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SECTION ONE: ALEXANDER THE GREAT

- 1 (i) **Where did Olympias come from?** [1]
Epirus
- (ii) **Which god did Olympias claim was Alexander’s father?** [1]
Zeus
- (iii) **Name two of the heroes from whom Alexander claimed to be descended.** [2]
Any two of Achilles, Neoptolemus, Heracles, Perseus.
- (iv) **What did Alexander and Olympias do immediately after this incident?** [2]
Alexander went to live in Illyria. Olympias returned to Epirus.
- (v) **Briefly describe how Philip died.** [4]
In 336 B.C. Philip was assassinated by Pausanias, one of his bodyguards, at the wedding of his daughter. He was stabbed whilst entering the theatre.
- (vi) **Using this passage as a starting point, explain how far you agree that Alexander had a better relationship with his mother than with his father.** [15]

Alexander saw more of his mother than his father when he was young. Philip was away campaigning a lot of the time, but did arrange for Alexander to have the best education possible. He also gave Alexander military and political responsibility. However, the two quarrelled frequently (Bucephalus) and Philip was prepared to put Alexander aside in favour of another heir. Olympias had more influence on Alexander’s personal development. She had more contact with him and told him stories of his ancestors. Alexander took her side in the many arguments over Philip’s womanising and other wives.

- 2 **‘Alexander’s military success was due solely to his generals.’ Explain how far you agree with this statement.** [25]

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Alexander won all of the battles he fought during the years of his campaigning. This was due to a number of factors. His generals were vital in carrying out the plans, while Alexander himself led from the front. He received a lot of advice from his generals, some of which he rejected (Issus, Gaugamela), some of which he accepted. He also needed his generals to safeguard his rear as he advanced further east. However, the strategies and plans were Alexander’s, especially unusual attacks such as the Sogdian Rock. His leading from the front and personal charisma also made a vital contribution to his success. This is as true of the set battles as it is of sieges and surprise attacks. His generals were vital to Alexander’s success – he would not have won the battles he did without them, but he was the driving force behind his success. Candidates should discuss the contributions of both Alexander and his generals.

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- 3 How successfully did Alexander use Troy and other places he visited to promote his image as a great leader? [25]**

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Troy: he strengthened the links between himself and Achilles through his sacrifices there. This was further strengthened by the comparisons he had made in the relationship between himself and Hephaestion, and that of Achilles and Patroclus.

Athens: his visits to Athens early in his reign, and subsequent gifts, increased his standing as leader of a Pan-Hellenic attack on the Persians.

Gordium: his visit and cutting of the knot made him seen as the man who would fulfil the prophecy and become ruler of Asia.

Siwah: he was greeted as the son of Ra which he later used as a pretext for deification.

Elsewhere: it could be argued that the sheer scale of his travels, and the different places he visited, all contributed to his self-promotion.

All of these places helped Alexander to promote his image; how successfully is up to the candidate.

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SECTION TWO: SOCRATES

- 4 (i) **Apart from corrupting the young, what other charge was brought against Socrates?** [1]
 Impiety
- (ii) **Which god is referred to in the passage? What had he said about Socrates?** [2]
 Apollo. He said that Socrates was the wisest man alive.
- (iii) **How large was the jury which tried Socrates?** [1]
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- (iv) **Give the names of two of the young men who were supposed to have been corrupted by Socrates.** [2]
 Any two of Alcibiades, Critias, Charmides, Phaedrus, Erixymachus.
- (v) **Briefly explain what Socrates means by ‘hearing other people cross-questioned’ (lines 7–8).** [4]
 This refers to the Socratic method of dialectic. Socrates would question a well-known figure in public about their beliefs, and by examining their statements, he would prove that their ideas were wrong.
- (vi) **Using this passage as a starting point, explain how far you agree that the Athenians were right to convict Socrates of corrupting the young.** [15]
 In the passage, Socrates admits that young men followed him as he attempted to gain wisdom, and that they listened to him and imitated his techniques. In the rest of the *Apology*, he stresses the fact that he was not a teacher, and did not actively seek these young men as students. He also spends a part of the *Apology* cross-examining Meletus to prove that he was not corrupting the young. He also mentions the fact that Meletus did not call any of the young men as witnesses.
 However, Socrates made no attempt to dissuade his followers, and their imitation of him did irritate the Athenians. They also blamed him for the excesses of people like Critias and Alcibiades, (a personal friend whose life he saved), who damaged Athenian democracy.
- 5 **‘The structure of *Crito* is simple, but the ideas expressed are complex.’ How far do you agree with this statement?** [25]

