

Section A: The Julio-Claudian Emperors, 31 BC–AD 68

*Question 1		To what extent was there discontent with the emperors during this period?		[30 marks]
Assessment Objectives		<p>AO3 = 15 marks = Use, analyse and evaluate ancient sources within their historical context to make judgements and reach conclusions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> historical events and historical periods studied how the portrayal of events by ancient writers/sources relates to the historical contexts in which they were written/produced. <p>AO2 = 10 marks = Analyse and evaluate historical events and historical periods to arrive at substantiated judgements</p> <p>AO1 = 5 marks = Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the historical periods studied.</p> <p>Please note that while the descriptors for AO2 and AO3 are given separately in the levels, the analysis and evaluation of sources & historical events and historical periods may be combined in responses.</p>		
Additional guidance		The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.		
Level	Marks	Level descriptors	Indicative content	
Level 5	25–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a very good range of fully appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are thoroughly analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, well-developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw fully substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has an excellent explanation that convincingly and very thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated, sustained, and well-developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a very good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a sophisticated understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.</i></p>	<p>No set answer is expected. It is possible to reach the highest marks with conclusion(s) either agreeing, disagreeing, or anywhere between providing the response has addressed the issue of extent. Responses should be marked in-line with the level descriptors.</p> <p>Candidates may look at similarities and differences in the level of discontent between different emperors, and also at level of discontent within an emperor's reign.</p> <p>Candidates may look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specific opposition to emperors by individuals or groups (including members of imperial family): its 	

Level 4	19–24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a good range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has a very good explanation that convincingly and thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated and developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a well-developed understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and in the most part substantiated.</i></p>	<p>seriousness and extent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> displays of discontent with emperors e.g. riots, popular outbursts against actions, rejection of imperial demands. displays of support by individuals or groups e.g. senators, equestrians, urban poor. the reasons for and context for discontent / support. <p>Supporting source details may include:</p> <p>Augustus: Suet Aug. 19: riots and conspiracies; 65 – his family; opposition to marriage laws (Suet. Aug 34); Tac. Ann 1.9–10; Res Gestae 5, 10, 34–35 for support; Suet. Aug. 42 complaints, Pliny NH on discontent; Velleius on universal support</p>
Level 3	13–18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw supported, plausible conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has a good explanation that convincingly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach supported judgements, though these are not consistently developed. (AO2) The response demonstrates a reasonable range of accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and a reasonable understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question through most of the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p>	<p>Tiberius: Suet. Tib 75 reaction to death; Tac. Ann 1.11f debate on accession; 1.45f discontent with his actions; 3.3 Germanicus' death and Agrippina's opposition 4.52ff; 3.14–16 Piso; Tac. Annals 6.13 riots</p> <p>Gaius: assassination Dio 59.29.1, Suet. Gaius 56; plot of Gaetulicus, Lepidus Dio 59.22; Suet Gaius 13–14 – popularity; support of the Senate</p> <p>Claudius: Suet. Claudius 10 – accession – support/opposition; plots: Suet. Claudius 13, 36, Dio 60.14; riots 18; executions 29</p> <p>Nero: Agrippina Tac. <i>Annals</i> 13.12–14; 14.1f (Thrasea 14. 11); support / discontent over artistic aims <i>Annals</i> 14. 14–15; Burrus <i>Annals</i> 14.51; riots over Octavia <i>Annals</i> 14.61; 15.44; suspicion over the Fire AD 64; Piso plot – Tac. <i>Annals</i> 15.48-50 for those involved.</p>
Level 2	7–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses some appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were 	

