

Advanced GCE

GCE CLASSICS

Unit CC8: Art and Architecture in the Greek
World

Specimen Paper

F388 QP

Morning/Afternoon

Time: 2 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet (12 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

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**

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

This document consists of **5** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Section A: Commentary Questions

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

You are reminded that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication of your answer.

- 1 Study the illustrations and answer the questions.



Sculpture A



Sculpture B

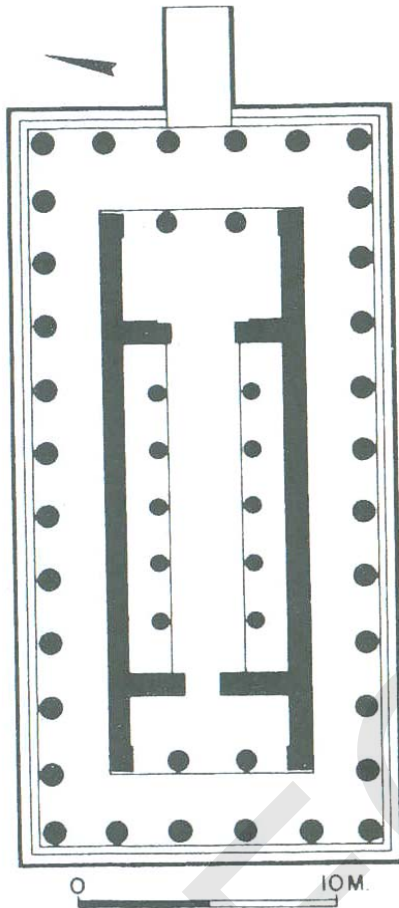
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- (a) How far is Sculpture A typical of its period? [25]
- (b) Compare the content and composition of the two sculptures. Which do you find more aesthetically pleasing, and why? [25]

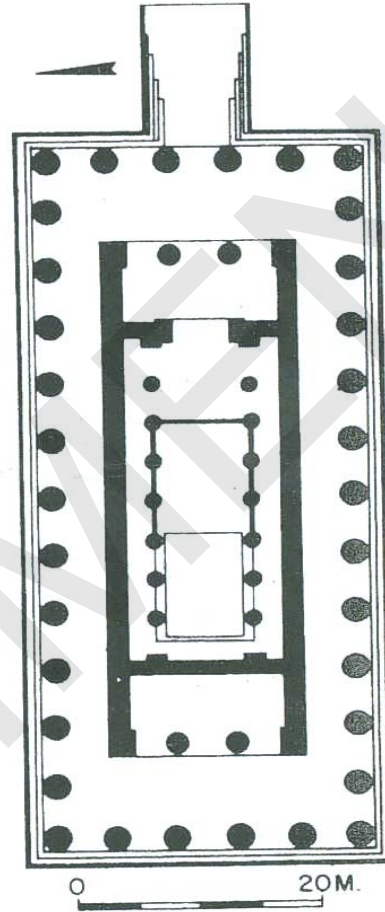
Do not answer Question 2 if you have already answered Question 1.

You are reminded that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication of your answer.

- 2 Study the ground plans of the two temples and answer the questions.



Temple A



Temple B

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- (a) How typical is Temple A of the architectural order to which it belongs? [25]
- (b) By comparing and contrasting the plans and appearances of these two buildings, show which of them you think was the more impressive, and why. [25]

Section A Total [50]

Section B: Essays

Answer **one** question.

You are reminded that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication of your answer.

- 3** How successfully is conflict depicted in Greek Art? In your answer you should refer to specific examples from **both** sculpture **and** vase-painting. **[50]**
- 4** 'The requirements of a Pan-Hellenic sanctuary differed from those of a sanctuary which mainly served the local community.' How far do you agree with this view? **[50]**

Section B Total [50]

Paper Total [100]

