

CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II
Group C History

Thursday 6 June 2002 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 How significant for the historian of power is the failure of dependent groups in Roman society to speak for themselves?
- 2 Assess the value of the comparative method for historians of the Roman family and society.
- 3 How far did dependent groups in Roman society cooperate in their own subordination?
- 4 Assess the work of any modern theorist (or theorists) of power and its (or their) applicability to ancient Rome.
- 5 What were the role and significance of patronage in the politics and society of the late Republic and/or the early empire?
- 6 Account for the survival of slavery in ancient Rome.
- 7 Did the Romans love their children?
- 8 In what way, for what reasons, and to what effect were material resources redistributed in traditional, non-Christian Roman society?
- 9 How did the leadership of the Church seek to persuade Christians to be charitable, and why was this necessary?
- 10 What were the modes, and the limits, of male domination in the Roman household and society?
- 11 By what means and with what motives was Roman citizenship conferred on subjects of Rome?
- 12 What were the limits of Roman power and influence in the Graeco-Roman world?
- 13 How does the treatment of other religions and deviant cults by Roman governments illuminate the nature and functions of traditional Roman religion?