		<p>produced, and to draw some supported conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has an explanation that analyses and appraises historical events and periods, and this is linked appropriately to judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements may not always be made fully explicit. (AO2) The response demonstrates a limited range of accurate knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though this may lack detail. The question is generally addressed, but the response loses focus in places. (AO1) <p><i>The information has some relevance, but is communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence, the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.</i></p>	<p>Analysis of the sources should focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the extent of discontent / support using specific examples from selected parts of the period the assessment of opposition and support the different levels of discontent of individual emperors by different groups the presentation of Tiberius, Gaius, Claudius and Nero compared to Augustus evaluation and interpretation of the evidence (archaeological and literary).
Level 1	1–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a limited selection of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated in a basic way, and this is linked to basic, generalised judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced. There are some basic conclusions about the historical issue in the question, though these may only be implicitly linked with the analysis and evaluation of the sources. (AO3) The response has some explanation which analyses and appraises historical events and periods in places, and this is linked appropriately to some of the judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements is not made explicit. (AO2) The response demonstrates some limited knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though lacking detail and in places inaccurate. The question is only partially addressed. (AO1) <p><i>Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.</i></p>	
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*Question 2		How important a role did imperial women play during the reigns of Claudius and Nero?		[30 marks]
Assessment Objectives		<p>AO3 = 15 marks = Use, analyse and evaluate ancient sources within their historical context to make judgements and reach conclusions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> historical events and historical periods studied how the portrayal of events by ancient writers/sources relates to the historical contexts in which they were written/produced. <p>AO2 = 10 marks = Analyse and evaluate historical events and historical periods to arrive at substantiated judgements.</p> <p>AO1 = 5 marks = Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the historical periods studied.</p> <p>Please note that while the descriptors for AO2 and AO3 are given separately in the levels, the analysis and evaluation of sources & historical events and historical periods may be combined in responses.</p>		
Additional guidance		The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.		
Level	Marks	Level descriptors	Indicative content	
Level 5	25–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a very good range of fully appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are thoroughly analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, well-developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw fully substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has an excellent explanation that convincingly and very thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated, sustained, and well-developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a very good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a sophisticated understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.</i></p>	<p>No set answer is expected. It is possible to reach the highest marks with conclusion(s) either agreeing, disagreeing, or anywhere between providing the response has addressed the issue of extent. Responses should be marked in-line with the level descriptors.</p> <p>Candidates should look at the significance of the role women played in the reigns of Claudius and Nero. Candidates are likely to analyse the similarities and differences between different imperial women and also the relationship between these imperial women at different times during both emperors' reigns.</p>	

Level 4	19–24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a good range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has a very good explanation that convincingly and thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated and developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a well-developed understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and in the most part substantiated.</i></p>	<p>Candidates may look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The presentation of Messalina, Octavia, Poppaea and Agrippina the Younger by the sources. The role in controlling the succession. The influence they exerted over the emperor. <p>There is a wealth of material in Tacitus and Suetonius on the intrigues of the women in the imperial house during the reigns of Claudius and Nero which should be credited as appropriate according to the grids. Sources may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 12.3; Suet. <i>Cl.</i> 26.; Dio. 60.31. on seduction of Claudius by Agrippina and subsequent marriage Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 12.58; Dio 60.33 the marriage of Nero and Octavia Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 12.26, 27; Dio 60.33 honours granted to Agrippina Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 13.2; Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 9 Nero's watchword indicating Agrippina's role in bringing about his succession Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 13.2 Agrippina's influence over Nero in the early part of his reign Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 13.5; Dio 61.3 Agrippina becomes less influential as time goes on Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 33-34 Agrippina transfers her affections to Britannicus and eventually leaves the imperial residence Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 35.1 The lack of importance of Octavia Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 14.1 Poppaea's importance at the expense of Octavia
Level 3	13–18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw supported, plausible conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has a good explanation that convincingly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach supported judgements, though these are not consistently developed. (AO2) The response demonstrates a reasonable range of accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and a reasonable understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question through most of the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 12.58; Dio 60.33 the marriage of Nero and Octavia Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 12.26, 27; Dio 60.33 honours granted to Agrippina Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 13.2; Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 9 Nero's watchword indicating Agrippina's role in bringing about his succession Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 13.2 Agrippina's influence over Nero in the early part of his reign Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 13.5; Dio 61.3 Agrippina becomes less influential as time goes on Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 33-34 Agrippina transfers her affections to Britannicus and eventually leaves the imperial residence Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 35.1 The lack of importance of Octavia Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 14.1 Poppaea's importance at the expense of Octavia
Level 2	7–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses some appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 35.1 The lack of importance of Octavia Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 14.1 Poppaea's importance at the expense of Octavia

