



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## Classical Civilisation

## CIV3A

### Unit 3A Mycenaean Civilisation

Wednesday 5 June 2013 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.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is CIV3A.
- 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.

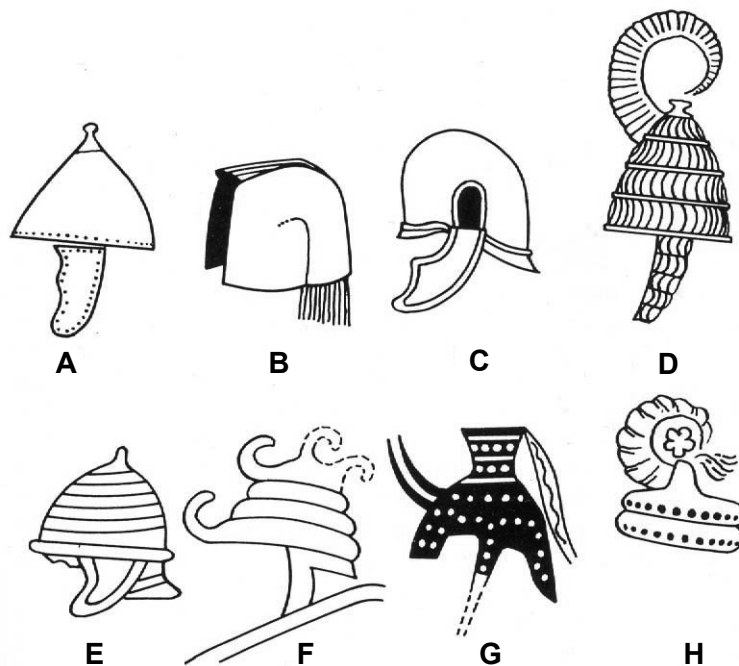
Answer **all** questions from the option you have chosen.

You may use drawings and diagrams in your answers.

#### EITHER

#### Option A

Study the **Drawings A–H** below and answer Questions 01 to 05 which follow.



- 0 1** From which metal was the type of helmet shown in **Drawing A** made? (1 mark)
- 0 2** What was the main material used to make the type of helmet shown in **Drawing D**? (1 mark)
- 0 3** Identify **three** features of the type of helmet shown in **Drawing G**. (3 marks)
- 0 4** What are the main problems in reconstructing Mycenaean helmets from the archaeological evidence? Refer to **Drawings A–H** in your answer. (10 marks)
- 0 5** What are the main problems in interpreting the archaeological evidence for Mycenaean armour and weapons (apart from helmets) **and** their uses? (20 marks)

OR

**Option B**

Study the photograph below of an object which comes from Grave Circle A at Mycenae, and answer Questions 06 to 11 which follow.



- 0 6** Give the conventional name of the object in the photograph **and** its approximate date. *(2 marks)*
- 0 7** State its purpose. *(1 mark)*
- 0 8** From what metal was the object made? *(1 mark)*
- 0 9** What technique was used to make the object? *(1 mark)*
- 1 0** What are the main problems in using Grave Circle A and its contents to reconstruct the Mycenaeans' burial practices and beliefs about death? *(10 marks)*
- 1 1** How useful as evidence for other aspects of Mycenaean civilisation are the contents of Grave Circles A and B **and** what are the problems in interpreting them? *(20 marks)*

**Turn over for Section 2**

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**Section 2**

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

You may use drawings and diagrams in your answer.

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**EITHER**

**Option C**

**1 2**

For understanding Mycenaean seafaring and trade, how useful is the evidence from the Cape Gelidonya shipwreck **and** how far do we rely on other evidence? (40 marks)

**OR**

**Option D**

**1 3**

'Archaeologists' concentration on palaces and their contents has distorted our understanding of Mycenaean civilisation.'

How far do you agree?

(40 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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