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## CLASSICAL STUDIES

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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)

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### 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 [ ].

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## Section A: Augustus

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

**1** Read the passage and answer the questions:

Having recovered possession of the Spanish provinces, Caesar planned a war against the Dacians and Parthians, and sent Augustus ahead to Apollonia, in Illyria, where he spent his time studying Greek literature. News then came that Caesar had been assassinated, after naming him his heir, and Augustus was tempted, for awhile, to put himself under the protection of the troops quartered near by. However, deciding that this would be rash and premature, he returned to Rome and there entered upon his inheritance, despite his mother's doubts and the active opposition of his step-father, Marcius Philippus the ex-Consul. Augustus now levied armies, and governed the Empire: first with Antony and Lepidus as his colleagues; next, for nearly twelve years, with Antony alone; finally by himself for another forty-four years.

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(Suetonius, *The Twelve Caesars – Divine Augustus* 8)

- (a) (i) Who were the Parthians (line 2)? Make **two** points. [2]
- (ii) In which year was Caesar assassinated (line 3)? [1]
- (iii) What was the name of Augustus' mother (line 7)? [1]
- (iv) In which year did Augustus die? [1]
- (b) How important was Augustus' link with Julius Caesar in enabling him to gain political power following Julius Caesar's assassination? [20]  
Use this passage as a starting point for your answer.

[Total: 25]

**EITHER**

- 2** How far do you agree that Augustus' building programme made Rome a city worthy to be the capital of the Empire? [25]

**OR**

- 3** 'Augustus' military victories in the civil wars of 44–31 BCE were only because of his personal leadership.'  
How far do 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:

‘Either this right hand of mine will send this Trojan who has deserted Asia down into Tartarus – the Latins can sit and watch – and one man’s sword shall refute a charge brought against a whole people, or else he can rule over those he has defeated and have Lavinia as his wife.’ Latinus answered him, and his voice was calm: ‘You are a great-hearted young warrior. The more you excel in fierce courage, the more urgent is my duty to take thought, to weigh all possible chances and to be afraid. You have the kingdom of your father Daunus. You have all the cities your right hand has taken. I too, Latinus, have some wealth and some generosity of spirit. In Latium and the Laurentine fields there are other women for you to marry, and of the noblest families. This is not easy to say. Allow me to speak openly and honestly, and as you listen, lay these words to your heart. For me it would have been wrong to unite my daughter with any of those who came to ask for her in the past. It was forbidden by all the prophecies of gods and men. But I gave way to my love for you. I gave way to the kinship of blood and to the grief and tears of my wife. Breaking all the ties that bound me, I seized Lavinia from the man to whom she had been promised and took up arms in an unjust cause.’

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(Virgil, *Aeneid* 12)

- (a) (i) Give the name of ‘this Trojan’ (line 1). [1]
- (ii) What is Tartarus (line 2)? [1]
- (iii) ‘It was forbidden by all the prophecies of gods and men’ (line 12). What is Latinus referring to here? Make **two** points. [2]
- (iv) ‘my wife’ (line 13). What is the name of Latinus’ wife? [1]
- (b) How is Turnus portrayed in this passage? How typical is this of the way he is portrayed elsewhere in the *Aeneid*? [20]

[Total: 25]

**EITHER**

- 5** ‘The *Aeneid* is a story of heartbreak not of hope.’  
To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer you should discuss **both** heartbreak **and** hope. [25]

