



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Classical Civilisation

CIV4B

Unit 4B Alexander

Thursday 31 May 2012 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** is CIV4B.
- Answer questions from **two** options.
Choose **one** option from Section 1 and **one** option from Section 2.
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 1

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 events at Gordium and answer Questions 01 to 06 which follow.

Passage A

To return to Alexander at Gordium. Upon reaching this place he was irresistibly impelled to visit the palace of Gordius and his son Midas high up on the acropolis, in order to inspect the famous Wagon of Gordius and the Knot with which its yoke was fixed.

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, 2.3

Passage B

When he captured Gordium, which is reputed to have been the home of the ancient king Midas, he saw the celebrated chariot which was fastened to its yoke by the bark of the cornel-tree, and heard the legend which was believed by all the barbarians.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 18

- 0 1** In what year did this incident take place? (1 mark)
- 0 2** Where was Gordium? (1 mark)
- 0 3** In what **two** different ways was Alexander said to have undone the knot? (2 marks)
- 0 4** What was 'the legend which was believed by all the barbarians' (**Passage B**, line 3)? (1 mark)
- 0 5** 'Arrian makes this incident seem more important than Plutarch does.' How far do you agree? (10 marks)
- 0 6** In the period down to Alexander's departure from Egypt, to what extent is Plutarch's portrayal of Alexander's character consistent with that given by Arrian? (20 marks)

OR

Option B

Read the passages below from Arrian's and Plutarch's accounts of the mutiny at Opis and answer Questions 07 to 11 which follow.

Passage A

At Opis he summoned an assembly of his Macedonian troops and announced the discharge from the army of all men unfit through age or disablement for further service; these he proposed to send home, and promised to give them on their departure enough to make their friends and relatives envy them and to fire their countrymen with eagerness to play a part in similar perilous adventures in the future. 5
Doubtless he meant to gratify them by what he said.

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, 7.8

Passage B

So when he arranged to send the sick and disabled among them to the sea-coast, they protested that he was not only doing them an injustice but deliberately humiliating them.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 71

- 0 7** In what year did this incident take place? (1 mark)
- 0 8** Where was Opis? (1 mark)
- 0 9** Explain why Alexander's men felt humiliated by his announcement that they were to be discharged. Make **three** points. (3 marks)
- 1 0** Which of the two, Arrian or Plutarch, gives the more dramatic account of Alexander's reactions to the men's complaints **and** to the events that followed? Refer to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch in your answer. (10 marks)
- 1 1** How typical of the relationship between Alexander and his men is this whole incident? Refer to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch in your answer. (20 marks)

Turn over for the next question

Turn over ▶

Section 2

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

EITHER**Option C**

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 'The main reason why Alexander was so successful in battle was his flexibility in adapting his tactics to suit the situation.'

How far do you agree? Refer to the accounts of **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch. (40 marks)

OR**Option D**

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 'The building of cities was the most important method by which Alexander attempted to keep the conquered Persian Empire under Macedonian control.'

How far do you agree? Refer to the accounts of **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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