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### A2 GCE CLASSICS: ANCIENT HISTORY

F394/01 Roman History: the use and abuse of power

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 2 hours



#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Use black ink.
- This Question Paper contains questions on the following three options:  
Option 1: The fall of the Roman Republic 81–31 BC  
Option 2: The invention of Imperial Rome 31 BC–AD 96  
Option 3: Ruling the Roman Empire AD 14–117
- Choose **one** option. Answer any **two** questions. Both questions must be from the same option.
- Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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**Option 1: The fall of the Roman Republic 81–31 BC**

Answer **two** questions.

**You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.**

- 1 Cicero claimed, in 59 BC, that the Republic was finished. How far do the sources support this view? **[50]**
- 2 To what extent were the tribunes no more than agents of powerful politicians during this period? **[50]**
- 3 To what extent does the evidence support the view that bribery played a significant part in Roman political life during this period? **[50]**
- 4 How far were the social effects of political and military conflicts important in Roman politics during this period? **[50]**

**Paper Total [100]**

**Option 2: The invention of Imperial Rome 31 BC–AD 96**

Answer **two** questions.

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- 5 'Bread and Circuses – this is all the emperors contributed towards the well-being of the people of the city of Rome.' How far do you agree with this view? **[50]**
- 6 To what extent does the evidence help us to understand the attitudes of the emperors of this period towards traditional religious practices? **[50]**
- 7 'None of the emperors of this period managed to achieve a good working relationship with the Senate and senators.' How far do you agree with this assessment? **[50]**
- 8 'Compared with the other emperors of this period, Augustus and Vespasian achieved far more for the city of Rome.' How far do the sources support this view? **[50]**

**Paper Total [100]**

**Option 3: Ruling the Roman Empire AD 14–117**

Answer **two** questions.

**You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.**

- 9 To what extent and for what reasons did the Romans ignore Augustus' advice not to expand the Empire during this period? [50]
- 10 'Once the Romans took over, provincials soon lost their local and regional identities.' To what extent do the sources support this view? [50]
- 11 'The sources provide only a limited account of the role and success of governors during this period.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]
- 12 How far does the evidence support the view that Boudicca's revolt was not at all typical of resistance to Roman rule during this period? [50]

**Paper Total [100]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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