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A Level Classical Civilisation

H408/22 Imperial Image

Resource Booklet

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**



SOURCE A
The Tellus Relief



Description of Source A

The central figure is Tellus dressed in robes and a veil with two babies. Her lap is full of fruit. A sheep and a cow are at her feet and a jug spilling water is in the foreground. To the left of Tellus is a female figure riding on a swan and to the right is a female figure riding on a serpent. All around the figures, flowers are blooming and plants and crops are growing.

SOURCE B

An extract from Horace, 'Carmen Saeculare'

O kindly Sun, in your shining chariot, who
Herald the day, then hide it, to be born again
New yet the same, you will never know anything
Mightier than Rome!

O gentle Ilithyia, duly revealing
The child at full term, now protect gentle mothers,
Whether you'd rather be known as Lucina,
4 Or Genitalis.

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Goddess, nurture our offspring, bring to fruition
The Senate's decrees concerning the wedlock
Of women who'll bear us more of our children,
The laws of marriage,

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So the fixed cycle of years, ten times eleven,
Will bring back the singing again, bring back the games
We crowd to three times by daylight, as often,
By beautiful night.

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And you, the Fates, who are truthful in prophecy,
Link happy destinies, as has once been ordained
And let the certain course of events confirm it,
To those that are past.

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Let Earth that is fruitful in crops, and in cattle,
Adorn our Ceres with garlands of wheat-ears:
And may Jupiter's life-giving rain and breezes
Ripen the harvest.

Gentle and peaceful Apollo, lay down your arms,
And listen now to the young lads' supplications:
51 Luna, crescent-horned queen of the constellations,
Give ear to the girls.

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