

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (JACT)

2738

Greek Historians

Tuesday

7 JUNE 2005

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer booklet

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- You must answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Start your answer to each question on a new page.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- All questions are worth 50 marks in total including 5 marks for quality of written communication.

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Section A

Answer one question from this section.

A1 Read the translation below and answer the questions at the end.

Xerxes at first was...

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Details:

Title: The Histories
Author: Herodotus
Translated by: A. de Selincourt

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...except the Persian king

HERODOTUS, The Histories 7.5 (A. de Sélincourt; Penguin)

- (a) Who are Xerxes (line 1) and Darius (line 3)? Briefly explain what has happened so far in Book 7. [10]
- (b) What points does Mardonius make in this passage? Explain how his arguments are carefully planned to appeal to Xerxes. [15]
- (c) How does Herodotus use speeches in his work? In your answer, you should include discussion of both the speech in this passage and speeches elsewhere. [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]

[Total: 50 marks]

A2 Read the translation below and answer the questions at the end.

Messengers soon arrived at...

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Details:

Title: History of the Peloponnesian War
 Author: Thucydides
 Translated by: R. Warner

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...ships and 3,000 hoplites

THUCYDIDES, History of the Peloponnesian War 1.27
 (R. Warner; Penguin)

- (a) Explain why Epidamnus has now become the site of a siege. [10]
- (b) How is this passage typical of Thucydides' writing? In your answer you should include discussion of what he says and how he says it. [15]
- (c) How interested was Thucydides in the underlying reasons for conflict? In your answer, you should include discussion of both the siege of Epidamnus and other evidence from the books you have read. [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]

[Total: 50 marks]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

- B3 'Thucydides was a wonderful military historian.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer, you should include discussion of at least one battle which he describes. [50]
- B4 Which of the two authors, Herodotus or Thucydides, is more interested in religion and the supernatural? In your answer, you should include discussion of omens and oracles. [50]