

Classical Civilisation

Advanced GCE **2753**

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- A1 (a)** The treasury of Atreus as built in c1350BCE. It contains a *tholos* tomb, a side-chamber, with a *dromos* leading up to it. The doorway is approximately 5m high, with a massive lintel over it. There is a triangular space, typical of Mycenaean structures over the lintel. Credit any relevant description.

[AO1 = 10 marks]

- (b)** Candidates should discuss the gaudy, red-green and grey gypsum facade, complete with wavy patterns and ornamental columns. Also, expect discussion of the back-filling of the *dromos*, the size and arrangement of the doors and the discovery of broken *kylikes*. Candidates should describe what such detail tells us about Mycenaean funerary customs. Its location, set away from the main citadel, but prominently on the main road approaching the citadel may well be usefully discussed.

[AO1 = 6 + AO2 = 9 = 15 marks]

- (c)** The range of sites that may be referred to here is vast, and credit should be given to any substantiated and relevant examples. Examples include:
- The palaces of Mycenae, Tiryns or Pylos;
 - The Acropolis of Athens;
 - The Roman reconstruction of Corinth;
 - Wroxeter;
 - Caerwent's Roman forum;
 - Fishbourne's palace;
 - Troy;
 - Lepcis Magna;
 - Hadrian's Wall.

[AO1 = 6 + AO2 = 14 = 20 marks]

[Quality of Written Communication = 5 marks]

[Total AO1: 22 marks + AO2: 23 marks + AO3: 5 marks = 50 marks]

- A2 (a)** This is the 15th century BCE wall-painting of *keftiu* from the tomb of Rekhmire. It shows Mycenaeans bearing metal vases, ox-hide ingots, pottery and jewellery.

[AO1 = 10 marks]

- (b)** Candidates have a wide range from which to choose – many were found at Akrotiri, such as the saffron goddess scene, the ship fresco, the boxers. Tiryns' bosomy lady may well be discussed. Reward any relevant examples and useful discussion.

[AO1 = 6 + AO2 = 9 = 15 marks]

- (c)** The focus may well be on the Mycenaean world. Expect discussion of the significant finds at Kas and Gelidonya, as well as the various imported grave goods at Mycenae and at other tombs. Terebinth and orpiment may well be discussed, as may the introduction of Egyptian-influenced art and architecture. Other cultures may well be discussed usefully, such as the evidence for Roman trade with Egypt and within its empire.

[AO1 = 6 + AO2 = 14 = 20 marks]

[Quality of Written Communication = 5 marks]

[Total AO1: 22 marks + AO2: 23 marks + AO3: 5 marks = 50 marks]

- B3** Expect discussion of the Grave Circles at Mycenae. There may be a slight overlap with question A1b, but there is much more evidence from the other graves at Mycenae. There should be a list of grave goods with some understanding of the evidence that this provides for beliefs in religion, the afterlife and trade. There may well be discussion of other sites, such as the Tewkesbury Roman lady. The more synoptic answers will describe how bodies and organic finds can teach us much about the health and lifestyles of an ancient culture.

[Total AO1: 22 marks + AO2: 23 marks + AO3: 5 marks = 50 marks]

- B4** There should be significant use made of the various gold items, such as the 14kg of gold found in Grave Circle A. What they tell us about the people who wore and used them, etc. Lead, silver and iron were all used, but the most significant metal of bronze, alloyed from copper and tin, should form the focus of the essay. Many candidates will also use objects from other cultures, such as bathing equipment from Roman bath houses and surgical implements from the House of the Surgeon at Pompeii.

[Total AO1: 22 marks + AO2: 23 marks + AO3: 5 marks = 50 marks]

- B5** Expect discussion of the destruction by fire of the various Mycenaean palaces. There may be discussion of the evidence for the loss of Linear B in mainland Greece and its developed successors appearing in the islands, as well as the various evidences for the Dorian invasion. There may be discussion of the Warrior Vase and the lack of advancement in the so-called Dark Age. Other cultures may be mentioned and should be rewarded appropriately.

[Total AO1: 22 marks + AO2: 23 marks + AO3: 5 marks = 50 marks]

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