

Ancient History (Greece) 9278

This Advanced level syllabus has been prepared specifically to meet the requirements of centres in certain areas. It has been approved by London Examinations and the question papers are set and marked by our examiners.

This subject may be taken at the May/June examination only.

Introduction

This syllabus provides a satisfying course for those who will end their study of the history of Ancient Greece at this stage, and lays a secure foundation for those who will continue their studies in this or related subjects. In addition to exploring source documents, the course should encourage candidates to consider the nature of historical evidence and the problems of interpretation. Since the documents are studied in translation, knowledge of classical Greek is not essential.

Aims

The syllabus aims to:

1. develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the central periods of Greek history;
2. provide an introduction to the nature of historical evidence and the problems of historical interpretation in these periods;
3. study selected periods or themes in detail, with some study based on original sources.

Assessment objectives

The examination will test:

1. knowledge and understanding of the factual material of the relevant periods;
2. understanding of the nature of historical evidence and the ability to draw conclusions from this evidence;
3. ability to select and organise relevant material in order to analyse and answer specific historical questions.

The scheme of assessment

The examination will consist of two compulsory papers, each lasting three hours. Both papers carry equal weighting. Paper 1 will be an 'outlines' paper in which candidates can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of a broad spectrum of Greek history. Paper Two will be a special topic paper based on a narrowly defined period.

In all essay-based questions (i.e. all questions except Paper 2, question 1), candidates will be expected to demonstrate skills of analysis and evaluation appropriate to each specific question, as well as knowledge and understanding.

Credit will always be given to candidates who show some knowledge of original sources, but in Paper 2 candidates will be **required** to answer a question on selected sources in translation.

Paper 1: Greek History – Outlines, 478 – 323 BC

This will consist of 14 essay questions, of which candidates must answer **any four**. All questions carry equal marks. Some questions may be set which require candidates to compare personalities, events, institutions and thought across the entire period.

Paper 2: Greek History – Special Subjects: Herodotus and the Persian Wars, 490 – 478 BC

Source material: Herodotus – The Histories. Books 7,8 and 9 (Penguin).

This paper will consist of ten questions, of which Question 1 is compulsory and carries 34 marks. Question 1 will consist of five passages taken from the prescribed sources in translation. Candidates must select **any two** of these passages and answer the questions on them. These questions are designed to test both the candidates' knowledge of the period and their ability to use specific historical evidence. Knowledge of the exact context of each passage will not be required.

Questions 2 to 10 are essay questions, of which candidates must answer **any three**. All are worth 22 marks. As well as testing knowledge and understanding of more specific, detailed and precise subjects, these questions will enable candidates to demonstrate their skills in analysis and evaluation with an especial emphasis on primary historical sources. Questions may include something of a general nature on the prescribed sources themselves. Candidates are not obliged to use any particular translation but passages on the question paper will be taken from the Penguin translation.

Textbooks

The following is by no means exhaustive but candidates may find some of the following useful in their studies: -

Author	Title	Publisher
T Buckley	Aspects of Greek History	Routledge
J B Bury	A History of Greece (4 th ed revised)	Macmillan
V Ehrenberg	From Solon to Socrates	Routledge
P Bradley	Ancient Greece – Using Evidence	Hodder & Staughton
P J Rhodes	The Athenian Empire	Clarendon
J.A.C.T.	The World of Athens	CUP
R Osborne	Greece in the making 1200 – 479	Routledge
A Andrewes	Greek society	Penguin
G.E.M de St Croix	The Origins of the Peloponnesian War	Duckworth
R Barrow	Athenian Democracy	Nelson
A.H.M. Jones	Athenian Democracy	Blackwell
R Barrow	Sparta	Collins
P Cartledge	Sparta and Laconia	Routledge
S Hornblower	The Greek World 479 – 323	Routledge
A. R Burn	Persia and the Greeks (revised)	Duckworth
W.G. Forrest	The Emergence of Greek Democracy W.U.L.	
J Romm	Herodotus	Yale University Press
J Thorley	Athenian Democracy	Routledge
LACTORS	1 Athenian Empire	Available from K Hughes, 17 Belgravia Mews, Palace Road, Kingston, Surrey, England KT1 2PL Tel: +44 181 549 7389
	5 Athenian Politics	
	12 Culture of Athens	

In addition candidates should consider any relevant primary source in translation and, for Paper 2, the prescribed text which is:

Herodotus –	The Histories, Books 7,8 and 9	Penguin
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