

Modified Enlarged 24pt
OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Tuesday 20 May 2025 – Morning

A Level Ancient History

H407/12 Athens and the Greek World

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 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 FOUR questions in total:

Section A: Answer Question 1 OR Question 2 AND answer Question 3.

Section B: Answer Question 4 AND answer Question 5 OR Question 6.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 98.

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.

SECTION A: Relations between Greek states and between Greek and non-Greek states, 492–404 BC

Answer Question 1 OR Question 2 AND answer Question 3.

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

1* ‘The Persians were consistent in their policy and actions towards the Greek states from 492–431 BC.’

To what extent do the sources support this statement?

You must use and analyse the ancient sources you have studied as well as your own knowledge to support your answer. [30]

2* How far would you agree that the Peace of Nicias of 421 BC was always the most likely outcome of the first ten years of the Peloponnesian War?

You must use and analyse the ancient sources you have studied as well as your own knowledge to support your answer. [30]

Answer Question 3.

3 Read the interpretation below.

Adapted from Simon Hornblower, *The Greek World 479 - 323 B.C.*, p 92, Methuen, 1985. Item removed due to third party copyright restrictions.

How convincing do you find Hornblower's interpretation of the Megarian decree and the reasons for the outbreak of the Peloponnesian War?

You must use your knowledge of the historical period and the ancient sources you have studied to analyse and evaluate Hornblower's interpretation. [20]

SECTION B: The Culture and Politics of Athens, c.460–c.399 BC

Answer Question 4 AND answer Question 5 OR Question 6.

Answer Question 4.

4 Read the passage below.

© Plutarch; Ian Scott-Kilvert, *The Rise and Fall of Athens: Nine Greek Lives*, pp 221-222, 1960, Penguin Classics, 1960. From first line "At first the people were delighted and treated the result as a great joke." to last line "a relative of the tyrant Pisistratus, had been the first." Item

How useful is this passage for our understanding of the importance of ostracism and its use during this period? [12]

Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

5* ‘The buildings and monuments constructed by the Athenians on the Acropolis and elsewhere were all part of one programme.’

How far do the sources support this view?

You must use and analyse the ancient sources you have studied as well as your own knowledge to support your answer. [36]

6* 'The majority of Athenians maintained a consistent attitude towards religion throughout this period.'

To what extent do you agree with this view?

You must use and analyse the ancient sources you have studied as well as your own knowledge to support your answer. [36]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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