



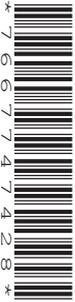
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**Monday 20 May 2019 – Afternoon**

**A Level Classical Civilisation**

**H408/23 Invention of the Barbarian**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**



**You must have:**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B**.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.
- Start your answer to questions 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on a new page.
- Write the number of each question answered clearly in the margin.
- Additional paper may be used if required, but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).

**INFORMATION**

- The number of total marks for this paper is **75**.
- The marks are given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
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## Section A

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

**Source A: 6th century BC baked clay cylinder**



- 1 **Source A** shows an object commissioned by a Persian king. What was his name? [1]
- 2 The cylinder in **Source A** commemorates the conquest of a city. What is the name of the city? [1]
- 3 Explain how the cylinder in **Source A** helps us to understand how the Persians ruled their empire. [10]

**Source B: Herodotus, *The Histories* 7.35**

When Xerxes learned this, in his anger at the Hellespont he ordered that it should receive 300 lashes and have a pair of fetters thrown into its waters. I have also heard that in addition he sent people to brand the Hellespont. He ordered the men who were flogging it to say arrogant and barbarous words: 'O bitter water, your master places this penalty upon you, because you wronged him when you had suffered nothing at his hands. Xerxes the King will cross over you, whether you want him to or not. Rightly no one offers sacrifices to you as you are a muddy and salty river.' Xerxes gave instructions that the sea should be punished in this way and that the heads of those responsible for the building of the bridge should be cut off.

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- 4 (a) Who was Xerxes? [1]
- (b) Describe the event that had just occurred to cause Xerxes' anger in **Source B**. Make **two** points. [2]
- 5 Explain how this extract is typical of Herodotus' description of Xerxes. [10]
- 6\* Explain why some Greeks were so fearful of the Persians. You may use **Source A** and/or **Source B** as a starting point in your answer. [20]

[Section A Total: 45]

**Section B**

Answer **one** of the following questions.

*Use classical sources, and secondary sources, scholars and/or academic works to support your argument. You should also consider possible interpretations of sources by different audiences.*

**Either**

**7\*** 'The Greeks portrayed the Persians just as accurately in their literature as they did in their art.' Explain how far you agree with this statement and justify your response. **[30]**

**Or**

**8\*** 'All of the Greek states/cities were equally determined to resist Persian rule.' Explain how far you agree with this statement and justify your response. **[30]**

**[Section B Total: 30]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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