		<p>produced, and to draw some supported conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has an explanation that analyses and appraises historical events and periods, and this is linked appropriately to judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements may not always be made fully explicit. (AO2) The response demonstrates a limited range of accurate knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though this may lack detail. The question is generally addressed, but the response loses focus in places. (AO1) <p><i>The information has some relevance, but is communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence, the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suet. <i>Ner.</i> 34.2-3, 35.2-3 exile and death of Octavia Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 11.29. Suet. <i>Cl.</i> 29, 37 on Messalina's influences Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 11, 26-38 on Messalina's downfall <p>Analysis of the sources should focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> detailed interpretation and evaluation of the evidence exploring the importance of the roles of the women during the reigns of Claudius and Nero. the possible motives of the authors in presenting the women in the way they do. the difference in importance between Agrippina and other women.
Level 1	1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a limited selection of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated in a basic way, and this is linked to basic, generalised judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced. There are some basic conclusions about the historical issue in the question, though these may only be implicitly linked with the analysis and evaluation of the sources. (AO3) The response has some explanation which analyses and appraises historical events and periods in places, and this is linked appropriately to some of the judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements is not made explicit. (AO2) The response demonstrates some limited knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though lacking detail and in places inaccurate. The question is only partially addressed. (AO1) <p><i>Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.</i></p>	
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Question 3		How convincing do you find Gruen's interpretation that Augustus suffered "no lapse in authority"? [20 marks]	
Assessment Objectives		AO4 = 15 marks = Analyse and evaluate, in context, modern historians' interpretations of the historical events and topics studied. AO1 = 5 marks = Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the historical periods studied.	
Additional guidance		<p>The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.</p> <p>Please note that interpretations can be evaluated in the context of the wider historical debate connected with the issue or of the historical context about which the historian was writing. There is no expectation that the interpretation will be evaluated in the context of the methods or approach used by the historian, or how the interpretation may have been affected by the time in which they were writing, though credit can be given for this approach to evaluation if done in a way which is relevant to the question.</p> <p>A learner's knowledge and understanding of the historical period, including the ancient sources may be credited, but only where it is presented in a way which is relevant and intrinsically linked to the analysis/evaluation/use of the interpretation, it should not be credited in isolation.</p>	
Level	Marks	Level descriptors	Indicative content
Level 5	17–20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response has a very through and sustained analysis of the interpretation, in context, to produce a convincing and fully substantiated evaluation in relation to the question. (AO4) The response demonstrates a very good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a sophisticated understanding of historical features and characteristics that are fully relevant to the question. (AO1) 	<p>No set answer is expected. It is possible to reach the highest marks with a conclusion either agreeing or disagreeing with the modern historians' interpretation, or anywhere between providing the response has addressed the issue of extent. Responses should be marked in-line with the level descriptors.</p> <p>Answers should evaluate both the interpretation locating it within the wider historical debate about the issue and using their own knowledge of the ancient sources and events and periods to reach a judgement about how convincing they find the argument.</p>
Level 4	13–16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response has a through and sustained analysis of the interpretation, in context, to produce a convincing and well supported evaluation in relation to the question. (AO4) The response demonstrates a good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a well-developed understanding of historical features and characteristics that are fully relevant to the question. (AO1) 	<p>In locating the interpretation within the wider historical debate, candidates might :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discuss the specific powers of Augustus mentioned in the passage discuss the importance of the role of the Praetorian Guard

