



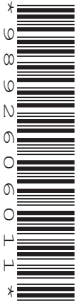
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**Tuesday 23 May 2023 – Afternoon**

**A Level Classical Civilisation**

**H408/23 Invention of the Barbarian**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **75**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **4** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

## Section A

Start your answer to each 10, 20 and 30 mark question on a new page.

**Source A**  
**Rock relief**



- 1 Where is the rock relief shown in **Source A**? [1]
- 2 How many languages are used on this rock relief? [1]
- 3 Name the god shown on the 'winged disc', labelled **1** in **Source A**. [1]
- 4 Who are the people represented by the nine figures facing the king in **Source A**? [1]
- 5 Explain how **Source A** adds to our understanding of how Darius became ruler of the Persian empire. [10]

**Source B****Aeschylus – *The Persians* 790–820**

DARIUS: You cannot win; the land itself fights on their side.	
CHORUS: Fights on their side? But how?	
DARIUS: Their soil is lean, and kills With famine any force of more than moderate size.	
CHORUS: But we will send a picked force, easily supplied.	5
DARIUS: Not even those troops that still remain in Hellas shall Come safely home.	
CHORUS: What? Will not all our army cross The Hellespont?	
DARIUS: Few out of many shall return, If we may learn from this day's evidence to trust Divine prophecy, which shall surely be fulfilled To the last jot. Therefore those hopes are vain with which Xerxes now leaves behind the choicest of his men.	10
Where the Asopus spreads his precious streams to enrich The dry Boeotian plain, they wait; and there wait too Ruin and untold pain, which they must yet endure – The just reward of pride and godless insolence.	15
Marching through Hellas, without scruple they destroyed Statues of gods, burned temples; levelled with the ground Altars and holy precincts, now one heap of rubble. Therefore their sacrilege is matched in suffering.	20
And more will follow; for the well-spring of their pain Is not yet dry; soon <u>new disaster</u> gushes forth.	
On the Plataean plain the Dorian lance shall pour Blood in unmeasured sacrifice; dead heaped on dead Shall bear dumb witness to three generations hence That man is mortal, and must learn to curb his pride.	25
For pride will blossom; soon its ripening kernel is Infatuation; and its bitter harvest, tears.	30

- 6 What is the 'new disaster' (line 24) that Darius refers to in **Source B**? [1]
- 7 Assess how far Darius' speech in **Source B** explains the reasons for the failure of the Persian invasion of Greece. [10]
- 8\* Explain how effectively Persian kings demonstrated their power to their subjects.  
You may use **Source(s) A and/or B** as a starting point in your answer. [20]

[Section A Total: 45]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

Use classical sources, and secondary sources, scholars and/or academic works to support your argument. You should also consider possible interpretations of sources by different audiences.

**Either**

**9\*** 'The way that Herodotus and Aeschylus present the battle of Salamis to their audiences is very different.'

Explain how far you agree with this statement and justify your response. **[30]**

**Or**

**10\*** 'Understanding the role of binary oppositions is crucial to understand the Greek view of the world.'

Explain how far you agree with this statement and justify your response. **[30]**

**[Section B Total: 30]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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