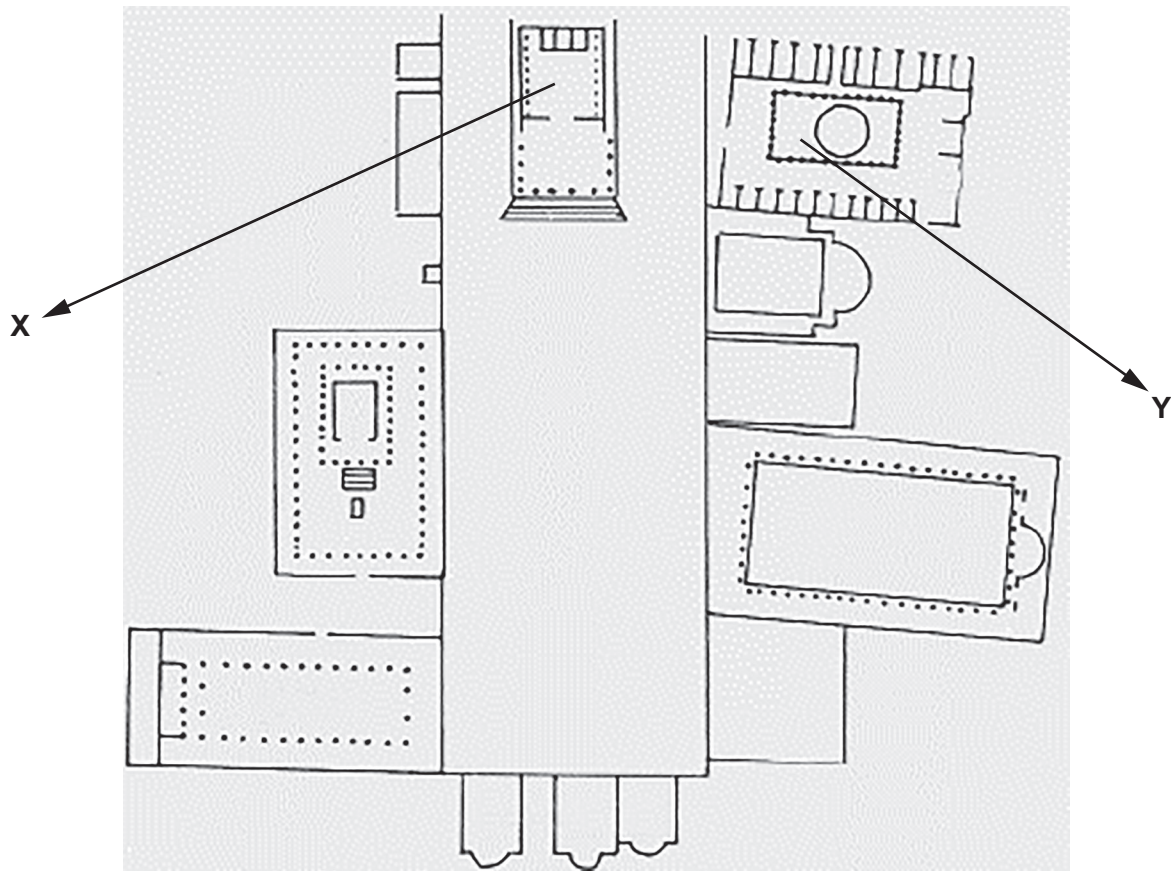
**OR**

- 6** ‘Without the immortals there would be no excitement in the first half of the *Aeneid*.’  
To what extent 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 plan of a forum)

- (a) (i) In which Italian city is this forum located? [1]
- (ii) Identify the buildings marked **X** and **Y** on the plan. [2]
- (iii) Give **two** different functions of the forum. [2]
- (b) Compare this forum with the Piazza of the Corporations in Ostia. Which do you think a Roman would have found more impressive? [20]

[Total: 25]

**EITHER**

- 8 'The houses in Pompeii were built on a grander scale and were more lavishly decorated than the houses in Herculaneum.'
- How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with reference to specific houses from **both** Pompeii **and** Herculaneum. [25]

**OR**

- 9 'The public buildings in Ostia were more practical than the public buildings in Rome.'
- How far do the public buildings you have studied support this opinion? Explain your answer with reference to **at least two** public buildings from Ostia and **at least two** public buildings from Rome. [25]

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