

**ADVANCED GCE****ANCIENT HISTORY (JACT)****2463**

Source-Based Study 2: Roman History

Section A: Roman History 81–44 BC

Section B: The Age of Augustus 31 BC–AD 14

Section C: Roman History AD 14–68

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Tuesday 16 June 2009**  
**Afternoon**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions from **either** Section A **or** Section B **or** Section C.
- **Both** questions must come from the **same** section.
- Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- Up to 10 marks will be awarded for clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions from **either** Section A **or** Section B **or** Section C.  
**Both** questions must come from the **same** section of the paper.

**Section A**

**Roman History, 81–44 BC**

Answer any **two** questions.

Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

- 1 Why did Sulla's reforms meet so much opposition? [45]
- 2 How much can we learn from Cicero's letters and speeches about the political issues which divided politicians during this period? [45]
- 3 How far is it an over-simplification to say that all politicians of this period were motivated only by personal ambition and self-interest? [45]
- 4 'The murder of Caesar seemed to some to be a crime, to others a glorious deed.' Why do you think Caesar's assassination provoked such conflicting views? [45]
- 5 To what extent should the Senate take the blame for the breakdown of the Republic? [45]

**Section B****The Age of Augustus 31 BC–AD 14**

Answer any **two** questions.

Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

- 6** To what extent and for what reasons did the nature of political activity change during this period? **[45]**
- 7** 'For Augustus religion was merely another propaganda weapon.' Discuss this view. **[45]**
- 8** In what ways and for what reasons did Augustus enlarge the role of the equestrians in the administration of Rome and the Empire during this period? **[45]**
- 9** 'Augustus had no consistent policy towards the frontiers; he simply reacted to situations as they arose.' How far would you agree with this view? **[45]**
- 10** How successful was Augustus in gaining and maintaining the support of the upper classes of Rome? **[45]**

**Section C****Roman History AD 14–68**

Answer any **two** questions.

Knowledge of the relevant ancient sources should be displayed in all answers.

- 11** 'Tacitus gives us history; Suetonius offers gossip and scandals.' Of these two writers, whose account of this period is more reliable? **[45]**
- 12** To what extent was Tiberius' principate as disastrous as Tacitus claims? **[45]**
- 13** How successfully do you think Claudius dealt with the problems which he faced during his principate? **[45]**
- 14** To what extent was the promotion of the equestrians in government by the Julio-Claudians during this period designed to lessen the role of the Senate? **[45]**
- 15** How important were the women of the imperial family to the Julio-Claudian emperors during this period? **[45]**

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