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Paper 2 Roman Civilisation

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Answer questions from **one** section only.
For each section, follow the instructions inside on which questions to answer.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Augustus

Answer **Question 1** and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

1 Read the passage and answer the questions:

Augustus turned the kingdom of Egypt into a Roman province; and then, to increase its fertility and its yield of grain for the Roman market, set troops to clean out the irrigation canals of the Nile Delta which had silted up after many years' neglect. To perpetuate the glory of his victory at Actium, he founded a city close to the scene of the battle and named it Nicopolis – or 'City of Victory' – and made arrangements for the celebration of Games there every five years. He also enlarged an ancient local temple of Apollo, and embellished his camp with trophies taken from Antony's fleet, consecrating the site jointly to Neptune and Mars.

5

(Suetonius, *The Twelve Caesars – Divine Augustus* 18)

- (a) (i) In which year did the Battle of Actium (line 4) take place? [1]
- (ii) Who commanded Augustus' forces in the Battle of Actium? [1]
- (iii) Which Egyptian queen was married to Antony (line 7)? [1]
- (iv) What were Neptune and Mars (line 8) the gods of? [2]
- (b) Using this passage as a starting point, explain how far Augustus' reorganisation of the provinces made life better for the inhabitants of the provinces. [20]

[Total: 25]

EITHER

2 How far would you agree that Augustus would not have been successful as emperor without his family? [25]

OR

3 'Augustus deserved to be honoured for saving the Roman Republic.'
Explain how far you agree with this statement. [25]

Section B: Virgil's *Aeneid*

Answer **Question 4** and **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

4 Read the passage and answer the questions:

He was veiled in a blue-green cloak of fine-spun flax and dark reeds shaded his hair. He then spoke to Aeneas and lightened his sadness with these words: 'O you who are born of the race of the gods, who are bringing back to us the city of Troy saved from its enemies, who are preserving its citadel Pergamum for all time, long have we waited for you in the land of the Laurentines and the fields of Latium. This is the home that is decreed for you. This is the home decreed for the gods of your household. Do not give it up. Do not be intimidated by the threat of war. All the angry passions of the gods are now spent. But come now, so that you may not think what you are seeing is an empty dream, I tell you that you will find a great sow with a litter of thirty piglets lying beneath ilex trees on a shore. There she will lie all white on the ground and the young around her udders will be white. This will be a sign that after three times ten years revolve, Ascanius will found the city of Alba, white in name and bright in glory. What I prophesy will surely come to pass. Attend now and I shall teach you in few words how you may triumphantly resolve the difficulties that lie before you.'

(Virgil, *Aeneid* 8)

- (a) (i) 'He was veiled' (line 1). Who is 'he'? [1]
- (ii) How is Aeneas 'born of the race of the gods' (line 3)? [1]
- (iii) In what ways is Aeneas 'bringing back to us the city of Troy' (line 3)? [2]
- (iv) Who is Ascanius (line 12)? [1]
- (b) Using this passage as a starting point, discuss how successfully Virgil explores the theme of fate and the future of Rome in Book 8 of the *Aeneid*. [20]

[Total: 25]

EITHER

- 5** 'Family is very important in the *Aeneid*.'
To what extent do you agree with this statement? [25]

OR

- 6** 'There are no human villains in the *Aeneid*.'
How far do you agree with this statement? [25]

Section C: Architecture of the Roman City

Answer **Question 7** and **either** Question 8 **or** Question 9.

7 Study the image and answer the questions:



- (a) (i) Identify the monument shown in the image. [2]
- (ii) Who dedicated this monument? [1]
- (iii) In what year was this monument dedicated? [1]
- (iv) What event does this monument commemorate? [1]
- (b) 'The finest example of this type of monument.'
How far do you agree with this assessment? In your answer, you should include discussion of this monument and **one** other monument of the same type. [20]

[Total: 25]

EITHER

- 8 Which do you think would have impressed an ancient visitor more, the houses from Herculaneum or the houses from Pompeii?
In your answer, you should include discussion of **at least two** houses from Herculaneum and **at least two** houses from Pompeii to explain your answer. [25]

OR

- 9 'The Pantheon – the most perfect of all Roman temples.'
How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer, you should include discussion of the Pantheon and **at least two other** Roman temples. [25]

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