



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
Higher Tier  
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## **Classical Civilisation**

**40202H**

**Unit 2H Greece and Rome: Drama and Life**

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**TOPIC A GREEK TRAGEDY AND DRAMA FESTIVALS**

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**Question 3**

Choose **either** Essay A **or** Essay B.

Answer **all three** parts of the essay you have chosen.

Write your essay on pages 20 to 24 of your Question Paper/Answer Book.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, eg **3(a)(i)**.

**Either****Essay A**

**3 (a) (i)** Describe the help and support Medea receives throughout the play. **[8 marks]**

**3 (a) (ii)** Explain the emotions Medea feels during the course of the play. **[8 marks]**

**3 (a) (iii)** How much control over events in the play do you think Medea has? **[10 marks]**

**or**

**Essay B**

**3 (b) (i)** Describe the processions **and** sacrifices at the City Dionysia. **[8 marks]**

**3 (b) (ii)** How did the City Dionysia show off Athens and its citizens? **[8 marks]**

**3 (b) (iii)** You have been chosen as a playwright for the City Dionysia. What difficulties would you face in producing your play? **[10 marks]**

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**TOPIC B PLAUTUS, 'THE POT OF GOLD' AND 'THE BROTHERS MENAECHEMUS'**

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**Question 6**

Choose **either** Essay A **or** Essay B.

Answer **all three** parts of the essay you have chosen.

Write your essay on pages 20 to 24 of your Question Paper/Answer Book.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, eg **6(a)(i)**.

**Either****Essay A**

**6 (a) (i)** What acts of kindness are there in 'The Pot of Gold'? **[8 marks]**

**6 (a) (ii)** Explain what part dishonesty plays in 'The Pot of Gold'. **[8 marks]**

**6 (a) (iii)** 'There is too much violence and rudeness in 'The Pot of Gold' for it to be enjoyable.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. **[10 marks]**

or

**Essay B**

**6 (b) (i)** What acts of greed **and** violence are there in 'The Brothers Menaechmus'? **[8 marks]**

**6 (b) (ii)** Show how characters in 'The Brothers Menaechmus' are **not** completely bad. **[8 marks]**

**6 (b) (iii)** How important, do you think, family relationships are to the plot **and** humour of 'The Brothers Menaechmus'? **[10 marks]**

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**TOPIC C MYCENAEAN CIVILISATION**

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**Question 9**

Choose **either** Essay A **or** Essay B.

Answer **all three** parts of the essay you have chosen.

Write your essay on pages 20 to 24 of your Question Paper/Answer Book.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, eg **9(a)(i)**.

**Either****Essay A**

**9 (a) (i)** What are Linear B tablets **and** what information do they give about Mycenaean society?  
**[8 marks]**

**9 (a) (ii)** How does the archaeological evidence portray women in Mycenaean society?  
**[8 marks]**

**9 (a) (iii)** 'The evidence suggests that Mycenaean society was violent.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.  
**[10 marks]**

or

**Essay B**

**9 (b) (i)** Describe a typical house in Mycenae.  
**[8 marks]**

**9 (b) (ii)** Explain how Mycenaean palaces were so imposing in appearance.  
**[8 marks]**

**9 (b) (iii)** How far do you think the Mycenaeans were skilful builders?  
Do **not** refer to palaces in your answer.  
**[10 marks]**

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**TOPIC D SOCIAL LIFE IN ROME IN THE FIRST CENTURY AD**

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**Question 12**

Choose **either** Essay A **or** Essay B.

Answer **all three** parts of the essay you have chosen.

Write your essay on pages 20 to 24 of your Question Paper/Answer Book.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, eg **12(a)(i)**.

**Either****Essay A**

**12 (a) (i)** Describe a Roman wedding. **[8 marks]**

**12 (a) (ii)** Explain what the Romans did when a child was born **and** a boy came of age. **[8 marks]**

**12 (a) (iii)** Do you think slaves **and** women were unfairly treated in a Roman household?  
Give reasons for your answer. **[10 marks]**

**or**

**Essay B**

**12 (b) (i)** What acts of cruelty did the Romans witness in the Colosseum? **[8 marks]**

**12 (b) (ii)** Show how the Romans valued personal fitness **and** cleanliness. **[8 marks]**

**12 (b) (iii)** How religious do you think the Romans were? **[10 marks]**

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