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Crito deals with the attempts of his friends to persuade Socrates to save his life by escaping. It is a dialogue between Socrates and Crito, with Socrates answering the points Crito makes about prolonging Socrates’ life and the effects on his family and friends. Socrates’ answers involve several philosophical ideas, including the nature of death, and especially the relationship between a citizen and the state, mostly dealing with obedience to its laws. This is brought sharply into focus by his use of the Laws of Athens to back up his reasons for refusing to escape.

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- 6 **Phaedo states that Socrates was ‘the bravest and also the wisest and the most just of all those we knew in our time’. From your reading of the dialogues in *The Last Days of Socrates*, explain how far you agree with this opinion. [25]**

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There is no denying Socrates’ bravery. He fought with distinction for Athens in the Peloponnesian War, stood up to those in power by refusing to take part in illegal acts (mentioned in *Apology*) and accepted death with dignity (*Crito* and *Phaedo*).

His wisdom is more in doubt – although the Delphic Oracle proclaimed him to be the wisest man alive, his wisdom seemed to consist of proving others wrong in their beliefs (*Euthyphro*, *Apology*), and in his insistence that his wisdom consisted of his awareness of his own ignorance (*Apology*). Justice for Socrates consists of obeying the laws of the gods first, (*Apology*, *Crito*, *Phaedo*), then the laws of the State (*Crito*). This can be seen in the personification of the Laws of Athens in *Crito*.

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SECTION THREE: ARISTOPHANES

- 7 (i) Name the section of the play from which this passage is taken. What is its purpose? [2]

Parodos. Entry of the Chorus.

- (ii) What are the Chorus wearing to show that they are jurors? [1]

Jurymen's cloaks.

- (iii) On what charge is Laches 'up for trial' (line 10)? [2]

Taking bribes when in Sicily.

- (iv) Who was Cleon and why do the Chorus speak of him favourably? [2]

Cleon was a leading demagogue who increased the pay for jurors to three obols.

- (v) From this passage, identify and explain three ways in which the Chorus show their desire to attend court. [3]

The passage shows:

- it is not yet dawn but they are on the way to the court;
- the leader is taking great care in marshalling the others;
- their considerable age is no obstacle for them attending court.

- (vi) Using this passage as a starting point, explain how and why the Athenian legal system is mocked and criticised in *Wasps*. [15]

The Athenian legal system is parodied both in the portrayal of Cleon and the other jurors and the mock trial scene. The following points might be noted:

- The jurors are addicted to serving on the jury.
- Procleon dreams about the courts.
- They go to extreme lengths to attend – so much that his son has to imprison him.
- Procleon always votes for the harshest penalty.
- Procleon makes up his mind before hearing the evidence.
- Procleon accepts bribes.
- The jurors do what they are told by the demagogues.
- The jurors are being misled by the demagogues and trained to know the hand that feeds them.

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- 8 'Schoolboys have a master to teach them, grown-ups have the poets.' What do you think Aristophanes wanted to teach grown-ups in *Frogs*? [25]

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Aristophanes uses his plays as vehicles to present social and political messages. In *Frogs*, the message is essentially that Athens needs a return to old-fashioned values, symbolically seen in Dionysus' choice of Aeschylus as the poet who can save the city. The poet highlights the difference between true wisdom and cleverness. Wisdom is connected to moral qualities, such as courage and honesty and justice – old-fashioned values. However these are of more use to Athenians than the cleverness of the sophists and their ability to talk them out of existence. Politically, Aristophanes seems to be saying to the Athenians that they should not listen to the demagogues but choose their leaders from the better-educated and more responsible classes. Also, there is a need to re-enfranchise the citizens who had supported the oligarchs, end the war and even recall Alcibiades.

Look for a close reference to the text and some appreciation of the social and political backdrop to the play.