Level 3	9–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response has a good analysis of the interpretation, in context, to produce a supported evaluation in relation to the question. (AO4) The response demonstrates a reasonable range of accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and a reasonable understanding of historical features and characteristics that are relevant to the question. (AO1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discuss why there were no major constitution changes after 23 BC assess the extent to which Augustus controlled all aspects of the city or Rome and the empire discuss the methods adopted by Augustus to control the Senate and the army. <p>In evaluating the interpretation, answers might argue that this view is not convincing, pointing towards the following information / ancient sources:</p>
Level 2	5–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response has some analysis of the interpretation, in context, to produce a partially supported evaluation in relation to the question. (AO4) The response demonstrates a limited range of accurate knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though this may lack detail. (AO1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Augustus's presentation of his constitutional position in <i>Res Gestae</i> supported by aureus from 28 BC additional powers granted to Augustus in 19 BC mutinies in the army as told by Pliny pro-Augustan sources which show that the Senate had authority (<i>Velleius</i> and <i>Res Gestae</i>). <p>In evaluating the interpretation, answers might argue that this view is convincing, drawing on the following information / ancient sources:</p>
Level 1	1–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response has a basic analysis of the interpretation, with parts of the answer just describing the interpretation. Response produces a very basic evaluation in relation to the question. (AO4) The response demonstrates some limited knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though lacking detail and in places inaccurate. (AO1) 	<p>In evaluating the interpretation, answers might argue that this view is convincing, drawing on the following information / ancient sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tacitus' portrayal of Augustus's principate in the <i>Annals</i> book 1 and his assessment of Tribunician Power in <i>Annals</i> book 2 Dio's account of the 1st and 2nd settlements His plans for succession including use of the Tribunician Power His relationship with the Senate and individual Senators.
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Section B: The Flavians, AD 68–96

Question 4		How useful are these passages for our understanding of the ways in which the relationship between the Flavian emperors and the Senate changed during this period? [12 marks]	
Assessment Objectives		AO1 = 6 marks = Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the historical periods studied. AO3 = 6 marks = Use, analyse and evaluate ancient sources within their historical context to make judgements and reach conclusions about how the portrayal of events by ancient writers/sources relates to the historical contexts in which they were written/produced.	
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Level	Marks	Level descriptors	Indicative content
Level 6	11–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response demonstrates an excellent range of accurate and very detailed knowledge and a very sophisticated depth of understanding of historical features and characteristics that are fully relevant to the question. (AO1) Response uses a very good range of fully appropriate examples from the set of ancient sources. The set of sources is thoroughly analysed and evaluated to reach substantiated, well-developed judgements about how the way the context in which the sources were produced impacts on them and their usefulness for the issue in the question. (AO3) 	<p>No set answer is expected. It is possible to reach the highest marks with conclusion(s) either way as to the source's usefulness to understanding the issue in question providing the response has addressed the issue of extent. Responses should be marked in-line with the level descriptors.</p> <p>Candidates may discuss the following information in relation to contents of the source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cassius Dio's presentation of Vespasian's relationship with the Senate and senators as good: 'happy to see anyone including senators'; easy access; attendance at meetings; free discussion; respect for Senate in relaying information; social meetings. Suetonius' presentation of Domitian's relationship: executions, triviality of reasons, Domitian's fears of others and plots, distrust. Comparing the apparent differences in the relationships and the presentations – Dio's portrayal of good relations against Suetonius' much darker picture.
Level 5	9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response demonstrates a very good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a sophisticated understanding of historical features and characteristics that are fully relevant to the question. (AO1) Response uses a good range of fully appropriate examples from the set of ancient sources. The set of sources is thoroughly analysed and evaluated to reach developed judgements about how the way the context in which the sources were produced impacts on them and their usefulness for the issue in the question. (AO3) 	
Level 4	7–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response demonstrates a good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a well-developed understanding of historical features and characteristics that are fully relevant to the question. (AO1) Response uses a good range of appropriate examples from the set of 	

