

ADVANCED GCE UNIT
ANCIENT HISTORY (JACT)

Source-Based Study 2: Roman History

THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2007

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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.
- Answer **two** questions from **either** Section A **or** Section B **or** Section C.
- **Both** questions must come from the **same** section.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- Up to 10 marks will be awarded for clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

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.

Answer **two** questions from **either** Section A **or** Section B **or** Section C.

Both questions must come from the **same** section of the paper.

Section A

Roman History 81-44 BC

Answer any **two** questions.

Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

- 1 How far were the political difficulties of the period 81-64 BC a result of Sulla's failure to solve the underlying problems of the Roman state? [45]
- 2 To what extent was political activity in the 60s BC dominated by Pompey? [45]
- 3 'The formation of the so-called First Triumvirate marked the end of the Republic.' How far would you agree with this view? [45]
- 4 Assess the value of Cicero's speeches and letters as historical evidence for the events of the 50s and 40s BC. [45]
- 5 To what extent did the demands of the urban poor influence the actions of politicians during this period? [45]

Section B

The Age of Augustus 31 BC – AD 14

Answer any two questions.

Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

- 6 Why was there so little effective opposition to Augustus' regime? [45]
- 7 Did Augustus ever intend to extend the empire beyond the Rhine? [45]
- 8 'The sources are too limited for us to assess the effect of Augustus' social and moral legislation accurately.' Would you agree with this view? [45]

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- 10 To what extent and for what reasons did Augustus resist the creation of an imperial cult during his lifetime? [45]

Section C

Roman History AD 14-68

Answer any **two** questions.

Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

- 11 'Tacitus fails to live up to his own claim to have written without indignation and partisanship in his account of Tiberius' reign.' How far would you agree with this view? [45]
- 12 To what extent and for what reasons did Claudius rely on non-senators in governing the empire? [45]
- 13 How much historical value is there in Suetonius' accounts of the emperors of this period? (You may limit yourself to discussing **two** emperors if you wish.) [45]
- 14 'The Senate was unable or unwilling to mount any serious opposition to the emperors.' Is this a fair assessment of the Senate during this period? [45]
- 15 Why was it important for the emperors to maintain good relations with the army and how far did they achieve this during this period? [45]

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