



# Questions & Answers

## Higher Classical Studies

### 1 Question paper 1 (Literature) – essay

#### **Do two texts have to be used when answering the essay?**

The number of texts used is up to the candidate/centre.

#### **Do direct quotations from texts have to be used to gain knowledge marks?**

It is not a requirement to give quotations to gain full marks in the use of knowledge, but it is an effective way of showing exemplification.

#### **Do candidates need to use modern comparisons in essays?**

Marks allocated to modern comparisons were removed from the essay in 2019.

#### **What will be the format of the essay title presented to candidates?**

The quotation in the essay has been removed, and the question will begin with the word 'Discuss'.

### 2 Question paper 1 (Literature) – comparison question

#### **Should candidates quote directly from the source when they make each point?**

Candidates should 'identify relevant points' from the source. This should take the form of a direct quotation or paraphrase from the source before each point.

#### **Are candidates awarded any marks for identifying relevant points?**

There are no marks awarded for this. Marks are only awarded for comparison(s) with the Classical world.

#### **Can a candidate be awarded 1 mark for a comparison?**

Yes. As from 2020, candidates can be awarded 1 mark for a comparison (marking instruction wording changed to 'up to 2 marks' – see specimen marking instructions, p7).

#### **Can a candidate be awarded 1 mark for interpreting source content?**

This was removed from the marking instructions in 2020, as shown in the specimen paper marking instructions (p7). Candidates now only need to identify a relevant point. No marks shall be awarded in future examinations for interpreting source content.