		ancient sources. The set of sources is analysed and evaluated to reach developed judgements about how the way the context in which the sources were produced impacts on them and their usefulness for the issue in the question. (AO3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The possible opinions of the authors which affect the descriptions. • The extent to which these accounts offer a valid or accurate account of the relationships, the lack of any balancing account for Domitian – senatorial and anti-Domitian sources. • Some aspects of the ways relationship changed: Vespasian popular and welcomed as the winner in the Civil War, end of war, the arrival of peace and stability, his supporters survived, fewer opponents (e.g. Helvidius Priscus Suet. <i>Vesp.</i> 15, frequent plots Suet. <i>Vesp.</i> 25); Titus' popularity, the reaction against Domitian's autocracy (Dio 67.2) (Suet <i>Dom.</i> 8), hated and feared (Suet. <i>Dom.</i> 14); Tac. <i>Agr.</i> 42. • Characters and personalities of the different emperors affecting the relationship and the ways the Senate / senators changed in their views, (L20 J10g); Tacitus <i>Agricola</i> 2.3–3.2, 39.1–3 (L20 23, 25). • Vespasian's reform of the order (Tac. <i>Ann.</i> 3.55); respect for the senators, modesty and generosity, leniency, gifts (Suet. <i>Vesp.</i> 9, 12, 15, 17); Titus' popular character (Suet. <i>Titus</i> 11) (Dio 66.18–19); Domitian's early attempts to reconcile the Senate; Domitian's character (Dio 67.1) – aggressive and bad-tempered; actions towards senators recorded in Dio Cassius; cruelty / avarice. • The changing nature of the Senate: non-Italian senators.
Level 3	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response demonstrates a reasonable range of accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and a reasonable understanding of historical features and characteristics that are relevant to the question. (AO1) • Response uses a reasonable range of appropriate examples from the set of ancient sources. The set of sources is analysed and evaluated to make some basic judgements about how the way the context in which the sources were produced impacts on them and their usefulness for the issue in the question. (AO3) 	
Level 2	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response demonstrates a limited range of accurate knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though this may lack detail. (AO1) • Response uses a few appropriate examples from the set of ancient sources. The set of sources is analysed and evaluated in a basic way to make some basic judgements about how the way the context in which the sources were produced impacts on them and their usefulness for the issue in the question. (AO3) 	
Level 1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response demonstrates some limited knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though lacking detail and in places inaccurate. (AO1) • Response uses a few appropriate examples from the set of ancient sources. The set of sources is analysed and evaluated in a basic way but judgements about how the context in which the sources were produced impacts on them and their usefulness for the issue in the question are either not present or are not linked to analysis and are merely assertions. (AO3) 	
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*Question 5	'Vespasian gained and maintained his power through the failures of others rather than his own abilities? How far do you agree with this view?' [36 marks]		
Assessment Objectives	<p>AO3 = 18 marks = Use, analyse and evaluate ancient sources within their historical context to make judgements and reach conclusions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historical events and historical periods studied • how the portrayal of events by ancient writers/sources relates to the historical contexts in which they were written/produced. <p>AO2 = 12 marks = Analyse and evaluate historical events and historical periods to arrive at substantiated judgements</p> <p>AO1 = 6 marks = Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the historical periods studied.</p> <p>Please note that while the descriptors for AO2 and AO3 are given separately in the levels, the analysis and evaluation of sources & historical events and historical periods may be combined in responses.</p>		
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Level 6	31–36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response uses an excellent range of fully appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are very thoroughly analysed and evaluated, to reach very logically reasoned and well-developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw fully substantiated, very convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) • The response has an excellent explanation that convincingly and very thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated, sustained, and well-developed judgements. (AO2) • The response demonstrates an excellent range of accurate and very detailed knowledge and a very sophisticated depth of understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.</i></p>	<p>No set answer is expected. It is possible to reach the highest marks with conclusion(s) either agreeing, disagreeing, or anywhere between providing the response has addressed the issue of extent. Responses should be marked in-line with the level descriptors.</p> <p>Candidates may look at the significance of the personalities involved and their abilities or lack of them in assessing Vespasian's success; they may consider the different political, social, economic and religious contexts affecting the events and the actions of the participants.</p> <p>Answers are likely to include some information on:</p>
Level 5	25–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response uses a very good range of fully appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are thoroughly analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, well-developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw fully substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The events after the death of Nero and the roles and actions of Galba, Otho and Vitellius and their supporters; Sabinus revolt. • The supporters of Vespasian and their contributions to his accession e.g. Mucianus, Titus Alexander, his sons, Titus and Domitian.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has a very good explanation that convincingly and thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated, sustained and developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a very good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a sophisticated understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information is relevant and in the most part substantiated.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resources: economic and military supporting his bid for power and principate. Supporters and opponents during his reign; their actions; the affect upon his maintenance of power. Vespasian's abilities which contributed to his accession and reign. <p>Supporting source details may include:</p>
Level 4	19–24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a good range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has a good explanation that convincingly and fully analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated and developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a well-developed understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a line of reasoning with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accession: issues and events, personalities: Suetonius <i>Galba</i> 15–16; <i>Otho</i> 8–9; <i>Vitellius</i> 7, 10, 13–15; <i>Vespasian</i> 3, 6, 8; Dio Cassius 66.9; Tacitus <i>Histories</i> 1.6, 1.22, 1.33, 46, 1.62, 2.91. Vespasian actions and abilities: Suetonius <i>Vespasian</i> 8–11, 12, 14; Tacitus <i>Histories</i> 2.74 (character); Josephus <i>JW</i> 7.63–74 (L20 H22). supporters / opponents: Suetonius <i>Vespasian</i> 13, 15, 23; Dio Cassius 66.5, 66.16; Tacitus <i>Histories</i> 1.50, 52–53, 2.79, 83, 100–101; <i>Lex de imperio</i> (L20 H20); <i>Aqueduct</i> (L20 K74); <i>aureus</i> (L20 H25); <i>aureus</i> (L20 H35); <i>As</i> (H28) Issues, events, resources: Suetonius <i>Vespasian</i> 5–6, Tacitus <i>Histories</i> 1.19, 62, 76–77, 86, 89, 2.4–5, 85, 3.84–86, 4.80–82; <i>aureus</i> (L20 H41); <i>Sestertius</i> (L20 H46).
Level 3	13–18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw supported, plausible conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has an explanation that convincingly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach supported judgements, though these are not consistently developed. (AO2) The response demonstrates a reasonable range of accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and a reasonable understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question through most of the answer. (AO1) <p><i>The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure. The information is supported by limited evidence.</i></p>	<p>Analysis of the sources might focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the sources: history, biography, epigraphic etc.; the limitations in the evidence. Contexts and preconceptions of the authors and the effect on the presentation of material and its value as historical evidence. The similarities and differences in the ways events, issues and personalities are portrayed; how this affects our understanding of these events and issues.

