

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (JACT)**

Greek and Roman Historians

**MONDAY 11 JUNE 2007**

**2750**

Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**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.
- Use an 8 page answer booklet followed by a 4 page booklet if extra paper is required.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question 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.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.

**ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

## Section A

Answer one question from this section.

A1 Read the following translations and answer the questions that follow.

## PASSAGE 1

Once on a previous.....

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.....willing to join them.

HERODOTUS, The Histories 7:144 (A. de Selincourt; Penguin)

## PASSAGE 2

On one market-day.....

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.....food of the gods'.

SUETONIUS, Life of Nero 32-33 (R. Graves; Penguin)

- (a) Outline what Suetonius has discussed before Passage 2 opens. [10]
- (b) Explain how Herodotus tries to appeal to his Athenian audience in Passage 1. [15]
- (c) Using these passages as a starting point, explain which of these two authors you think is the better storyteller. [20]

[Quality of Written Communication: 5 marks]

[Total: 50 marks]

A2 Read the following translations and answer the questions that follow.

PASSAGE 1

'You Spartans are the.....

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.....than they were originally.

THUCYDIDES, History of the Peloponnesian War 1.69 (R. Warner; Penguin)

PASSAGE 2

'But we have both.....

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.....content with lower positions.'

TACITUS, Annals 14.54 (M. Grant; Penguin)

- (a) Explain who is speaking in Passage 1 (from Thucydides) and the circumstances under which he is making this speech. [10]
- (b) How is the speech in Passage 2 (from Tacitus) designed to appeal to Nero to whom it is addressed? [15]
- (c) Using these passages as a starting point, explain which author you think makes the more effective use of speeches. [20]

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

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

Start your answer to each question on a new page.

- B3** 'Biographers are less useful than historians.' With reference to Thucydides and Suetonius, explain to what extent you agree or disagree with this statement. [50]
- B4** Out of the four authors you have read, which do you consider the most impartial? In your answer, you should include discussion of **at least one** Greek historian **and at least one** Roman historian. [50]
- B5** Out of the four authors you have read, which do you consider presents men in power most effectively? In your answer, you should include discussion of **at least one** Greek historian **and at least one** Roman historian. [50]

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