



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2013

Classical Civilisation

CIV4B

Unit 4B Alexander

Friday 7 June 2013 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.
- 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 passage below and answer Questions 01 to 03 which follow.

Alexander was only twenty years old when he inherited his kingdom.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 11

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 In what circumstances did Alexander inherit his kingdom? Make **five** points. (5 marks)
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 How important to Alexander's career were his father Philip **and** his mother Olympias? (10 marks)
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 How successfully did Alexander deal with the problems he faced in controlling the Greek states during his reign? (20 marks)

OR

Option B

Read the passages below about Alexander on his deathbed and answer Questions 04 to 09 which follow.

Passage A

These details are all to be found in the Diaries. It is further recorded in these documents that the soldiers were passionately eager to see him; some hoped for a sight of him while he was still alive; others wished to see his body, for a report had gone round that he was already dead, and they suspected, I fancy, that his death was being concealed by his guards. But nothing could keep them from a sight of him, and the motive in almost every heart was grief and a sort of helpless bewilderment at the thought of losing their king. Lying speechless as the men filed by, he yet struggled to raise his head, and in his eyes there was a look of recognition for each individual as he passed. 5

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, 7.26

Passage B

The Macedonians now believed that he was dead: they thronged the doors of the palace and began to shout and threaten the Companions, who were at last obliged to let them in. When the doors had been thrown open they all filed slowly past his bedside one by one, wearing neither cloak nor armour.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 76

- 0 4** In what year **and** in which city did Alexander die? (2 marks)
- 0 5** In whose honour had Alexander held a banquet just before his final illness? (1 mark)
- 0 6** Where was Alexander about to conduct his next campaign? (1 mark)
- 0 7** What was the status of the 'Companions' referred to in **Passage B** (line 2)? (1 mark)
- 0 8** Why do you think his men were so upset at the prospect of Alexander's death? (10 marks)
- 0 9** To what extent do Arrian's and Plutarch's accounts of events leading up to and following the death of Alexander differ? (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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 'Plutarch gives a more varied picture of Alexander's character than Arrian does.'

How far do you agree? Refer to **both** writers in your answer. (40 marks)

OR

Option D

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 'Outside Greece, Alexander was as good at establishing peace as he was at waging war.'

How far do you agree? Support your answer by reference to **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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