw from the foe.
 Truly a day will come when you will meet him face to face. 10
 Divine Salamis, you will bring death to women's sons
 When the corn is scattered, or the harvest gathered in.

Herodotus, *The Histories*, 7.141

- 0 1** Outline the circumstances in which the Athenians received this oracle. Make **five** points.
 (5 marks)
- 0 2** How dramatic is Herodotus' version of the debate in Athens about the meaning of the
 oracle?
 (10 marks)
- 0 3** How crucial, in your view, was Themistocles' interpretation of this oracle **both** to Athens'
 survival **and** to his own career?
 (20 marks)

OR

Option B

Read the passage below and answer Questions 04 to 06 which follow.

DARIUS: Few out of many shall return,
If we may learn from this day's evidence to trust
Divine prophecy, which shall surely be fulfilled
To the last jot. Therefore those hopes are vain with which
Xerxes now leaves behind the choicest of his men. 5
Where the Asopus spreads his precious streams to enrich
The dry Boeotian plain, they wait; and there wait too
Ruin and untold pain, which they must yet endure –
The just reward of pride and godless insolence.
Aeschylus, *The Persians*, 800-808

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 Outline the circumstances in which Darius makes the speech from which this passage is taken. Make **five** points. (5 marks)
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 In the **whole** of Darius' speech from which the passage comes, how effectively does Aeschylus pass judgement on Xerxes' activities? (10 marks)
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 How far did the circumstances of the original production of *The Persians* affect **both** its structure **and** its message? (20 marks)

Turn over for the next question

Turn over ▶

Section Two

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

EITHER

Option C

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How far do **both** Herodotus **and** Aeschylus focus their accounts of the Persian Wars on the actions and personalities of individuals? Support your answer by reference to both texts. (40 marks)

OR

Option D

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How far do you think that **both** Herodotus **and** Aeschylus are sympathetic to the Persians and their culture? Support your answer by reference to both texts. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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