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Qualifications
2021 ASSESSMENT RESOURCE

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**Classical Studies
Classical Literature**

Duration — 1 hour 10 minutes

Total marks — 30

Attempt question 1(a) OR 1(b) AND question 2.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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CLASSICAL LITERATURE — 30 marks

Attempt either question 1(a) OR 1(b) AND question 2

1. (a) Discuss the view that challenges can destroy leaders. 20

In your answer you should reference any **classical text(s)** you have studied.

OR

- (b) Discuss the view that female characters in classical literature challenged male characters. 20

In your answer you should reference any **classical text(s)** you have studied.

Source A is from a modern writer discussing heroism.

Everybody needs a hero, someone to look up to and admire. By showing us the great things human beings can achieve, heroes are great role models. They inspire and encourage us to be all we can be. Some find their hero in characters like Superman because he can use his powers to perform superhuman tasks to save the world and conquer the forces of evil. Others find their hero in really clever people because they improve the lives of many through the solutions they provide to world problems such as disease. However, in this day and age, many ordinary people are considered heroes because they are selfless and they dedicate themselves to helping others. Nurses and care workers who tend the sick, fire-fighters who rescue people from burning buildings and soldiers who fight for their country are often considered the heroes of today.

2. Compare this modern view of heroism to views of heroism in any **classical text(s)** you have studied. 10

Refer to Source A and your own knowledge, and come to an overall conclusion about similarities and differences.

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