- 9 Which of *Wasps* or *Frogs* do you consider to be the more successful play? In your answer, you should discuss both plays. [25]

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Candidates will need to consider what elements help to make a play successful and might perhaps consider the following areas.

Storyline:

Both plays use fantasy to full effect in their storylines. In *Wasps* there is the father imprisoned by the son who is then attacked by a Chorus of wasps. The ensuing trial scene is brilliantly conceived as is the role reversal when the son tries to educate his father with disastrous consequences. However, *Frogs* probably pushes the fantasy side further - it has the unreal underworld setting, the journey across the Styx serenaded by a Chorus of frogs, the bottom whacking competition to ascertain which character is a god, the fight between Aeschylus and Euripides and the poetry weighing competition.

Characterisation:

Dionysus adds much humour to *Frogs* in his ungodly portrayal and the parody of Aeschylus and Euripides is both innovative and informative. However, perhaps the double act of Anticleon and Procleon is more successful as it runs through the whole of the play and their respective characters are more fully drawn and Procleon's rejuvenation at the end perhaps ends the play on more of a high note.

Spectacle:

Both lend themselves well to spectacle – a Chorus of Frogs and Initiates, poetry weighing scene, a father imprisoned by his son, the choreographed attack of the Wasps, the mock trial scene and Anticleon's later antics. Credit candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the staging of an Aristophanic comedy.

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SECTION FOUR: GREEK VASE PAINTING

- 10 (i) **What name is given to this type of pot?** [1]
Dinos
- (ii) **On what occasion might this pot have been used, and for what purpose?** [3]
Symposium
Mix wine and water
- (iii) **Explain how the shape of this pot makes it suitable for its purpose.** [3]
Wide open mouth
Large capacity
Space to dip jug in
- (iv) **Who painted this pot?** [1]
Sophilos
- (v) **What is the subject matter of the narrative frieze on this pot?** [2]
Wedding of Peleus and Thetis
- (vi) **Compare the content and composition of the narrative frieze on this pot with any one of the narrative friezes on the Francois Vase.** [15]

Candidates may comment on the following:

Sophilos dinos

- procession of gods and goddesses goes round the whole pot;
- figures are named e.g. Chiron;
- figures are detailed e.g. Hebe's dress;
- use of iconography;
- use of groups and different spacing to vary the composition.

Francois Vase [Achilles and Troilos frieze selected as an example]

- whole story told in bite size chunks, like a comic strip;
- figures are in more active poses;
- figures are named;
- different spacing and poses used to vary the composition and convey the excitement/tension of the story;
- more of a sense of movement than Sophilos dinos.

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- 11 'A master storyteller.' In your opinion, to which of the painters you have studied does this description best apply? In your answer, you should include discussion of at least three painters, and specific pots by the painters you have chosen. [25]

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In order to answer this question effectively candidates need to decide upon the criteria for the successful depiction of a story, select three vase painters and suitable pots, and assess the selected painters and pots against the criteria outlined.

Candidates may choose any of the painters and pots they have studied. Likely candidates for the title of 'Master Storyteller' include: Kleitias, Sophilos, Exekias, Kleophrades Painter.

- 12 'Greek vase-painters were only interested in depicting scenes of bravery and heroism.' To what extent does your study of Greek vase-painting support this view? In your answer, you must include discussion of specific pots. [25]

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Candidates may argue that many scenes depicted on many Greek pots do show acts of bravery and heroism, from the slaughter of Priam by Neoptolemus to the duel between Achilles and Hector or Ajax carrying the body of Achilles off the battlefield. This, however, is not the whole picture.

There are many pots which show scenes from the Trojan War. Such scenes often contain acts of violence or the aftermath of a violent act, for example, Achilles' pursuit of Troilos or the deaths of Priam and Astyanax. Whilst some candidates may argue that such scenes glorify war in order to promote heroic values and the kind of bravery expected of heroes, others may argue these do not show bravery and heroism but are senseless acts of violence which show Greek heroes in an unfavourable light. In particular, the images on the Kleophrades Painter's hydria present little in the way of heroism or bravery and show the Greeks winning a victory against the vulnerable victims of war: the elderly, women and children.

In addition, there are many pots which depict scenes from everyday life and are not about bravery and heroism. Whatever conclusion candidates reach, it must be based on detailed knowledge of a range of pots.