

External Assessment 2024

ANCIENT HISTORY

ANH315117

Pages: 8

Questions: 3

Answer Booklets: 3

Preparation time for this exam: 15 minutes

Suggested working time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- There are **three (3)** sections to this 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.
- Write your answers for each section in a **separate answer booklet** and write the question number you are answering on the front cover of each answer booklet.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. The suggested working time for each section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
- All answers must be written in **English**.
- You **must** make sure your answers address the listed criteria.

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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 rating
Section	B	1	1	60 minutes	
Section	C	1	1	60 minutes	
Totals		3	3	180 minutes (3 hours)	

Criteria

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.

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
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 5**.
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Question 1

Considering the reliability and the contestability of primary and secondary sources, and other relevant matters, describe and assess whether historians have been able to come to a valid understanding of **one (1)** ancient site, significant event, development or era you have studied.

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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 - Assyria A
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 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 6**.
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Question 2

Analyse how beliefs and values as well as **one or more** of the core elements have impacted at least **one (1)** key feature of an ancient society you have studied.

Include and assess evidence from both primary and secondary sources to support your argument.

Core Elements
Political
Social
Economic
Cultural

Key Features
Arts, Architecture and Drama
Weapons and Warfare
Technology and Engineering
Women and Families
Beliefs, Rituals and Funerary Practices

Section C – The 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
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 7**.
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Question 3

Evaluate the influence that both motivation and historical context had on **one (1)** individual who shaped an ancient society you have studied. Analyse the evidence for their success, including historical depictions and judgements of their actions.

Refer to both primary and secondary sources in your response.

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

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