

Advanced GCE

2990

CLASSICAL GREEK

Literature 3 (Commentary and Essay)

HERODOTUS

Afternoon

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2007

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (16 pages)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- Each question is marked out of 40 marks including 4 marks for written communication.
- The total number of marks for this Paper is 120.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer Section A **and** Section B.

Section A

Answer **both** questions.

Group D: Comedy or Historian

- 1 Answer the questions on the following passage:

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HERODOTUS VIII. 68–69

- (a) *εἰπεῖν μοι . . . ὥς ἐκείνους ἔπρεπε* (lines 1–10): how in these lines does Artemisia try to persuade Mardonius (and, through him, Xerxes) to take her advice? Refer **both** to the content of her speech **and** to the way in which it is expressed. [18]
- (b) *πρὸς δέ, ὦ βασιλεῦ . . . ναυμαχέοντας* (lines 11–24): in these lines, what impression does Herodotus give of the state of the Persian army, and how does he do this? [18]

[Quality of Written Communication: 4]

[Total: 36 + 4 = 40]

2 Answer the questions on the following passage:

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HERODOTUS VIII. 75–76

- (a) *ἔπεμψε . . . καὶ τοὺς μὴ* (lines 1–8): why does Sicinnus make this speech to the Persians, and how does Herodotus make it persuasive? [18]
- (b) *ὁ μὲν ταῦτά . . . ἀγγελέντα* (lines 8–9) and *τῶνδε δὲ εἵνεκεν . . . παραρτέοντο* (lines 14–22): in these lines, can Herodotus be accused of going beyond the known facts in his narrative? [18]

[Quality of Written Communication: 4]

[Total: 36 + 4 = 40]

Section B

Answer the following question. The question carries 40 marks.

In answering the essay question in this Section, candidates are expected to be familiar with the following parts of the text, whether read in Greek or in translation:

Herodotus VIII. 49–65, 67–72, 74–90, 108–111

- 1 From your reading of the prescribed portions of Book VIII, what would you say were Herodotus' strengths and weaknesses as an historian?

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