



General Certificate of Education  
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## Classical Civilisation

## CIV4A

### Unit 4A Socrates and Athens

Friday 12 June 2015 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 CIV4A.
- 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.

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**Section 1**

Choose **either** Option A **or** Option B.

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

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**Either****Option A**

Read the passage below and answer Questions **01** to **04** which follow.

What effect my accusers have had upon you, gentlemen, I do not know, but for my own part I was almost carried away by them; their arguments were so convincing. On the other hand, scarcely a word of what they said was true. I was especially astonished at one of their many misrepresentations: the point where they told you that you must be careful not to let me deceive you, implying that I am a skilful speaker. 5

Plato, 'Apology', 17a

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 Name **two** of the 'accusers' to whom Socrates refers in line 1. **[2 marks]**
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 Give **three** details of the court procedure at the trial of Socrates. **[3 marks]**
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 In the 'Apology', **before** he questions one of his accusers directly, how successfully do you think Socrates defends himself against his **earlier** accusers? **[10 marks]**
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 From your reading of the 'Apology', how committed do you think Socrates is to securing his acquittal **and** avoiding the death penalty? **[20 marks]**

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or

**Option B**

Read the passage below and answer Questions **05** to **09** which follow.

CRITO: Most people will never believe that it was you who refused to leave this place when we tried our hardest to persuade you.

SOCRATES: But my dear Crito, why should we pay so much attention to what 'most people' think?

Plato, 'Crito', 44c

- 0 5** At what time of day does this conversation take place? **[1 mark]**
- 0 6** On what does the precise day of Socrates' execution depend? Give **two** details. **[2 marks]**
- 0 7** What example does Socrates use in order to illustrate his objection to Crito's reference to 'most people' (line 1)? Give **two** details. **[2 marks]**
- 0 8** To what extent do you think that Crito is paying 'attention to what "most people" think' (lines 3-4) in his attempts to persuade Socrates to escape from prison? **[10 marks]**
- 0 9** To what extent are you convinced by Socrates' arguments, including those presented by the Laws of Athens, that he should remain in prison? **[20 marks]**

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**Section 2**

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

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**Either**

**Option C**

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'Socrates was more an arrogant busybody than a courageous free-thinker.'

How far do you agree with this opinion? Support your answer by reference to the works of **both** Aristophanes **and** Plato that you have read.

**[40 marks]**

**or**

**Option D**

**1 1**

How far do you think that the Athenians were justified in their treatment of Socrates?

Support your answer by reference to the works of **both** Aristophanes **and** Plato that you have read.

**[40 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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