



General Certificate of Education  
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# Classical Civilisation

# CIV4B

## Unit 4B Alexander

Friday 18 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do **not** use pencil or gel pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.  
The **Paper Reference** for this paper is **C I V 4 B**.
- Answer questions from **two** options.  
Choose **one** option from Section One and **one** option from Section Two.  
Answer **all** questions from the options you have chosen.
- Use both sides of the paper.
- Write the question number in the boxes provided in the left-hand margin at the start of each question, e.g. **0 1**.
- Leave a space between each answer.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.  
Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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**Section One**

Choose **either** Option A **or** Option B.

Answer **all** questions from the option you have chosen.

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**EITHER****Option A**

Read the passages below from Arrian's and Plutarch's accounts of the siege of Tyre and answer Questions 01 to 04 which follow.

**Passage A**

However – dreams or no dreams – it was obvious enough that the siege of Tyre would be a tremendous undertaking. The town was an island, and surrounded by strong and lofty walls.

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, 2.18

**Passage B**

The kings of Cyprus promptly visited him to hand over the island, and the whole of Phoenicia surrendered to him except for the city of Tyre. He besieged Tyre for seven months.

Plutarch, *Alexander*, 24

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| 0 | 1 | Why was it important for Alexander to capture the city of Tyre? Give <b>three</b> reasons.<br>(3 marks)   |
| 0 | 2 | How did Alexander treat the defeated Tyrians? Give <b>two</b> details.<br>(2 marks)   |
| 0 | 3 | To what extent is Plutarch's account of the siege of Tyre different from Arrian's?<br>(10 marks)  |
| 0 | 4 | 'Alexander's tactical skills were the most significant factor in his success up to the fall of Tyre.' How far do you agree with this opinion?<br>(20 marks) |

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OR

**Option B**

Read the passage below from Plutarch's account of the killing of Cleitus and answer Questions 05 to 09 which follow.

Not long after this came the killing of Cleitus, whose treatment on the bare facts of the case appears to have been even more shocking than that of Philotas. However, if we consider both the occasion and the cause, we may see that it was a misfortune rather than a deliberate act, and that it was Cleitus' evil genius which took advantage of Alexander's anger and intoxication to destroy him.

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Plutarch, *Alexander*, 50

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 Who was Philotas (line 2)? (1 mark)
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 According to Plutarch, what character traits did Philotas have? Give **two** details. (2 marks)
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 What treatment did Alexander give to Philotas when a conspiracy was discovered? Give **two** details. (2 marks)
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 How far do you agree with Plutarch's view that it was 'Cleitus' evil genius' (line 4), not Alexander, that was responsible for Cleitus' murder? Give reasons for your views. (10 marks)
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 How well did Alexander manage his officers and men during his campaigns? Refer to the accounts of **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch in your answer. (20 marks)

**Turn over for the next question**

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**Section Two**

Choose **either** Option C **or** Option D and answer the question below.

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**EITHER**

**Option C**

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How successful was Alexander in dealing with the challenges of administering his conquests? Refer to the accounts of **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch in your answer.

(40 marks)

**OR**

**Option D**

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How far, in your opinion, do the accounts of **both** Arrian **and** Plutarch show that Alexander's desire for fame was more important than other factors in motivating him?

(40 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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