

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
ANCIENT HISTORY (JACT)**

2454

Source-Based Study 1: Roman History

Section A: Roman History 81–44 BC

Section B: The Age of Augustus 31 BC–AD 14

Section C: Roman History AD 14–68

THURSDAY 22 MAY 2008

Morning
Time: 1 hour

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet provided.
- Answer **one** question from **either** Section A **or** Section B **or** Section C.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

Answer **one** question from **either** Section A **or** Section B **or** Section C.

Section A

Roman History 81–44 BC

Answer any **one** question.

You should refer to the sources to support your views whenever appropriate.

You should not spend more than 15 minutes on the (a) sub-question.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Outline the main reforms made by Sulla during his dictatorship.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the problems facing Rome and the empire at that time?
- (c) In your opinion, how effective were Sulla's reforms in meeting these problems? [100]

OR

- 2 (a) Outline the challenges to the Senate during the 70s BC.
- (b) What do the sources tell us about the ways in which the Senate reacted to these challenges?
- (c) How successful do you think the Senate was in dealing with these challenges? [100]

OR

- 3 (a) Describe the main social and economic issues in Rome and Italy during the 60s BC.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the actions politicians took to deal with these issues?
- (c) In your view, how successful were politicians in dealing with these issues? [100]

OR

- 4 (a) Outline the career of Julius Caesar between 61 BC and 49 BC.
- (b) What do the sources tell us about the differing views of politicians towards Caesar during this period?
- (c) How would you account for the differences in attitudes towards Caesar's career between 61 and 49 BC? [100]

OR

- 5 (a) Outline the main events in Cicero's career in the period 62–44 BC.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the significance of Cicero's contribution to these events?
- (c) To what extent do you think Cicero played an important part in the politics of the period 62–44 BC? [100]

Section B

The Age of Augustus 31 BC–AD 14

Answer any **one** question.

*You should refer to the sources to support your views whenever appropriate.
You should not spend more than 15 minutes on the (a) sub-question.*

EITHER

- 6 (a) Outline the position and main powers which Augustus had achieved by the end of his reign in AD 14.
- (b) What do the sources tell us about the basis of his power?
- (c) To what extent do you think Augustus and his contemporaries presented his position accurately? [100]

OR

- 7 (a) Outline the various administrative roles undertaken by equestrians in the government of Rome and the empire during the reign of Augustus.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the reasons for Augustus' use of equestrians in government?
- (c) How far do you think equestrians contributed to more effective government of Rome and the empire? [100]

OR

- 8 (a) Outline the main ways in which close political allies contributed to Augustus' regime.
- (b) What do the sources tell us about the significance of their contributions?
- (c) In your view, could Augustus have achieved as much as he did without them? [100]

OR

- 9 (a) Describe the varying threats to Augustus and his regime during the period 31 BC to AD 14.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the seriousness of these threats to his regime?
- (c) Do you think the sources underestimate the opposition to Augustus during his reign? [100]

OR

- 10 (a) Outline the social and economic problems facing the Roman state during this period.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about how Augustus attempted to deal with these problems?
- (c) In your opinion, how successful was Augustus in dealing with these problems? [100]

Section C

Roman History AD 14–68

Answer any **one** question.

You should refer to the sources to support your views whenever appropriate.

You should not spend more than 15 minutes on the (a) sub-question.

EITHER

- 11 (a) Outline the treatment of Tiberius by Tacitus in the *Annals*.
- (b) How far is Tacitus' opinion of Tiberius supported by the other sources for the reign of Tiberius?
- (c) How accurate do you consider Tacitus' treatment of Tiberius to be? [100]

OR

- 12 (a) Describe the main challenges to Claudius during his reign.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the seriousness of these challenges to his reign?
- (c) How successfully do you think Claudius dealt with these challenges? [100]

OR

- 13 (a) Describe examples of the roles undertaken by senators in Rome and the empire during this period.
- (b) What do the sources tell us about the importance of the senators to the emperors of this period?
- (c) Do you agree that the advantages of being a senator outweighed the disadvantages throughout this period? [100]

OR

- 14 (a) Outline the ways in which emperors sought to gain and maintain the loyalty of the army during this period.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the importance of the army to the emperors?
- (c) Do you think the emperor's position relied entirely upon the army? [100]

OR

- 15 (a) Describe the ways in which emperors of this period used the imperial cult.
- (b) What can we learn from the sources about the reactions to the imperial cult in Rome and the empire?
- (c) Do you think the imperial cult significantly affected the reign of any of the emperors of this period? [100]

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