



**Rugby
School**

Sixth Form Entrance Examination

Specimen Paper

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Ancient Societies (20 mins):

For each question, discuss with reference to **ONE** ancient society you have studied.

1. Describe the education of a boy. Include details about what he did and who else was involved. (5 marks)
2. Why were the gods considered important? Use specific knowledge about the different gods and their areas of influence. (5 marks)
3. What, in your opinion, was the best form of entertainment? Include details about events, atmosphere and locations. (5 marks)

Literature (20 mins):

For each question, discuss with reference to **AT LEAST ONE** classical text you have studied.

1. Why were myths so popular in the ancient world? Consider the different elements which make up 'a good story'. (5 marks)
2. Name a character from ancient literature whom you admire. Why do you admire him/her? Consider how they are portrayed. (5 marks)
3. How does the following simile help to explain what can happen when someone is angry? Refer closely to the text and explain your answer fully. (5 marks)

He is only made more eager by their warning, and his rage is maddened and grows with restraint, and he is provoked by their objections. So I have seen a river, where nothing obstructs its passage, flow calmly and with little noise, but rage and foam wherever trees and obstacles of stone held it back, fiercer for the obstruction.

(Ovid, Metamorphoses III, Lines 566-571)

Essay (20 mins):

Make reference to **AT LEAST ONE** ancient civilisation you have studied.

EITHER: 'The ancient world could not have operated as successfully as it did without slavery'. Discuss. (15 marks)

OR: 'Women did not possess any power or influence in the ancient world'. Discuss. (15 marks)

Total: 45 marks