

ADVANCED GCE

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ANCIENT HISTORY (JACT)

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

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2008

Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet provided.
- 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.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

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

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 'It was Pompey's ambition and self-interest in the 70s BC which destroyed Sulla's genuine attempt to save the Republic.' How far would you agree with this view? [45]
- 2 Was Cicero ever an important figure in the politics of this period? [45]
- 3 'The contemporary sources are too biased and selective to be of use to the historian of this period.' Is this a fair assessment in your view?
You should limit yourself to discussing **two** sources. [45]
- 4 Who, in your view, was most responsible for the outbreak of war in 49 BC? [45]
- 5 How successfully did politicians of this period use religion to achieve their political aims? [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 did Augustus overcome the hostility to the idea of a dynasty ruling Rome? [45]
- 7** 'Augustus did not care for the Republic; all he was interested in was power for himself.' Do you think Augustus' actions in the period 31 BC to AD 14 support this view? [45]
- 8** How successful were Augustus' measures to ensure the loyalty of the army? [45]
- 9** In what ways and with what effect did the role of the Senate change with the creation of the Principate? [45]
- 10** How successful were Augustus' policies for controlling the urban populace? [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 How effective an emperor, in your view, was Tiberius? [45]
- 12 Do you agree with Nero's view that Claudius had been 'a doddering old idiot' (Suetonius, *Nero* 33)? [45]
- 13 How useful are the sources for our understanding of the development of the imperial cult during this period? [45]
- 14 How successful were the emperors in gaining and maintaining the support of the ordinary citizens of Rome?
You may limit yourself to discussing **two** emperors if you wish. [45]
- 15 'It is surprising, in view of its record of failure, that the Julio-Claudian dynasty survived as long as it did.' How far would you agree with this view? [45]