Level 2	7–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response uses some appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw some supported conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) • The response has an explanation that analyses and appraises historical events and periods, and this is linked appropriately to judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements may not always be made fully explicit. (AO2) • The response demonstrates a limited range of accurate knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though this may lack detail. The question is generally addressed, but the response loses focus in places. (AO1) <p><i>The information has some relevance, but is communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.</i></p>	
Level 1	1–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response uses a limited selection of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated in a basic way, and this is linked to some basic, generalised judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced. There are some basic conclusions about the historical issue in the question, though these may only be implicitly linked with the analysis and evaluation of the sources. (AO3) • The response has some explanation which analyses and appraises historical events and periods in places, and this is linked appropriately to some of the judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements is not made explicit. (AO2) • The response demonstrates some limited knowledge and understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics, though lacking detail and in places inaccurate. The question is only partially addressed. (AO1) <p><i>Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.</i></p>	
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*Question 6		'Domitian achieved more for Rome and the Romans than either Titus or Vespasian.' How far do you agree with this view? [36 marks]	
Assessment Objectives		<p>AO3 = 18 marks = Use, analyse and evaluate ancient sources within their historical context to make judgements and reach conclusions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> historical events and historical periods studied how the portrayal of events by ancient writers/sources relates to the historical contexts in which they were written/produced. <p>AO2 = 12 marks = Analyse and evaluate historical events and historical periods to arrive at substantiated judgements.</p> <p>AO1 = 6 marks = Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the historical periods studied.</p> <p>Please note that while the descriptors for AO2 and AO3 are given separately in the levels, the analysis and evaluation of sources & historical events and historical periods may be combined in responses.</p>	
Additional guidance		The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.	
Level	Marks	Level descriptors	Indicative content
Level 6	31–36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses an excellent range of fully appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are very thoroughly analysed and evaluated, to reach very logically reasoned and well-developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw fully substantiated, very convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has an excellent explanation that convincingly and very thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated, sustained, and well-developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates an excellent range of accurate and very detailed knowledge and a very sophisticated depth of understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.</i></p>	<p>No set answer is expected. It is possible to reach the highest marks with conclusion(s) either agreeing, disagreeing, or anywhere between providing the response has addressed the issue of extent. Responses should be marked in-line with the level descriptors.</p> <p>Candidates may look at the significance of the personalities involved and their abilities or lack of them in assessing the significance of each emperor's actions; they may consider the different political, social, economic and religious contexts affecting the events and these actions. They may look at the change in the way each emperor approached the role of <i>princeps</i>.</p>
Level 5	25–30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a very good range of fully appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are thoroughly analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, well-developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw fully substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the 	<p>Answers are likely to include some information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reigns of each emperor including actions and policies towards the amenities of Rome, its people (Senators, equestrians and plebs) and its security, and towards the Empire and its

