

**CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II**  
**Group C History**

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Wednesday 4 June 2003 1.30 to 4.30

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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 **Either** (a) How persuasive is the idea that power entails resistance?  
**Or** (b) Is power better interpreted as the product of agency or of structure?
- 2 Assess the benefit of patronage relationships to patrons and to clients in ancient Rome.
- 3 How was the humanity of slaves acknowledged in Roman law and life?
- 4 **Either** (a) 'This right is peculiar to Roman citizens; for scarcely any other men have over their sons a power such as we have.' (GAIUS) What was so singular about *patriapotestas*?  
**Or** (b) How far did Christianity undermine traditional family hierarchies and relationships?
- 5 Were Romans indifferent to the poor?
- 6 How did Christians respond to Christ's instructions to renounce their property?
- 7 Were Roman women powerless?
- 8 **Either** (a) How far, and by what means, did Rome's subjects become 'Roman'?  
**Or** (b) What does the phenomenon of banditry tell us about the reach and effectiveness of Roman imperial government?
- 9 Is Rome's religious inclusiveness a myth?
- 10 Are some dependent groups in Roman society more visible than others to modern historians, and if so, why?
- 11 Assess the contribution of **either** medical sources **or** legal sources **or** non-literary sources to the study of power in Rome.
- 12 How useful to the student of power relations in Rome is knowledge of other periods of history and other disciplines?