



CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II
Group D Archaeology

Wednesday 6 June 2007 9 to 12

Paper D1

AEGEAN PREHISTORY

Answer three questions.

Credit will be given for relevant plans and sketches.

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 What do we know about social structures and identities in the Neolithic Aegean?
- 2 How different was the phenomenon of social complexity in the EBA Cyclades from that of the EBA mainland or Crete?
- 3 To what extent have excavations provided evidence for the 'Achaeans' and 'Trojan war' of Homer?
- 4 How would you explain the rise of state systems on Crete during the Middle Bronze Age?
- 5 How intensive were the interactions between the Aegean and Near East in **either** the Protopalatial and Neopalatial periods **or** the Mycenaean palatial period?
- 6 Can we speak of 'colonization' by the Minoans?
- 7 **Either** (a) Describe and explain the 'religious landscape' of Protopalatial and Neopalatial Crete.

Or (b) How far have the sites of Phylakopi and the Mycenae Cult Centre illuminated 'the archaeology of cult' in the Mycenaean world?

8 **Either** (a) What do we know about political hierarchy in the Minoan and Mycenaean worlds?

Or (b) Explain the social and cultural significance of the artefact reproduced below.



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- 9 What do the Linear B tablets from Pylos and other palaces tell us about the nature of the Mycenaean economy?
- 10 Can we explain the emergence of elites on the Greek mainland in MH III-LH I?
- 11 Is the end of the Mycenaean palaces best explained by reference to some kind of natural disaster?
- 12 “Evans’s revitalization of a wondrous world of peaceful prosperity, stable divine autocrats and a benevolent aristocracy, owes a great deal to the general political, social and emotional ‘Angst’ of Europe in his time” (BINTLIFF). Do you agree with this judgement on Sir Arthur Evans?

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