

**CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II**  
**Group C History**

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Monday 13 June 2005 9 to 12

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Paper C4

TRANSFORMATION OF THE ROMAN WORLD. A.D. 284–476

*Answer three questions.*

**Candidates who do not write legibly may find themselves at a grave disadvantage.**

**Irrelevance will be penalised.**

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Booklet ×1

Rough Work Pads ×1

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

**You may not start to read the questions  
printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you  
may do so by the Invigilator**

- 1 Is the third century A.D. best described as a period of crisis?
- 2 'Without the tetrarchy, Constantine would have achieved substantially less.' Do you agree?
- 3 How sophisticated was the late-antique agrarian economy?
- 4 'Paideia ensured the end of polytheism.' Discuss.
- 5 **Either** (a) How powerful were late-antique emperors?  
**Or** (b) How reliable a guide to late-antique emperors is Ammianus Marcellinus?
- 6 'Brief and unsuccessful.' A fair description of Julian's reign?
- 7 To what extent is the *Theodosian Code* a reliable guide to the aims and successes of late-antique government?
- 8 What impact did Sasanian Persia have on the later Roman Empire?
- 9 To what extent is late-antique art a crude pastiche of classical forms and styles?
- 10 How did the role and status of bishops change in the fourth and fifth centuries A.D.?
- 11 **Either** (a) 'One of greatest threats to the establishment of Christianity in late Antiquity was the rise of monasticism.' Do you agree?  
**Or** (b) How important were holy men and women in late-antique Christianity?
- 12 To what extent did late-antique Christianity revolutionise attitudes towards the poor?
- 13 'Orthodoxy breeds heresy.' Do you agree?
- 14 'Smugly triumphant.' Consider this assessment of Christian histories written in the fourth and fifth centuries A.D.
- 15 Was the later Roman army 'barbarized'?
- 16 What happened to cities in late Antiquity?
- 17 Was the later Roman Empire invaded by barbarians?
- 18 How Roman were the successor kingdoms in the West?  
*Answer with reference to at least one of the following:*
  - (i) Ostrogothic Italy
  - (ii) Frankish Gaul
  - (iii) Vandal Africa
  - (iv) Visigothic Spain