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Advanced Level Examination
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Classical Civilisation

CIV4B

Unit 4B Alexander

Wednesday 15 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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 CIV4B.
- 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 passages below from Arrian's and Plutarch's accounts of the battle of Gaugamela and answer Questions 01 to 05 which follow.

Passage A

Darius, who had been on edge since the battle began and now saw nothing but terrors all around him, was the first to turn tail and ride for safety.

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, 3.14

Passage B

In this extremity the king abandoned his chariot and his armour, mounted a mare which, so the story goes, had recently foaled, and rode away. It is believed that he would not have escaped at that moment, had not Parmenio sent another party of horsemen begging Alexander to come to his rescue.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 33

- 0 1** Why did Darius choose to fight at Gaugamela? Give **three** reasons. (3 marks)
- 0 2** What did Darius do after he escaped from the battlefield? Give **one** detail. (1 mark)
- 0 3** Who was Parmenio? (1 mark)
- 0 4** To what extent do Plutarch's and Arrian's portrayals of Darius at the battle of Gaugamela differ? (10 marks)
- 0 5** How important was Parmenio's contribution to Alexander's achievements? Support your answer with reference to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch. (20 marks)

OR

Option B

Read the passages below from Arrian's and Plutarch's accounts of the mass marriages arranged by Alexander and answer Questions 06 to 10 which follow.

Passage A

Similarly, the other officers – to the number of eighty all told – were given as brides young women of the noblest Persian and Median blood. The marriage ceremonies were in the Persian fashion.

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, 7.5

Passage B

Alexander now celebrated the marriages of a number of his Companions.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 70

- 0 6** In which city did the marriages referred to in **Passage A** and **Passage B** take place? (1 mark)
- 0 7** Alexander already had a wife. What was her name? (1 mark)
- 0 8** Give **three** details of the 'Persian fashion' of the marriage ceremony referred to in **Passage A**. (3 marks)
- 0 9** To what extent were these marriages part of a policy for administering Alexander's conquests **and** to what extent were they just to reward his Companions? (10 marks)
- 1 0** How successfully did Alexander address the issues he faced in administering his empire? Support your answer with reference to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch. (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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 'Alexander was driven more by belief in his own divinity than by other motives.'

How far do you agree with this opinion? Refer to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch in your answer. (40 marks)

OR**Option D**

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 'Plutarch's biography of Alexander shows greater understanding of the wider issues than Arrian's more detailed history.'

How far do you agree with this opinion? Refer to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch in your answer. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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