

CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II
Group C History

Thursday 30 May 2002 9 to 12

Paper C1

SOCIETIES AND ECONOMIES OF THE ANCIENT GREEK WORLD

*Answer **three** questions.*

It is important to write good English.

Irrelevance will be penalised.

**You may not start to read the questions
printed on the subsequent pages of this
question paper until instructed that you
may do so by the Invigilator**

- 1 'Epigraphic evidence can tell one a lot about public and private finance in Greek *poleis*; it tells one nothing about their economy.' Discuss.
- 2 Can a case be made for works of fiction being more useful than works of history for our understanding of the importance of status in Greek *poleis*?
- 3 Can social history be excavated from the earth?
- 4 What is the value of asking demographic questions about ancient Greek communities for whose citizen numbers we have no evidence?
- 5 To what extent, for what reasons, and with what consequences did the property rights of women vary from city to city in archaic and classical Greece?
- 6 What corporate groups were to be found in *poleis* outside Athens, and what was their importance?
- 7 'Where there's muck there's money.' Does the issue of how far ancient Greek farmers were involved in market transactions depend upon whether or not they farmed intensively?
- 8 Why do we need to know whether the residents of a Greek *polis* lived in villages, in scattered farms, or concentrated in a town?
- 9 Could an ancient Greek fisherman ever become rich?
- 10 Did whether a Greek *polis* was politically in a position to declare war or not have social consequences?
- 11 Was any Greek *polis* other than Athens or Sparta dependent on slaves?
- 12 Citizens, metics and slaves worked side by side on the Athenian Erechtheum; was the pattern of employment in the Athenian construction industry peculiar within the Greek world?
- 13 'Modern scholars over-emphasised the "dinner party" and underemphasised the "pub".' Discuss with reference to the ancient Greek world.
- 14 'When food is a way of making a statement, calculation of calorific values is not just useless but fundamentally misleading.' Discuss with reference to archaic and classical Greece.
- 15 To what extent and in what ways were the lives of Greek communities shaped by their (mythical) past?
- 16 'Even in their religious life the women of archaic and classical Greece could only act out the rules made by men.' Discuss.