

ADVANCED GCE

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LATIN

Literature 3 (Commentary and Essay)

TACITUS

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2008

Morning

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):

Answer Booklet (16 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 the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- Answer **all** the questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- Each question is marked out of 40, including 4 marks for quality of written communication.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **120**.

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

Answer Section A **and** Section B.

Section A

Answer **both** questions.

Group C: Historians

1 Answer the questions on the following passage:

sed quibus Silius moderabatur, mente ambigua fortunam seditionis alienae speculabantur: inferioris exercitus miles in rabiem prolapsus est, orto ab unetvicesimanis quintanisque initio, et tractis prima quoque ac vicesima legionibus: nam isdem aestivis in finibus Ubiorum habebantur per otium aut levia munia. igitur audito fine Augusti vernacula multitudo, nuper acto in urbe dilectu, lasciviae 5
sueta, laborum intolerans, implere ceterorum rudes animos: venisse tempus quo veterani maturam missionem, iuvenes largiora stipendia, cuncti modum miseriarum exposcerent saevitiamque centurionum ulciscerentur. non unus haec, ut Pannonicas inter legiones Percennius, nec apud trepidas militum aures, alios validiores exercitus respicientium, sed multa seditionis ora vocesque: sua in manu sitam rem Romanam, 10
suis victoriis augeri rem publicam, in suum cognomentum adscisci imperatores.

nec legatus obviam ibat: quippe plurium vaecordia constantiam exemerat. repente lymphati dstrictis gladiis in centuriones invadunt: ea vetustissima militaribus odiis materies et saeviendi principium. prostratos verberibus mulcant, sexagenis singulos, ut numerum centurionum adaequarent: tum convulsos laniatosque et partim 15
exanimos ante vallum aut in amnem Rhenum prociunt. Septimius cum per fugisset ad tribunal pedibusque Caecinae advolveretur, eo usque flagitatus est donec ad exitium dederetur. Cassius Chaerea, mox caede Gai Caesaris memoriam apud posteros adeptus, tum adulescens et animi ferox, inter obstantes et armatos ferro viam patefecit. non tribunus ultra, non castrorum praefectus ius obtinuit: vigiliis, 20
stationes, et si qua alia praesens usus indixerat, ipsi partiebantur. id militares animos altius coniectantibus praecipuum indicium magni atque inplacabilis motus, quod neque disiecti nec paucorum instinctu, set pariter ardescerent, pariter silerent, tanta aequalitate et constantia ut regi crederes.

Tacitus, *Annals* I. 31–32

- (a) *sed quibus ... imperatores* (lines 1–11): show how Tacitus emphasises how dangerous this situation is becoming. [18]
- (b) *nec legatus ... crederes* (lines 12–24): by what means does Tacitus bring out the drama of the situation here? [18]

[Quality of Written Communication: 4]

[Total = 36 + 4 = 40]

Group C: Historians

2 Answer the questions on the following passage:

iuvit nox sideribus inlustris, ventumque ad vicus Marsorum et circumdatae stationes stratis etiam tum per cubilia propterque mensas, nullo metu, non antepositis vigiliis: adeo cuncta incuria disiecta erant neque belli timor, ac ne pax quidem nisi languida et soluta inter temulentos.

Caesar avidas legiones quo latior populatio foret quattuor in cuneos dispertit; 5
 quinquaginta milium spatium ferro flammisque pervastat. non sexus, non aetas
 miserationem attulit: profana simul et sacra et celeberrimum illis gentibus templum
 quod Tanfanae vocabant solo aequantur. sine vulnere milites, qui semisomnos,
 inermos aut palantes ceciderant. excivit ea caedes Bructeros, Tubantes, Usipetes, 10
 saltusque, per quos exercitui regressus, insedere. quod gnarum duci incessitque
 itineri et proelio. pars equitum et auxiliariae cohortes ducebant, mox prima legio,
 et mediis impedimentis sinistrum latus unetvicesimani, dextrum quintani clausere,
 vicesima legio terga firmavit, post ceteri sociorum. sed hostes, donec agmen
 per saltus porrigeretur, immoti, dein latera et frontem modice adsultantes, tota vi 15
 novissimos incurrere. turbabanturque densis Germanorum catervis leves cohortes,
 cum Caesar advectus ad vicesimanos voce magna hoc illud tempus oblitterandae
 seditionis clamitabat: pergerent, properarent culpam in decus vertere. exarsere
 animis unoque impetu perruptum hostem redigunt in aperta caeduntque.

Tacitus, *Annals* I. 50–51

- (a) *iuvit nox ... temulentos* (lines 1–4): how does Tacitus' language bring out the advantages of the situation for the Romans? [9]
- (b) *Caesar ... ceciderant* (lines 5–9): show how the completeness of the victory is emphasised in Tacitus' account. [9]
- (c) *excivit ... caeduntque* (lines 9–18): how does Tacitus make this description vivid and exciting? [18]

[Quality of Written Communication: 4]

[Total = 36 + 4 = 40]

Section B

Answer the following question. The question carries 40 marks.

In answering the essay question in this Section, candidates are expected to be familiar with the following parts of the text, whether read in Latin or English:

Tacitus, *Annals* I. 16–51.

- 1 'A skilful storyteller with a strong sense of the dramatic.' Referring to his account of the army revolts in *Annals* I, discuss this view of Tacitus.

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