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**Monday 23 May 2016 – Morning****AS GCE CLASSICS: CLASSICAL CIVILISATION****F386/01** City Life in Roman Italy

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

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

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Start your answer to each question on a new page.
- Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- In this paper you are encouraged to use diagrams, sketches, etc., where appropriate, to illustrate your answers.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

### SECTION A – Commentary Questions

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

**Marks are awarded in parts (b) and (c) of Questions 1 and 2 for the quality of written communication in your answer.**

**1** Study the passage below and answer the questions.

Since, on the grounds which Marcus Ofillius Celer, duumvir for the second time, put forth in his speech, it was in keeping with the dignity of our town to answer to the good deeds of Marcus Nonius Balbus, on this matter they resolved as follows: since Marcus Nonius Balbus, while he lived in this place, showed towards us individually and collectively the spirit of a father with many generosities, it was agreeable to the decurions that an equestrian statue of him should be placed in as busy a location as possible at public expense, and inscribed as follows:

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‘To Marcus Nonius Balbus, son of Marcus, of the voting tribe Menenia, praetor with proconsular power, patron, the entire council of the people of Herculaneum [set it up] on account of his merits.’

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Likewise, they resolved that in that place where his ashes were gathered a marble altar should be made and set up, and inscribed as follows at public expense:

‘To Marcus Nonius Balbus, son of Marcus,’ and that from that place the procession of the Parentalia should be led out and that it should be declared that one day be celebrated in his honour out of the gymnastic games which are usually held, and that when in the theatre shows are celebrated his honorific seat should be laid out.

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Honours for Marcus Nonius Balbus at Herculaneum  
*Année Epigraphique (1976) no. 144*

- (a) The tomb of Marcus Nonius Balbus is located outside the Suburban Baths. Describe the Suburban Baths in Herculaneum. [10]
- (b) Using this passage as a starting point, explain whether you think that the House of the Stags/Deers would have been a suitable house for Balbus to own. [20]
- (c) How far do you agree that the success of cities in Roman Italy depended upon the many generosities (lines 4–5) of prominent individuals such as Marcus Nonius Balbus? In your answer, you should include discussion of **at least two** cities in Roman Italy. [25]

Do **not** answer this question if you have already answered Question 1.

Marks are awarded in parts (b) and (c) of Questions 1 and 2 for the quality of written communication in your answer.

2 Study the plan below and answer the questions.



**House of Umbricius Scaurus, Pompeii**

- (a) Describe the House of Umbricius Scaurus. [10]
- (b) 'The best house in the best position.' How far do you agree with this description of the House of Umbricius Scaurus? You should refer to other houses in Pompeii in your discussion. [20]
- (c) In your opinion, was Pompeii a well-planned city? In your answer, you should include discussion of the development and growth of Pompeii and the location of **both** private houses **and** public buildings. [25]

[Section A Total: 55]

**SECTION B – Essays**

Answer **one** question.

Start your answer on a new page.

**Marks are awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.**

- 3** 'For the Romans, being clean was more important than being religious.' To what extent do you think that evidence from the cities you have studied supports this view?

In your answer, you should:

- consider bath buildings and religious buildings and monuments
- include an analysis of the importance of bathing and religion
- support your answer with details of specific evidence from Herculaneum, Ostia **and** Pompeii.

**[45]**

- 4** 'It's a man's world.' How far do you think that the inhabitants of the cities of Roman Italy would have agreed with this statement?

In your answer, you should:

- consider archaeological and literary evidence for men **and** women in the cities you have studied
- analyse what this evidence tells us about the position and roles of men and women
- use evidence from Ostia **and** Pompeii.

**[45]**

- 5** How far do you agree that archaeological evidence is all that is needed to understand city life in Roman Italy?

In your answer, you should:

- include details of archaeological evidence
- consider the limitations of archaeological evidence and what other evidence could be used
- support your answer with evidence from Herculaneum, Ostia **and** Pompeii.

**[45]**

**[Section B Total: 45]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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