

# National Course modification summary: Classical Studies



## National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher: session 2021–22

### National 4

#### Added value unit

The requirement to complete the added value unit is removed for session 2021–22. To achieve the overall course award for National 4 this session, candidates must pass all other contributing units in the National 4 course. You must submit a 'pass' result for the added value unit to ensure your candidates are certificated for the course award.

You are not required to gather evidence for the added value unit this session; however, it is important you give candidates opportunities to develop and demonstrate the skills, knowledge and understanding outlined in the National 4 added value unit specification, where possible. This will support your candidates as they progress to further learning and assessment at SCQF level 5.

### National 5

Component	Marks	Duration
Question paper	80	2 hours

#### Question paper

Two universal ideas, themes or values **will not** be directly assessed in the Classical literature section in the 2022 question paper (section 2): The following areas in bold **will not** be assessed:

- ◆ **fate versus free will**
- ◆ **heroism**

Usually, two themes from five are sampled. Candidates will answer two questions based on two themes but from a possible three themes.

Page 4 of the National 5 Classical Studies Course Specification gives information on the three universal ideas, themes or values that might be assessed.

You can deliver the course as normal.

#### Assignment

The coursework component (assignment) has been removed for session 2021–22.

## Higher

Component	Marks	Duration
Question paper 1 — Classical literature	30	1 hour and 10 minutes
Question paper 2 — Classical society	50	1 hour and 50 minutes

### Question paper 1: Classical literature

One universal idea, theme or value **will not** be directly assessed in the 2022 Classical literature question paper: The following area in bold **will not** be assessed:

- ◆ **leadership**

Page 4 of the Higher Classical Studies Course Specification gives information on the four universal ideas, themes or values that might be assessed.

You can deliver the course as normal.

### Question paper 2: Classical society

One area **will not** be assessed in parts A and B of Life in classical Greece, and in parts A and B of Life in the Roman world in the 2022 Classical society question paper. The following areas in bold **will not** be assessed:

- ◆ Section 1: Life in classical Greece, Part A: Power and freedom  
**Women in classical Athens**
- ◆ Section 1: Life in classical Greece, Part B: Religion and belief  
**Women within religious worship** (although candidates should be prepared to discuss the role of women within religious festivals)
- ◆ Section 2: Life in the Roman world, Part A: Power and freedom  
**Slavery in the Roman world**
- ◆ Section 2: Life in the Roman world, Part B: Religion and belief  
**Religious tolerance in the Roman world**

Pages 4 to 8 of the Higher Classical Studies Course Specification give information on the areas that might be assessed.

You can deliver the course as normal.

### Assignment

The coursework component (assignment) has been removed for session 2021–22.

## Advanced Higher

Component	Marks	Duration
Question paper	100	3 hours
Project–dissertation	50	see ‘Course assessment’ section in the Advanced Higher Classical Studies Course Specification

### Question paper

Part A — Classical literature

We can confirm which books of the prescribed classical texts **will** be assessed in Part A — Classical literature in the 2022 question paper. The following texts in bold **will** be assessed:

- ◆ Section 1: History and historiography  
Questions 1, 2 and 3
  - **Herodotus, Book 1**
  - **Thucydides, Book 1**
  - **Tacitus, *Annals*, Book 1**
  
- ◆ Section 2: Individual and community  
Questions 9, 10 and 11
  - **Plato, *Republic*, Books 3 and 5**
  - **Aristotle, *Politics*, Book 3**
  
- ◆ Section 3: Heroes and heroism  
Questions 17, 18 and 19
  - **Homer, *Iliad*, Book 22**
  - **Homer, *Odyssey*, Book 1**
  - **Euripides, *Trojan Women***
  - **Ovid, *Heroides*, 7**
  
- ◆ Section 4: Comedy, satire and society  
Questions 25, 26 and 27
  - **Aristophanes, *Acharnians*, *Assembly Women*, *Knights***
  - **Horace, *Satires*, Book 2.6**

Note: this does not apply to the 15-mark modern source comparison question, which might be based on any of the texts or authors as detailed in the ‘Skills, knowledge and understanding for the course assessment’ section of the Advanced Higher Classical Studies Course Specification.

You can deliver the course as normal.

Pages 5 and 6 of the Advanced Higher Classical Studies Course Specification give more information about the prescribed texts.

Candidates should study the texts as detailed in the 'Skills, knowledge and understanding for the course assessment' section of the Advanced Higher Classical Studies Course Specification to prepare for Part B — Classical society.

### **Project–dissertation**

No changes have been made to the project–dissertation for session 2021–22.

If you have any questions about these changes, please email [qualification.development@sqa.org.uk](mailto:qualification.development@sqa.org.uk).