



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2013

Classical Civilisation

CIV3B

Unit 3B The Persian Wars

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 CIV3B.
- 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 passage below and answer Questions 01 to 04 which follow.

The Athenian exiles did as they were bidden. I mention these details for a particular reason: on the Acropolis there is a spot which is sacred to Erechtheus who is called the 'earth-born', and within it is an olive-tree and a spring of salt water. According to the Athenians, they were put there by Poseidon and Athene, when they contended for possession of the land, as tokens of their claims to it. Now this olive was destroyed by fire together with the rest of the sanctuary; nevertheless on the very next day, when the Athenians ... went up to that sacred place, they saw that a new shoot eighteen inches long had sprung from the stump. 5

Herodotus, *The Histories*, 8.55

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 What had the Athenian exiles been told to do **and** by whom? (2 marks)
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 Briefly outline the circumstances in which this incident took place. Make **three** points. (3 marks)
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 What does Herodotus achieve by the use of myth in this passage and elsewhere? Refer to the books of Herodotus you have read. (10 marks)
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 How important are sacred sites to Herodotus' narrative? Support your answer by reference to the books of Herodotus you have read. (20 marks)

OR

Option B

Read the passage below and answer Questions 05 to 08 which follow.

DARIUS: Why is the groaning earth ruttled and scarred? I see
 My wife visit my tomb, and fear bids me receive
 Favourably her libations. You too at my tomb
 Stand weeping, and with shrill and anguished litanies
 Invoke my parted spirit. So, though the ascent 5
 From Hades is no easy journey, and the Powers
 Of Earth are readier to receive than to let go,
 Yet, since I share majesty among them, I have come.
 Speak quickly, for I may not overstay my time.
 What sudden burden of distress weighs Persia down? 10

Aeschylus, *The Persians*, 683–693

- 0 5** Identify 'My wife' (line 2) and 'You too' (line 3). (2 marks)
- 0 6** Briefly outline the circumstances in which Darius makes this speech. Make **three** points. (3 marks)
- 0 7** What does Aeschylus achieve by including Darius in *The Persians*? Support your answer by reference to the whole play. (10 marks)
- 0 8** 'The effect of *The Persians* depends more on spectacle than on action.'
 How far do you agree with this judgement? Support your answer by reference to the whole play. (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.

EITHER

Option C

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 How far do you think Herodotus and Aeschylus are unbiased narrators of their stories? Support your answer by reference to **both** texts. (40 marks)

OR

Option D

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 'The Greeks overcame the Persians in 480–479 BC not because of their unity but in spite of their differences.'

How far do *The Histories* and *The Persians* support this statement? Refer to **both** texts in your answer. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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