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A2 GCE CLASSICS: ANCIENT HISTORY

F394/01 Roman History: the use and abuse of power

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Use black ink.
- This Question Paper contains questions on the following three options:
Option 1: The fall of the Roman Republic 81–31 BC
Option 2: The invention of Imperial Rome 31 BC–AD 96
Option 3: Ruling the Roman Empire AD 14–117
- Choose **one** option. Answer any **two** questions. Both questions must be from the same option.
- Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- The quality of your written communication will be assessed in this paper.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Option 1: The fall of the Roman Republic 81–31 BC

Answer **two** questions.

You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 1 'Of the sources, only Cicero, provides a reliable account of the events and issues of this period.' How far do you agree with this view? **[50]**

- 2 How far were the conflicts between politicians during this period inevitable? **[50]**

- 3 To what extent do the sources help us to understand how far the Senate's role and influence declined during this period? **[50]**

- 4 'Sulla did more to bring about the fall of the Republic than any other individual politician of this period.' To what extent is this a fair assessment? **[50]**

Option 2: The invention of Imperial Rome 31 BC–AD 96

Answer **two** questions.

You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 5 To what extent do the sources suggest that the Senate was too subservient to be an effective force under the principate during this period? **[50]**
- 6 How important were family and friends for emperors gaining and maintaining their power and position during this period? **[50]**
- 7 'Due to neglect by the emperors, the city was unsafe and unrewarding for its citizens during this period.' How far do the sources support this view? **[50]**
- 8 'By the use of patronage, bribery and force emperors of this period effectively dealt with any challenges during their reigns.' How far do you agree with this view? **[50]**

Option 3: Ruling the Roman Empire AD 14–117

Answer **two** questions.

You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 9 'The support of the army was the main reason the emperors of this period were able to maintain control of the Empire.' To what extent do you agree with this view? **[50]**
- 10 To what extent do the sources support the view that the quality of government of the Empire improved during this period? **[50]**
- 11 To what extent did the Roman emperors have consistent and coherent policies for the Northern and Eastern frontiers? **[50]**
- 12 'The provincials' lives were transformed economically and socially by the Empire during this period.' How far do the sources support this view? **[50]**

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