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## Classical Civilisation

## CIV4B

### Unit 4B Alexander

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 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.

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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.

It was only with great difficulty that they had defeated an enemy who had put into the field no more than twenty thousand infantry and two thousand cavalry, and so, when Alexander insisted on crossing the Ganges, they opposed him outright.

Plutarch, 'Alexander', 62

- 0 1** Give **three** other details of the battle which is referred to in the passage, apart from the number of enemy troops. **[3 marks]**
- 0 2** Give **two** fears Alexander's men had about 'crossing the Ganges' (line 3). **[2 marks]**
- 0 3** To what extent did the mutiny at Opis have different causes from the mutiny at the Hyphasis River? In your answer refer to Plutarch and Arrian. **[10 marks]**
- 0 4** How typical of Alexander's dealings with his men throughout his campaigns was his behaviour at the revolt on the Hyphasis River? In your answer refer to Plutarch and Arrian. **[20 marks]**

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or

**Option B**

Read the passage below and answer Questions **05** to **07** which follow.

Some authorities state that Parmenio went to Alexander's tent and advised a night attack, because the enemy would not be expecting it, and it would naturally cause alarm and confusion. Alexander and Parmenio were not alone in the tent; others were listening, and that, perhaps, was one reason for Alexander's reply: 'I will not,' he said, 'demean myself by stealing victory like a thief. Alexander must defeat his enemies openly and honestly.'

Arrian, 'The Campaigns of Alexander', 3.10

- 0 5** What were the circumstances in which this event happened? Make **five** points. **[5 marks]**
- 0 6** How important an influence was Parmenio on Alexander? **[10 marks]**
- 0 7** To what extent was Alexander's success in the battles of Granicus, Issus and Gaugamela due to good strategy rather than to good luck? In your answer refer to Plutarch and Arrian. **[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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How successfully did Alexander combine the culture of the Macedonians and the cultures of the territories that he conquered?

In your answer refer to **both** Plutarch **and** Arrian.

**[40 marks]**

**or**

**Option D**

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‘Alexander’s upbringing was the key to his later success, both off and on the battlefield.’

To what extent do you agree? In your answer refer to **both** Plutarch **and** Arrian.

**[40 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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