

## AS CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Paper 1D Women in Athens and Rome

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Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is CIV1D.
- 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 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 65.
- 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 **05** which follow.

'If the images of your male ancestors don't move you, did not even Quinta Claudia, my illustrious descendant, push you to vie in domestic virtue with the women who brought glory to our house? Not even Claudia, the Vestal Virgin? She who, holding her father close, did not allow his enemy, the tribune of the people, to pull him down from his chariot during his triumph?'

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Cicero, 'Pro Caelio', 14; Lefkowitz and Fant, 71

- 0 1** At what age were Vestal Virgins chosen **and** for how many years did they serve? **[2 marks]**
- 0 2** How many Vestal Virgins served at one time **and** what was their most important duty? **[2 marks]**
- 0 3** What was their punishment if they lost their virginity? **[1 mark]**
- 0 4** How effectively do you think Cicero destroys Clodia's reputation? Give the reasons for your views and support them with details from the whole extract from his speech that you have studied. **[10 marks]**

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'Roman men expected wives to be dutiful towards their husbands rather than loving.'

To what extent do you think that this was true in the period down to the end of the 1st century BC? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of:

- the Sabine women
- Lucretia
- the debate about the repeal of the Oppian Law
- Cornelia, mother of the Gracchi
- Turia
- Murdia
- Sempronia.

**[20 marks]**

**Turn over for Option B**

or

### Option B

Read the passages below and answer Questions **06** to **10** which follow.

#### Passage A

I think I have noticed that the most celebrated words and deeds of the most illustrious men and women are not always the greatest. This opinion was confirmed yesterday when I spoke with Fannia. She is the granddaughter of the Arria who gave her husband not just consolation at his death but also an example...

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Caecina Paetus, Arria's husband and her son were mortally ill at the same time. The son died.

Pliny, Letters, 3.16; Lefkowitz and Fant, 170

#### Passage B

My anguish is even greater because I feel I am reliving the death of her mother, that – I can find no higher praise – great mother of a great woman, who, as she is given back to us in her daughter, so will be taken from us yet again, and I must suffer the old wound reopened as well as the new one.

Pliny, Letters, 7.19; Lefkowitz and Fant, 172

- 0 6** What did Arria do **and** say which 'gave her husband not just consolation at his death but also an example' (lines 4-5)? **[2 marks]**
- 0 7** For what crime was Arria's husband condemned to death? **[1 mark]**
- 0 8** Describe Arria's behaviour when her son died. Make **two** points. **[2 marks]**
- 0 9** Judging from the whole of the letter from which **Passage B** comes, how far do you think Pliny simply wants to publicise Fannia's qualities **and** how far does he want to show his own closeness to her family? Give the reasons for your views and support them with detail from the **whole** letter. **[10 marks]**

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'For Romans, motherhood was as much a source of anxiety as a reason for celebration.'

How far do you agree with this statement? Give the reasons for your views.

You might include discussion of:

- the Sabine women
- Cornelia, mother of the Gracchi
- Murdia
- Turia
- Calpurnia, Pliny's wife
- the Helvidiae sisters
- some of the women that Juvenal describes.

**[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.

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**Either**

**Option C**

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How important in **Athenian** society was sexual restraint between men and women? Give the reasons for your views and support them with details from the sources that you have studied.

You might include discussion of:

- the distinctions that Apollodorus makes between different types of women
- Apollodorus' accounts of Neaera's relationships in **Athens** and Phano's marriages
- Euphiletus' speech
- Ischomachus
- Aristophanes' 'Women at the Thesmophoria'
- differences in the degree of sexual restraint expected of men and of women
- the reasons for, and consequences of, these differences.

**[30 marks]**

**or**

**Option D**

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'Aristophanes' 'Women at the Thesmophoria' plays on Athenian men's fears about women as much as speeches in the Athenian lawcourts do.'

How far do you agree with this statement? Give the reasons for your views and support them with details from Aristophanes' 'Women at the Thesmophoria' and the Athenian lawcourt speeches that you have studied.

You might include discussion of:

- the fears that Athenian men had about women
- how far Aristophanes plays on these fears and how far he uses other ways to entertain his audience
- the ways men's fears are exploited in
  - Apollodorus' speech about Neaera and her alleged daughter Phano
  - Euphiletus' speech
  - the speech from the poisoning trial
- other tactics these speeches use to win over the jury.

**[30 marks]**

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