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Friday 15 June 2018 – Afternoon**A2 GCE CLASSICS: ANCIENT HISTORY****F394/01** Roman History: the use and abuse of power

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Use black ink.
- This Question Paper contains questions on the following three options:
Option 1: The fall of the Roman Republic 81–31 BC
Option 2: The invention of Imperial Rome 31 BC–AD 96
Option 3: Ruling the Roman Empire AD 14–117
- Choose **one** option. Answer any **two** questions. Both questions must be from the same option.
- Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in this paper.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Option 1: The fall of the Roman Republic 81–31 BC

Answer **two** questions.

You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 1 How useful are the sources for our understanding of the importance of political alliances during this period? **[50]**

- 2 To what extent was politics dominated by powerful individuals during this period? **[50]**

- 3 How far do the sources help us to understand the importance of the urban poor in the political conflicts of this period? **[50]**

- 4 ‘Octavian succeeded because he avoided the mistakes made by earlier politicians during this period.’ How far do you agree with this view? **[50]**

Option 2: The invention of Imperial Rome 31 BC–AD 96

Answer **two** questions.

You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 5 'Of all the emperors during this period, only Augustus gained the support of all sections of Roman society.' How far do you agree with this view? **[50]**

- 6 'The literary and material evidence is too limited for us to gain an adequate understanding of the lives of people in the city of Rome during this period.' How far is this a fair assessment? **[50]**

- 7 Why did the emperors of this period spend so much time and money rebuilding the city of Rome? **[50]**

- 8 To what extent are the literary sources too focused on the members of the imperial families to provide a balanced account of this period in Rome? **[50]**

Option 3: Ruling the Roman Empire AD 14–117

Answer **two** questions.

You are reminded that you must use relevant original sources in your answer, and that marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- 9 To what extent do the sources help us to understand the importance of the imperial cult as a means of political control? [50]
- 10 How far did emperors of this period show concern for the economic welfare of the inhabitants of their empire? [50]
- 11 ‘Very few provincials were discontented with Roman rule during this period – the vast majority welcomed it.’ To what extent do the sources support this view? [50]
- 12 ‘In governing the Roman Empire, equestrians were far more useful to the emperors of this period than senators.’ How far do you agree with this view? [50]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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