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## Monday 20 June 2016 – Afternoon

### 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  
(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**.
- The quality of your 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 'Throughout this period, the institutions of the Roman Republic did not do what they were supposed to do.' To what extent do you agree with this view? **[50]**
- 2 How far does the evidence support the view that all politicians of this period were corrupt? **[50]**
- 3 To what extent was a provincial command essential for a politician's success during this period? **[50]**
- 4 'Politicians of this period failed to deal with the problems of the Roman Republic.' How far do the sources support this statement? **[50]**

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

Answer **two** questions.

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- 5 'The aim of the emperors throughout this period was to concentrate all power in their own hands.' How far do the sources support this view? [50]
- 6 During this period, to what extent was there an increase in the worship of members of the imperial families, both living and dead? [50]
- 7 'The art and architecture of this period were designed solely to present the emperor at the time in the best possible way.' How far would you agree with this statement? [50]
- 8 To what extent do the sources help us to understand how effective the administration of the city of Rome was? [50]

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

Answer **two** questions.

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- 9 How far does the evidence support the view that the Romans succeeded in imposing their way of life upon their provincial subjects during this period? [50]
- 10 ‘The Empire survived during this period, not because of the actions of the emperors, but because of the abilities and efforts of those who served them.’ How far do you agree with this view? [50]
- 11 ‘Trajan’s approach to the defence of the Empire was completely different from that of his predecessors.’ How far do the sources support this view? [50]
- 12 ‘Only a few emperors achieved good relations with provincials during this period.’ To what extent is this a fair view? [50]

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