

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary GCE**

**CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (JACT)**

**2748**

Roman Britain 1

Monday

**15 MAY 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 marks for the paper: 100.
- In this paper you are encouraged to use sketches, diagrams etc., where appropriate, to illustrate your answers.

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**This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.**

## Section A

Answer one question from this section.

A1 Read the following passage and answer the questions at the end.

The men of the 7th.....

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Details:

An extract from 'The Conquest of Gaul' by Julius Caesar, translated by  
S. Handford. ISBN: 0140440216

.....advanced towards the camp.

CAESAR, The Conquest of Gaul 4.34 (S. Handford; Penguin)

- (a) (i) What has happened to encourage the Britons to renew hostilities?  
(ii) What did the Britons hope to achieve?  
(iii) What was the 7th legion doing before it was attacked?  
(iv) What were the 'tactics' (line 1) which have unnerved the men of the 7th legion? [10]
- (b) How does Caesar write about himself in this passage? How far do you think we can trust his account of the events in the passage? In your answer you should consider what he writes about himself, the Romans and the Britons. [15]
- (c) 'A potential shambles held together by skilful adaptation and reaction to events, and by sheer luck' (Hill & Ireland). To what extent do you think Caesar's first invasion of Britain as a whole supports this statement? [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]

[Total: 50 marks]

A2 Study the following map and answer the questions at the end.



S. Hill & S. Ireland; Roman Britain (BCP)

- (a) (i) Who was governor when this part of Britain was conquered?  
 (ii) What are the names of the defensive structures labelled A and B?  
 (iii) What was the name of the legionary fortress labelled C and when was it built?  
 (iv) Why was this fortress abandoned? [10]
- (b) What do we know about the defences labelled B, D and E and what do they tell us about the Roman attitude towards the frontier in Britain at the time of their construction? In your answer you should consider how and why they were built. [15]
- (c) Why was defensive structure A built? In your answer you should include discussion of the various functions of the structure. [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]

[Total: 50 marks]

## Section B

Answer one question from this section.

- B3 Why did Claudius invade Britain? How successful was the conquest of Britain before Agricola became governor? In your answer you should include discussion of both literary and archaeological evidence. [50]
- B4 What was Tacitus' purpose in writing the *Agricola*, and how successful do you feel he has been in achieving it? In your answer you should include discussion of the work's content and its strengths and weaknesses. [50]