



CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II  
Group C History

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Tuesday 5 June 2007 9 to 12

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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 To what extent, and in what circumstances, had Greece impinged on the Romans before the First Macedonian War?

2 **Either** (a) 'Polybius' personal closeness to his material is a source of difficulty as much as an advantage to the modern historian'. Discuss.

**Or** (b) 'Livy's account of Rome's conquest of Greece adds little to that of Polybius'. Discuss.

3 Assess the contribution made by epigraphic evidence to our understanding of Roman relations with the Greek world in this period, with special reference to **one or more** inscriptions.

4 'Strategies devised by Greek cities to deal with Hellenistic monarchies were simply replicated to deal with the Romans'. Do you agree?

5 How far did class struggle within Greek cities play a part in determining their response to Rome?

6 **Either** (a) 'In the second century BC, aristocratic rivalry served to restrain Roman imperialism as well as to encourage it'. Discuss.

**Or** (b) 'Roman reactions to the possibility of a threat resembled those of a nervous tiger, disturbed when feeding' (BRUNT). How well does this sum up Roman foreign policy towards the Greek East in this period?

7 How may the contentious nature of Roman politics in the 180s BC be explained?

8 'The Roman conquest of Greece can be traced in the monuments of the city of Rome'. Discuss.

9 Why did the Romans welcome Aesculapius to their city but suppress the worshippers of Bacchus?

10 Did joint participation in imperial expansion bring Romans and Italians closer together, or drive them further apart?

11 Has the impact of slavery on the economy of Italy in the second century BC been exaggerated?

12 What effects did the Roman conquest have on the Greek countryside?

13 Why did Mithradates' activities prove so disastrous for Roman interests in the East?

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