
GCSE
CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

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Higher Tier Unit 2H Greece and Rome: Drama and Life

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TOPIC A GREEK TRAGEDY AND DRAMA FESTIVALS

Question 3

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

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

Write your essay on pages **18** to **23** 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)** What evil acts does Medea commit? **[8 marks]**
- 3 (a) (ii)** Explain why Medea feels such hatred towards her enemies. **[8 marks]**
- 3 (a) (iii)** Apart from Medea, which characters in the play do you like? Give reasons for your answer. **[10 marks]**

or

Essay B

- 3 (b) (i)** Apart from acting, in what ways could an Athenian citizen participate in the City Dionysia? **[8 marks]**
- 3 (b) (ii)** What were the advantages **and** disadvantages of the design of the Theatre of Dionysus for the audience? **[8 marks]**
- 3 (b) (iii)** Write a letter from an Athenian citizen to a friend telling him why he would enjoy the City Dionysia. **[10 marks]**

TOPIC B PLAUTUS, 'THE POT OF GOLD' AND 'THE BROTHERS MENAECHMUS'

Question 6

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

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

Write your essay on pages **18** to **23** 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 and consideration occur in 'The Pot of Gold'? **[8 marks]**
- 6 (a) (ii)** Explain why everyone is happy at the end of 'The Pot of Gold'. **[8 marks]**
- 6 (a) (iii)** 'Euclio is not the only unpleasant character in 'The Pot of Gold'.'
Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
Do **not** write about Euclio. **[10 marks]**

or

Essay B

- 6 (b) (i)** What roles do the minor characters (Cylindrus, the Maid, the Father and the Doctor) play in 'The Brothers Menaechmus'? **[8 marks]**
- 6 (b) (ii)** Explain why Menaechmus has so many arguments in 'The Brothers Menaechmus'. **[8 marks]**
- 6 (b) (iii)** How far is Messenio an admirable character? **[10 marks]**

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TOPIC C MYCENAEAN CIVILISATION

Question 9

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

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

Write your essay on pages **18** to **23** 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)** In what ways did Mycenaean armour protect soldiers in battle? **[8 marks]**
- 9 (a) (ii)** Why was Pylos easier to capture than Tiryns? **[8 marks]**
- 9 (a) (iii)** 'It wasn't just the size of its walls that made Mycenae easy to defend.'
Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **[10 marks]**

or

Essay B

- 9 (b) (i)** What did Mycenaean pots look like **and** how were they used? **[8 marks]**
- 9 (b) (ii)** How does the evidence from Mycenae portray men? **[8 marks]**
- 9 (b) (iii)** What do you consider the main strengths and weaknesses of Mycenaean frescoes? Give reasons for your answer. **[10 marks]**

TOPIC D SOCIAL LIFE IN ROME IN THE FIRST CENTURY AD

Question 12

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

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

Write your essay on pages **18** to **23** 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 dinner party. **[8 marks]**
- 12 (a) (ii)** Explain the popularity of chariot racing in Rome in the first century AD **and** say which modern sports have the same qualities. **[8 marks]**
- 12 (a) (iii)** 'Only senseless killing.' To what extent do you think this describes the events which took place in the Colosseum **and** the purpose of these events? **[10 marks]**

or

Essay B

- 12 (b) (i)** How did the Romans obtain their slaves **and** why did they free them? **[8 marks]**
- 12 (b) (ii)** Explain why the Romans believed that the system of Patrons and Clients was fair to both sides. **[8 marks]**
- 12 (b) (iii)** What factors do you think made a slave's life happy or miserable? **[10 marks]**

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