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**Monday 10 June 2019 – Afternoon**

**A Level Classical Civilisation**

**H408/33 Politics of the Late Republic**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B**.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.
- Start your answer to questions 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on a new page.
- Write the number of each question answered clearly in the margin.
- Additional paper may be used if required, but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).

**INFORMATION**

- The total number of marks for this paper is **75**.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.
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## Section A

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

**Source A: Cicero's letter to Caelius in 50 BC *Fam.*2.11**

Would you have ever thought it possible that my words would fail me, and not only the oratorical sort, but common vernacular language? They do fail me, and for this reason: I am extraordinarily anxious about what will be decided about the provinces. It is surprising how I long for Rome, you cannot believe how I long for my friends, in particular yourself. As for the province, it bores me, either because I have gained fame, to such an extent I do not desire to increase it, rather to fear its reversal; or, because it is not worthy of a man of my dignity, who before can and has borne heavier burdens to serve the state; or because I fear great war hanging over us, that I seem likely to escape if I leave on the appointed day.

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Now, about the panthers: it is being carefully attended to, as per my orders, by those who are accustomed to hunting them. There are, however, very few, and those there are, I am told, complain that in my province they are the only living creatures for whom traps are set. So it has been decided that they should leave the province for Caria. But still, attempts are being made, in particular by Patiscus. Whatever comes to hand will be yours, but how many it will be, I do not know. By the Gods, your aedileship is of great concern to me. This day reminds me of it, because I write this on the day of the Megalensia itself. I would like you to write carefully about the entire political situation, for I shall regard that which I get from you to be the most trustworthy information.

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- 1 Where was Cicero when he sent the letter in **Source A**, and what was he doing there? [2]
- 2 Why would Caelius want panthers (line 9)? [1]
- 3 What image of Cicero does the letter in **Source A** provide? Explain your answer with reference to **Source A**. [10]

**Cicero's political career was not a typical one for a member of the Roman elite.**

- 4 State **two** ways in which Cicero's career was not typical. [2]
- 5 Explain to what extent Cicero's actions remain consistent with his political ideals during his career. [10]
- 6\* 'Without patronage and *amicitia*, a politician in the late Republic could not be successful.' Assess how true this is in the cases of Cicero and Cato. Justify your response. You may use **Source A** and/or your knowledge of the careers of Cicero and Cato as a starting point. [20]

**[Section A Total: 45]**

**Section B**

Answer **one** of the following questions.

*Use classical sources, and secondary sources, scholars and/or academic works to support your argument. You should also consider possible interpretations of sources by different audiences.*

**Either**

- 7\* 'In both his oratory and his correspondence Cicero cared more about the form and style of his writings than about facts and truth.' Discuss to what extent you have found this to be the case. **[30]**

**Or**

- 8\* 'The attitudes of a few individuals, rather than a flawed system of government, led to the downfall of the *res publica*.' Assess how true you consider this statement to be by discussing **at least two** individuals. **[30]**

**[Section B Total: 30]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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