



UNIVERSITY OF
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CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II
Group C History

Wednesday 31 May 2006 1.30 to 4.30

Paper C3

ROME AND THE GREEK EAST FROM PYRRHUS TO SULLA

Answer three questions.

Candidates who do not write legibly may find themselves at a grave disadvantage.

Irrelevance will be penalised.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Booklet x 1
Rough Work Pad x 1

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

**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 far was Polybius's version of Rome's conquest of Greece endorsed by Livy?
- 2 To what extent did Pyrrhus drag the Romans kicking and screaming into the Hellenistic world?
- 3 'Imperium sine fine dedi' ('I gave empire without limit' - Jupiter, in VIRGIL, *Aeneid*): to what extent was this a received idea at Rome by 200 B.C.?
- 4 **Either** (a) Fear, greed, glory: how would you weight these three possible causes of Roman imperialism in the East?

Or (b) Was economic profit more a consequence than a cause of Rome's political involvement with the Greek East?
- 5 How far does the epigraphic evidence modify the literary sources' picture of the Greek cities' early contacts with Rome?
- 6 **Either** (a) "'Hellenization" is too vague a concept to explain Rome's cultural development in the decades around 200 B.C.'. Discuss.

Or (b) 'The Elder Cato was himself the living proof of Rome's Hellenization'. Discuss.
- 7 'Freedom is in the eye of the beholder': was Flamininus's declaration at Corinth in 196 B.C. anything more than propagandistic spin?
- 8 Did Rome's conquest of the East set Rome and Italy irreversibly on the path to a slave economy?
- 9 What was the impact of Rome's grant of 'free' status to Delos?
- 10 To what extent was native Roman historiography a product of the empire's encounter with Greeks?
- 11 'Roman religion was a classic instance of captive Greece's conquest of her fierce conqueror'. Discuss.
- 12 In what ways did contact with Greece leave a visible mark on the city of Rome?
- 13 Had Mithradates any realistic hopes of defeating Rome?

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