



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Classical Civilisation

CIV3B

Unit 3B The Persian Wars

Monday 9 June 2014 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.

‘It would give me pleasure at this point to put to you a few questions. You are a Greek, and a native, moreover, of by no means the meanest or weakest city in that country – as I learn not only from yourself but from the other Greeks I have spoken with. Tell me, then – will the Greeks dare to lift a hand against me? My own belief is that all the Greeks and all the other western peoples gathered together would be insufficient to withstand the attack of my army – and still more so if they are not united. But it is your opinion on this subject that I should like to hear.’ 5

Herodotus, *The Histories*, 7.101

- 0 1** To whom is Xerxes speaking, **and** of which Greek city is he a native? **[2 marks]**
- 0 2** Briefly outline the circumstances in which this conversation takes place. Make **three** points. **[3 marks]**
- 0 3** How far is Xerxes influenced by the response he receives? **[10 marks]**
- 0 4** How important to Herodotus’ narrative are dialogues between Persians and Greeks? Support your answer by reference to the books you have read. **[20 marks]**

or

Option B

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

Messenger: A Hellene from the Athenian army came and told
Your son Xerxes this tale: that, once the shades of night
Set in, the Hellenes would not stay, but leap on board,
And, by whatever secret route offered escape,
Row for their lives.

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Aeschylus, *The Persians*, 355–359

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 To whom is the Messenger speaking? Identify **two** hearers. **[2 marks]**
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 What is Xerxes' reaction to the information he receives? Make **three** points. **[3 marks]**
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 How important was Athenian trickery to the outcome of the subsequent battle? **[10 marks]**
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 How important a contribution does the Messenger's speech make to the dramatic effect of *The Persians* as a whole? Support your answer by reference to the whole play. **[20 marks]**

Turn over for Section 2

Turn over ►

Section 2

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

Either

Option C

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To what extent do Herodotus and Aeschylus make the quality of leadership on both sides a key theme in their accounts of the Persian Wars? Support your answer by reference to **both** texts.

[40 marks]

or

Option D

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'Both Aeschylus' *The Persians* and Herodotus' *The Histories* are primarily celebrations of an Athenian victory.' How far do you think that this is true? Support your answer by reference to **both** texts.

[40 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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