

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary GCE**

**CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (JACT)**

**2738**

Greek Historians

Tuesday

**6 JUNE 2006**

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:

8 page 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.
- Total mark for paper = 100.

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**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.

Two of the three...

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Details:

Title: The Histories  
 Author: Herodotus  
 Translated by: A. de Selincourt  
 ISBN-10: 0140449086  
 ISBN-13: 978-0140449382

... angry indeed with Aristodemus

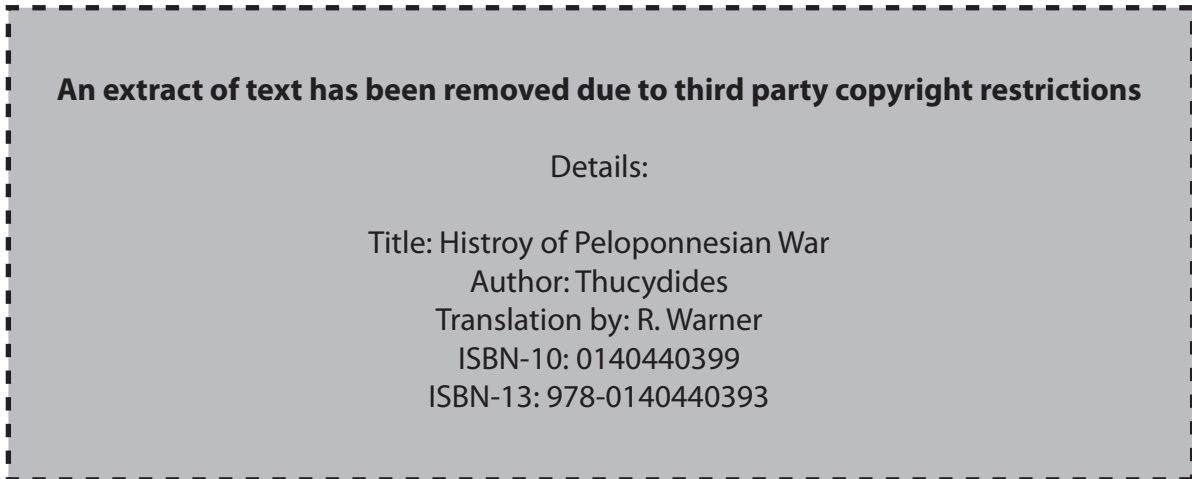
HERODOTUS, The Histories 7. 229 (A. de Sélincourt; Penguin)

- (a) Briefly explain what has happened so far since Xerxes arrived at Thermopylae. [10]
- (b) Do you think that the Spartans were right to be 'very angry indeed with Aristodemus' (line 15)? In your answer, you should include discussion of the Spartan attitude to war. [15]
- (c) How does Herodotus write about war in this passage? How typical is this of Herodotus as a military historian? In your answer, you should include discussion of battle scenes from elsewhere in the Histories. [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]  
 [Total: 50 marks]

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

So much was revealed...



...successful for us both'

THUCYDIDES, History of the Peloponnesian War 1.129 (R. Warner; Penguin)

- (a) Briefly explain why Pausanias has sent 'the letter' (line 2) and why it has pleased Xerxes so much. [10]
- (b) How is the reply (lines 9-17) that Xerxes sends to Pausanias designed to appeal to him? In your answer, you should include discussion of the language used and ideas expressed. [15]
- (c) Using the letter in this passage as a starting point, explain how Thucydides uses the words of others in his work. In your answer, you should include discussion of speeches and letters. [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]  
 [Total: 50 marks]

## Section B

Answer one question from this section.

- B3 'Thucydides is completely free from bias in his work.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer, you should include discussion of his reasons for writing history and the opinions he expresses. [50]
- B4 Which of the two authors, Herodotus or Thucydides, better describes the personalities of the people in their histories? In your answer, you should include discussion of at least one character from each writer. [50]