

CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II
Group C History

Wednesday 6 June 2001 9 to 12

Paper C2

**POWER AND DEPENDENCE: MODES OF CONTROL IN THE ROMAN
HOUSEHOLD AND SOCIETY c.50 B.C.—A.D. 300**

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 Why was Roman society so stable?
- 2 Which social theorist has most to offer the historian of power in Roman society?
- 3 Was patronage less efficacious under the late Republic than under the early Empire?
- 4 The 'ambiguity' of slavery.
- 5 Is the tyranny of the *paterfamilias* a myth?
- 6 What new dimensions do Christian sources bring to the history of childhood?
- 7 Were pagan Romans systematically indifferent to the poor?
- 8 How did Christians respond to the apparently radical social teaching of Jesus?
- 9 How do the medical sources reflect prevailing attitudes to women in Graeco-Roman society?
- 10 Assess the contribution of **either** the legal sources **or** art to the history of **one or more** of the disadvantaged groups in Roman society.
- 11 How and why did the role and value of Roman citizenship change in our period?
- 12 **Either** (a) Did Rome's subjects 'become Roman'?
Or (b) Discuss and explain the representation of bandits in the literature of our period.
- 13 **Either** (a) How did religion reinforce the power structures of Roman society?
Or (b) Account for the different responses of the Roman state to Jews and to Christians.