

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (JACT)

2739

Roman 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.

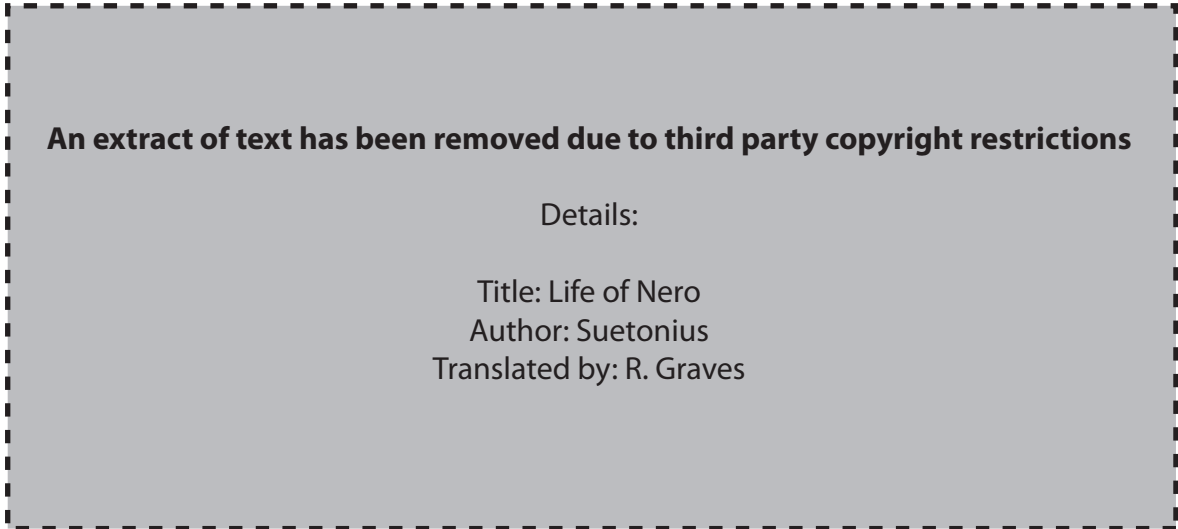
This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Section A

Answer one question from this section.

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

He tried to poison...



...supplied her with students

SUETONIUS, Life of Nero 33 (R. Graves; Penguin)

- (a) (i) Explain who Britannicus (line 1) and Claudius (line 3) were.
- (ii) Describe Nero's opinion of Claudius as depicted in the section before this passage. [10]
- (b) How typical is this passage of Suetonius' style of writing? In your answer, you should include discussion of both what he says and how he says it. [15]
- (c) How is Nero portrayed in this passage? How typical is this of his presentation elsewhere in the Life of Nero ? [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]

[Total: 50 marks]

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

To Nero, awaiting news...

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Details:

Title: Annals
 Author: Tacitus
 Translated by: M. Grant
 ISBN-10: 0140440607
 ISBN-13: 978-0140440607

...who obey orders scrupulously!

TACITUS, Annals 14.7 (M. Grant; Penguin)

- (a) (i) Who are Germanicus (line 12) and Anicetus (line 13)?
- (ii) Explain the situation as this passage opens. [10]
- (b) How does Tacitus make Nero's behaviour in this passage interesting? In your answer, you should include discussion of what Tacitus says and how he says it. [15]
- (c) How does Tacitus portray Nero's advisers in this passage? How typical is this of the way in which they are portrayed elsewhere in the Annals? [20]

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

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

- B3 'Tacitus aims to write without bias but seems incapable of doing so.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer, you should include discussion of his use of sources and his treatment of Nero. [50]
- B4 'Suetonius was more of a biographer than an historian.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer, you should include discussion of his literary style and choice of subject matter. [50]