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Section A		
Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
	<p>Answers must be marked using the level descriptors in the marking grids and a mark awarded for each Assessment Objective. The following points are indicative and offer question specific guidance. They do not provide an exhaustive list and any relevant points should be credited.</p>	
<p>1 1(a)</p>	<p>Study the illustrations and answer the questions.</p> <p>How far is Sculpture A typical of its period?</p> <p>Sculpture A comes from the east frieze of Siphnian Treasury at Delphi. The frieze belongs to the late Archaic period, c.525 B.C.</p> <p>Typical features of this period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of repetition; • the use of pattern; • the treatment of the hair; • the treatment of the drapery; • the sketchy nature of the anatomy; • the overall decorative effect of the frieze. <p>Candidates should be able to relate these features to specific aspects of the frieze and be able to refer to works of a similar date to support their argument.</p>	<p>[25]</p>
<p>1(b)</p>	<p>Compare the content and composition of the two sculptures. Which do you find more aesthetically pleasing, and why?</p> <p>Sculpture A depicts seated gods and goddesses [Ares, Aphrodite, Artemis, Apollo, Zeus, candidates may also make reference to Athena, Hera and Demeter] discussing events in the Trojan War.</p> <p>Sculpture B depicts seated gods and goddess [Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis] watching the Panathenaic procession.</p> <p>In Sculpture A the poses of the figures are very repetitive. The style of dress is almost identical. The composition is strongly dominated by horizontals [the line of the stools] and verticals [the stool legs, the figures] but the effect is slightly softened by the use of subtle diagonals [the legs and the arms].</p> <p>In Sculpture B the figures are more varied in terms of both posture and drapery. There is a progression from Poseidon, whose upper torso is not covered, through Apollo, who has half his torso covered, through to Artemis who is fully clothed. There is a similar effect in the progressively raised arm of the three deities. The whole scene is skilfully composed and executed.</p>	

Section A		
Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(b)	It does not matter whether candidates prefer Sculpture A or Sculpture B, provided their reasons are supported by clear reference to the two pieces. Some may prefer the simplicity of the Siphnian Treasury frieze to the more complex Parthenon frieze. Others may prefer the realism and the flowing elegance of the Parthenon frieze. Both may be considered effective in their own way. Look for a close comparison of different elements of the two friezes and a clearly argued statement of preference.	[25]
2	<p>Study the ground plans of the two temples and answer the questions.</p> <p>Temple A is the temple of Aphaia on Aegina. Temple B is the temple of Zeus at Olympia.</p> <p>2(a) How typical is Temple A of the architectural order to which it belongs?</p> <p>The temple of Aphaia belongs to the Doric order. The temple is typical of many temples of the time and has a number of the standard features of the Doric order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a rectangular building with an east/west orientation; • 3 stepped base; • colonnade; • columns - directly on stylobate, flutes, capitals; • cella; porches at east and west ends; • sculpture - triglyph and metope frieze, sculpted pediments (this merits only a brief mention and not a detailed description). <p>Candidates must attempt some assessment of how typical the temple is of the order. Worthy of note are the use of local stone, the monolithic columns and the use of some Doric refinements - angle contraction, columns slope inwards, corner columns thicker than others.</p> <p>2(b) By comparing and contrasting the plans and appearances of these two buildings, show which of them you think was the more impressive, and why.</p> <p>Similarities</p> <p>Both temples have the Doric elements discussed in (a). Some of the points which might be considered here include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ramp; • steps and superstructure of limestone, though the quality is superior in the Aphaia temple; • thin coating of stucco to create impression of superior material; • marble used for sculpture; • use of angle contraction to counteract triglyph problem; • porch columns and antae aligned with 2nd/5th columns of facade; • cella divided by internal colonnade. 	[25]

Section A				
Question Number	Answer		Max Mark	
2(b) cont'd	Differences	<p>TEMPLE OF APHAIA</p> <p>Size smaller 13.77 m. x 28. 82 m.</p> <p>Columns 12 x 6 monolithic (3 in drums) 5.272 m. high 0.989 m. diameter proportions heavy (1:5 1/3) heavy capitals</p> <p>Proportion short in relation to width (1:2)</p> <p>Porches east deep, west shallow off centre doorway into cella from back porch</p> <p>The temple of Aphaia marks the transition from the Archaic period to the fully Classical styles of the C5th B.C. in its sculpture and its architecture. Some of the features mentioned above are a legacy of the C6th B.C. (monolithic columns, heavy proportions, heavy capitals, spacing on facade and flanks).</p> <p>Candidates will probably choose the temple of Zeus as the one they consider most impressive. Whichever temple is chosen sensible reasons must be given to justify the choice. Some credit should be awarded to a brief consideration of the external sculpture [the pediments of both temples and the decorated metopes of the Olympia temple]. A balanced and well-argued response should be based on architectural reasons and not just the external sculpture.</p>	<p>TEMPLE OF ZEUS</p> <p>biggest temple in Greece until Parthenon 27.68m x 64.12m</p> <p>13 x 6 drums 10.43 m. high 2.21m. diameter taller but sturdier, thicker, clumsier (1:4 3/4)</p> <p>spacing across front/sides different</p> <p>roughly the same no doorway into cella from back porch</p>	[25]
	Section A Total		[50]	

