



External Assessment 2022

ANCIENT HISTORY

ANH315117

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Preparation time for this exam: 15 minutes

Suggested working time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- There are **three (3)** sections to this exam paper.
- You must answer **one (1)** question from each section in **essay form**:
 - **Section A** – **Sections A and B must be answered on the same civilisation** and in the period(s) defined by the course document
 - **Section B** – **Sections A and B must be answered on the same civilisation** and in the period(s) defined by the course document
 - **Section C** – answer using **one (1)** historical individual from the prescribed list.
- Answer each section in a **separate answer booklet**.
- The exam is **three (3)** hours in length. It is suggested that you spend **approximately 60 minutes** on each section.
- All answers must be written in **English**.
- You **must** make sure your answers address:
 - Criterion 3 communicate historical ideas and information
 - Criterion 4 use evidence to support historical interpretations and arguments
 - Criterion 5 describe and assess differing historical interpretations on issues affecting the ancient world
 - Criterion 6 describe the nature and characteristics of an ancient civilisation
 - Criterion 7 assess the impact of human agency on an ancient society.

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Guide to Exam Structure

		Questions available	Questions to answer	Suggested working time	Marks available
Section	A	1	1	60 minutes	All criteria are assessed using extended ratings of: A+ to z
Section	B	1	1	60 minutes	
Section	C	1	1	60 minutes	
Total		3	3	180 minutes (3 hours)	

Section A – Investigating the Ancient World

- You must answer both **Sections A and B on the same civilisation** in the period(s) defined by the course document.
 - Use a **separate answer booklet** for this section and indicate the civilisation discussed in your answer on the front cover using the letter next to your chosen civilisation below:
 - Egypt **E**
 - Greece **G**
 - Rome **R**
 - China **C**
 - Assyria **A**
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 5**.
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Question 1

“Evidence, at times incomplete and imperfect, is used to understand and explain significant features of the ancient past.”

Assess the usefulness of sources in providing an understanding of the impact of **one (1)** ancient site, significant event, development or era on the nature and historical context of an ancient civilisation.

Make reference to the primary and secondary sources associated with **one (1)** ancient site, significant event, development or era that you have studied. In doing so, refer to the origin, purpose, context and reliability of those sources.

Civilisation	Topic
Egypt	The Battle of Kadesh
Greece	Delphi OR the Destruction of Troy
Rome	Masada OR the Roman Games
China	Xia OR Shang OR Zhou Dynasties
Assyria	Ziggurats of Mesopotamia

Section B – Structure of an Ancient Society

- You must answer both **Sections A and B on the same civilisation** in the period(s) defined by the course document.
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 - Greece **G**
 - Rome **R**
 - China **C**
 - Assyria **A**
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 6**.
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Question 2

“All societies develop structures and practices to maintain continuity.”

With reference to the above statement, analyse to what extent **at least one (1)** core element and **at least one (1)** key feature maintained the structure and practices of the ancient society.

Refer to both **primary** and **secondary** sources in your answer.

Core Elements

Political

Social

Economic

Cultural

Key Features

Arts, architecture and drama

Weapons and warfare

Technology and engineering

Women and family

Beliefs, rituals and funerary practices

Section C

Nature of Power and Authority in an Ancient Society

- You must answer **Section C** using **one (1)** historical individual from the prescribed list provided below.
 - Use a **separate answer booklet** for this section and indicate the civilisation discussed in your answer on the front cover using the letter next to your chosen civilisation below:
 - Egypt **E**
 - Greece **G**
 - Rome **R**
 - China **C**
 - Assyria **A**

 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 7**.
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Question 3

Analyse how the political and social context of an ancient society affected **one (1)** individual that you have studied. Assess the motivations, impact and significance of that **one (1)** individual on their society.

Refer to both **primary** and **secondary** sources in your answer.

Prescribed list of historical individuals

Egypt	Greece	Rome	China	Assyria
Neb-hetep-re Mentuhotep II	Solon	Marcus Tullius Cicero	Liu Bei	Tiglath-Pileser
Hatshepsut	Cleomenes	Sulla	Zhuge Liang	Sargon II
Akhenaten	Peisistratus	Gaius Julius Caesar	Cao Cao	Ashurbanipal
Horemheb	Themistocles	Livia		
Ramesses II	Thucydides	Augustus		

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End of Exam



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