

**Modified Enlarged 24pt**  
**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Monday 3 June 2024 – Morning**

**A Level Classical Civilisation**

**H408/33 Politics of the Late Republic**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes**  
**plus your additional time allowance**

**YOU MUST HAVE:**  
**the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**



# **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Use black ink.**

**Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.**

**Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.**

**Answer ALL the questions in Section A and ONE question in Section B.**

# **INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 75.**

**The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].**

**Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).**

# **ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start your answer.**

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## SECTION A

Start your answer to each 10, 20 AND 30 MARK QUESTION on a NEW PAGE.

### SOURCE A

Cicero's letter from Rome, c. 2nd February 43 BC, 'Fam'. 10.28

How I would have liked you to have invited me to that most beautiful feast on the Ides of March! We should have had nothing remaining. But with matters as they are, the heavenly service you have given to the republic is qualified by some grumbling. Truly, the fact that this curse of the country was taken out of the way by you – the most loyal of men – and thanks to your generosity, is still alive, makes me a little angry with you at times (although it is hardly right!). Since you have left more trouble for me with to deal with by myself, than for the rest of the world put together!

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**For as soon as the Senate could  
be held freely after the most  
dishonourable departure of Antony,  
I resumed my old spirit, which you 20  
and that most patriotic citizen, your  
father, have always praised and loved.  
For, when the tribune of the plebs had  
summoned the senate on the 20th of  
December and were putting another 25  
question to the house, I reviewed  
the whole constitutional situation  
and spoke with intense spirit rather  
than eloquence. I restored to the  
weary, wilting senate its ancient and 30  
traditional valour. That day, my intense  
pleading gave the Roman people hope  
of recovering their freedom. From that  
time, I have devoted every moment not  
only to thinking about the Republic, 35  
but being active in it.**

- 1 Who is the recipient of this letter? [1]**
- 2 What does the ‘most beautiful feast’ in lines 2–3 refer to? [1]**
- 3 Explain how successfully Cicero shows his enthusiasm for the events he is referring to in SOURCE A. [10]**

**Caesar and Pompey formed an alliance in 60 BC.**

- 4 What is the name given to this political alliance? [1]**
- 5 Name ONE other member of this alliance. [1]**
- 6 State ONE political office which Pompey held during his lifetime. [1]**

**7 Explain why Caesar and Pompey wished to form this alliance. [10]**

**8\* ‘Cicero always strongly opposed individuals who he thought were a threat to the “res publica”.’**

**Assess to what extent you agree with this opinion by discussing Cicero’s relationship with Caesar and Catiline.**

**You may use SOURCE A as a starting point in your answer. [20]**

**[SECTION A TOTAL: 45]**

## **SECTION B**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**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**

**9\* ‘The Roman Republic would not have survived if it had allowed the behaviour of Verres to go unpunished.’**

**Evaluate how far you agree with this statement. Include reference to Cicero’s speech against Verres in your answer.**

**[30]**



**OR**

**10\* ‘Personal ambition was the most important factor in making individuals successful in the Late Republic.’**

**Evaluate how far you agree with this statement by discussing at least THREE individuals. [30]**

**[SECTION B TOTAL: 30]**

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