Section B		
Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
	<p>Answers must be marked using the level descriptors in the marking grids and a mark awarded for each Assessment Objective. The following points are indicative and offer question specific guidance. They do not provide an exhaustive list and any relevant points should be credited.</p>	
3	<p>How successfully is conflict depicted in Greek Art? In your answer you should refer to specific examples from both sculpture and vase-painting.</p> <p>There is a wealth of material in both art forms from which the candidates may choose.</p> <p>From sculpture the most popular scenes will probably be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centauromachy [west pediment of the temple of Zeus at Olympia; south metopes from the Parthenon]; • Gigantomachy [Siphnian Treasury north frieze; east metopes from the Parthenon]; • Trojan War Scenes [pediment from temple of Artemis on Corcyra; east and west pediments from the temple of Aphaia on Aegina; north metopes from Parthenon]; • Labours of Herakles [metopes from the temple of Zeus at Olympia]. <p>From vase-painting the most popular scenes will probably be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scenes from the Trojan cycle [e.g. depictions of Achilles's pursuit of Troilos and Polyxena]; • selected labours of Herakles [e.g. depictions of the Nemean Lion or the Stymphalian Birds]; • Perseus and Medusa [e.g. the Gorgon Painter dinos; the Pan Painter hydria]; • Myths involving other characters e.g. Actaeon. <p>Expect examples from both sculpture and vase-painting and an attempt to assess, rather than merely describe, the selected pieces. Candidates may define different aspects of conflict to aid their assessment of how successfully conflict is depicted.</p>	[50]

Section B		
Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
4	<p>‘The requirements of a Pan-Hellenic sanctuary differed from those of a sanctuary which mainly served the local community.’ How far do you agree with this view?</p> <p>Candidates should be able to illustrate the following points with detailed reference to the sanctuaries they have studied – Athenian Acropolis, Delphi and Olympia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomlinson states that the first requirement of any sanctuary, whether Pan-Hellenic or local, is space, followed by demarcation - a recognised boundary to separate the sacred area of the sanctuary from the secular world. • Space depended on a number of things: the nature of the terrain, the amount of land available, the importance of the cult and the community in which it was housed, and the ancient nature of the cult. The boundary between the sacred and the secular could take different forms, from an agreed imaginary line to a wall, a formal gateway or a series of marker stones, and this boundary may have changed over time, e.g. the Athenian Acropolis. • The whole sanctuary was the place of worship and the altar was the focal point of all religious ritual. The main temple of the sanctuary housed the cult statue and any valuable offerings made by states or visitors to the sanctuary. The temples could vary in size, style and degrees of elaboration. Expect reference to specific temples to illustrate this point. • The other requirements would depend on the nature of the form of religious practice and worship used in a particular cult or at a particular site. The importance of the sanctuary and the nature of the festivals held there governed the types of buildings: stoas, gateways, theatres, stadia, hippodromes etc. Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries obviously attracted large numbers of worshippers, and, therefore, had to provide the number and variety of buildings to deal with them: club houses, dining buildings, etc. Cities were often driven by civic pride or special events to dedicate treasuries, statues and trophies – expect reference to the different treasuries and other types of offerings at Delphi and Olympia. 	[50]
Section B Total		[50]
Paper Total		[100]

Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	10	15	25
1(b)	10	15	25
2(a)	10	15	25
2(b)	10	15	25
3	20	30	50
4	20	30	50
Totals	40	60	100

