Time allowed

- Perusal time: 10 minutes
- Working time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Examination materials provided

- Paper One — Question and response book
- Notepaper

Equipment allowed

- QSA-approved equipment

Directions

Do not write in this book during perusal time.

Paper One has two parts:

- Part A — Reflections on the research inquiry process (respond to all questions)
- Part B — Extended written response to an unseen question (respond to one question only)

Suggested time allocation

- Part A: 1 hour 15 minutes
- Part B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Assessment

Assessment standards are at the end of this book.

After the examination session

The supervisor will collect this book when you leave.
Planning space
Part A — Reflections on the research inquiry process

Part A assesses your understanding and experience of Planning and using a historical research process (criterion 1 of the 2008 senior external syllabus for Ancient History).

Part A refers to an inquiry topic of your own choosing based on Theme 4: Studies of archaeology (from the syllabus).

Suggested time allocation: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Respond to all questions. The amount of space provided for each response is an indication of how much you are expected to write.

Write the topic you selected for inquiry during your study:

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Question 1

How does your inquiry topic exemplify Theme 4: Studies of archaeology?
Comment on how this topic highlights some of the important elements of the theme.

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Question 2

Develop five initial focus questions that could guide an investigation into your topic, based upon the aspects of inquiry below.

Definitions: ..........................................................................................
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Sources: ..........................................................................................
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Backgrounds, changes and continuities: motives and causes: ............
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Question 2 continues overleaf
Question 3
With what archaeological and historical materials will you begin your initial investigation? (Name actual authors, collections and primary and secondary sources that are relevant to the topic.)

Question 4
After the completion of the initial stage of investigation, develop a key research question and provide an initial hypothesis.

Key research question:

Initial hypothesis:
Question 5

Devise a plan to guide your research over the next stage of investigation.

In your response, refer to:

- time frames (including drafting process)
- where to research
- the types of sources and resources to consider that offer a range of perspectives.

This information can be represented in an appropriate format of your own choosing, such as dot point summary, flow chart (visual organiser), spidergram.
Question 6

Select one key challenge or opportunity that you encountered in the research of your chosen topic. Explain how you dealt with this challenge or opportunity.

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Question 7

Revise and refine your initial focus questions and hypothesis, clearly showing the development of your ideas.

Focus questions:
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Question 8
What is your understanding of “critical reflection”?  

Question 9
Give examples of where you have critically reflected on your sources and on where you had to make choices about the direction and emphasis of the research process.

End of Part A
Part B — Extended written response to an unseen question

Part B assesses *Communicating historical knowledge* (syllabus criterion 3).
Questions 1–4 are derived from Theme 5: Studies of conflict (from the syllabus).
Respond to one of the following questions in 600–800 words. Cross out any draft work that is not to be assessed.
In your response, refer to specific historical evidence or sources, and evaluations of this evidence and sources.
Planning space is provided.
Suggested time allocation: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Either

**Question 1 — Egypt**
Assess the political and religious aspects of the Amarna Revolution.

or

**Question 2 — Rome**
Evaluate the reasons for Octavius’ victory over Mark Antony in the Second Civil War of Rome.

or

**Question 3 — Mesopotamia/Asia**
Whose contribution to the unification of Japan was the most important: Oda Nobunagu, Toyotomi Hideyoshi or Tokugawa Ieyasu? Why was it the most important?

or

**Question 4 — Medieval Europe**
Was the nature of the end of the Roman Empire a sudden and dramatic “fall” or rather a gradual “transformation”?

End of Part B

End of Paper One
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## Assessment standards from the 2008 senior external syllabus for Ancient History

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<td>When using written forms in examination conditions, the candidate usually: • communicates accurately recalled or selected definitions, key historical concepts, terms, events, developments and people • presents coherent, credible historical arguments that: – refer to the causes and consequences of changes and continuities over time – use vocabulary effectively – accord for the most part with the style and conventions applicable to the format of the required response – incorporate direct and indirect reference to relevant historical evidence – use appropriate conventions of a recognised system of in-text referencing • meets stipulated requirements of length and format of responses.</td>
<td>When using written forms in examination conditions, the candidate usually: • communicates some recalled or selected definitions and descriptions of key historical concepts, terms, events, developments and people • presents coherent responses that: – use some historical concepts – incorporate some direct reference to appropriate sources of historical evidence – are expressed in descriptive and explanatory language in which the meaning is discernible despite errors in vocabulary, style and conventions – use appropriate conventions of a recognised system of referencing • produces responses that may not meet all of the stipulated requirements.</td>
<td>When using written forms in examination conditions, the candidate usually: • communicates some recalled or selected accurate definitions and historical knowledge • presents responses to basic historical research questions that: – incorporate some reference to sources of historical evidence – convey meaning that is sometimes discernible despite frequent errors in vocabulary, style and conventions – use appropriate conventions of a recognised system of in-text referencing, with frequent inaccuracies • produces superficial responses.</td>
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