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CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II
Group C History

Friday 9 June 2006 9 to 12

Paper C4

THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ROMAN WORLD, A.D. 284-476

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 'The greatest problem in understanding the third century is its persistent description as "a time of crisis".' Discuss.
- 2 Was Constantine a Christian?
- 3 **Either** (a) 'An empire of bureaucrats.' How was the later Roman empire ruled?
Or (b) 'Mere pomp and circumstance.' Was there anything more to court ceremonial in late Antiquity?
- 4 Was there any difference between patronage and corruption in the later Roman Empire?
- 5 'Idiosyncratic and unreliable.' Is this a fair description of Ammianus Marcellinus' *Res Gestae*?
- 6 **Either** (a) Why did the cult of the martyrs flourish in the fourth and fifth centuries?
Or (b) How can the rise and function of the holy man in late Antiquity be best explained?
- 7 To what extent did late-antique Christianity undermine the institution of slavery?
- 8 What happened to civic élites in late Antiquity?
- 9 Account for the increasing importance of bishops in late Antiquity.
- 10 'More opinion, than fact.' Is this fair description of the Christian historians of the fourth and fifth centuries?
- 11 To what extent is later Roman art 'Christian art'?
- 12 Did Christianity revolutionise attitudes towards **either** women **or** the poor.
- 13 What happened to polytheism in late Antiquity?
- 14 How sophisticated was the late-antique economy?
- 15 'In the fourth and fifth centuries, it is the increasing importance of theological disputes which, above all, marks the rise of the Church as an institution.' Do you agree?
- 16 **Either** (a) 'Accommodation, assimilation, migration.' Were there any barbarian invasions in late Antiquity?
Or (b) Did the Roman Empire decline and fall in the West?

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