		<p>question. (AO3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has a very good explanation that convincingly and thoroughly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated, sustained and developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a very good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a sophisticated understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information is relevant and in the most part substantiated.</i></p>	<p>problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The political contexts and the changing nature of the principate during the period; the means by which power was gained and maintained. The changes in military, social and financial contexts after the end of the Civil War during the reigns; the pacification of parts of the Empire; the policies towards expansion and consolidation, and the successes and failures with these policies; the impact of these on Rome and the Empire. The developments in the cultural and intellectual life specifically religion, literature and philosophy promoted by the emperors. Views of Romans on the emperors.
Level 4	19–24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a good range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned, developed judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw substantiated and convincing conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has a good explanation that convincingly and fully analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach substantiated and developed judgements. (AO2) The response demonstrates a good range of accurate and detailed knowledge and a well-developed understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. (AO1) <p><i>There is a line of reasoning with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p>	<p>Supporting source details may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespasian: Suetonius 5, 8–11, 17, 23; Dio Cassius 66.5, 9, 10, 12, 16; Josephus <i>JW</i> 158–62; Statius <i>Silvae</i> 3.3.85–110; Orosius <i>Histories</i> 7.3.7; ILS 218 (L20 K74); aureus (L20 H25); aureus (L20 H35); aureus (L20 H41); sestertius (L20 H46). Titus: Suetonius 6, 7, 8; Dio Cassius 66.18, 19.3; Josephus <i>JW</i> 7.148–152; sestertius (L20 H51). Domitian: Suetonius. 4–10, 12, 20, 23; Martial Ep.9.1, 8.49; Tacitus <i>Agricola</i> 2–3, 40–45; aureus (L20 H60); AS (L20 K10); sestertius (L20 K23); aureus (L20 K51); Dupondius (L20 K85); sestertius (L20 L24); sestertius (L20 N25).
Level 3	13–18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response uses a range of appropriate examples from the ancient sources. The sources are analysed and evaluated, to reach logically reasoned judgements about how the way they portray events relates to the context in which they were produced, and to draw supported, plausible conclusions about the historical issue in the question. (AO3) The response has an explanation that convincingly analyses and appraises historical events and periods in order to reach supported judgements, though these are not consistently developed. (AO2) The response demonstrates a reasonable range of accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and a reasonable understanding of relevant historical features and characteristics. There is a consistent focus on the question through most of the answer. (AO1) 	<p>Analysis of the sources might focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the sources: history, biography, epigraphic etc; the limitations in the evidence. Contexts and preconceptions of the authors and the effect on the presentation of material and its

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Assessment Objective Grid

	Distribution of marks for each Assessment Objective			
Section A	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Question 1 & 2	5	10	15	–
Question 3	5	–	–	15
Section B	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Question 4	6	–	6	–
Question 5 & 6	6	12	18	–
TOTAL	22 (22.5%)	22 (22.5%)	39 (40%)	15 (15%)

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