**ANCIENT HISTORY PAST QUESTIONS BY TYPE**

**PERIOD STUDIES**

**30 MARK ESSAYS**

**Greek period study – relations between greek states and between greek and non-greek states, 492-404 BC**

* To what extent did relationships between Athens and members of the Delian League change during the period after 479 BC?
* How far did the Peace of 446 BC address the challenges of the First Peloponnesian War (462-446 BC)?
* ‘Leadership was lacking at both Athens and Sparta during the Archidamian War.’ How far do you agree with this view?
* ‘The consequences of the Sicilian Expedition for Athens and Sparta made Athens’ defeat in the Peloponnesian War inevitable’ How far do you agree with this view?
* Relations between Athens and Sparta were doomed from the moment that the Persians were defeated’. How far do you agree with this view?
* ‘Fighting was the only way for states to solve conflicts.’ To what extent do the sources support this view of the relationships between Greek states and between Greek and non-Greek states in this period?
* How far did the changes in relations between Greek and non-Greek states depend upon the strengths and abilities of the leaders of the states during this period?
* ‘It was Athens’ relationship with Corinth, rather than with any other state, which posed the greatest danger to peace in the Greek world during this period.’ To what extent do the sources support this view?
* Athens’ allies quickly learned that Athenians always tried to dominate the Greek world,’ To what extent do the sources support this view?
* ‘The Persians brought both a threat and an opportunity to Greek states during this period.’ To what extent do the sources support this view?
* To what extent were the Spartans considered reliable allies during this period?

**Roman Period Study – The Julio-Claudians, 31 BC-AD 68**

* To what extent do the sources help us understand Tiberius’ relationship with the Senate and ordinary people of Rome?
* How far do the sources show that Gaius was universally unpopular during his reign?
* How important a role did imperial women play during the reigns of Claudius and Nero?
* ‘The failings of Nero’s principate were the result of bad advice, rather than his own mistakes.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?
* To what extent was there discontent with the emperors during this period?
* How consistent were the attitudes of the Julio-Claudian emperors towards the Imperial Cult?
* How successful were the Julio-Claudian emperors in securing the support of the ordinary people of Rome?
* How successful were the Julio-Claudians in gaining and maintaining the support of the upper classes?
* To what extent do the sources support the view that the emperors of this period provided effective administration of the city of Rome?
* To what extent and for what reasons did the emperors attempt to improve the lives of the inhabitants of the city of Rome?
* How useful is Suetonius for our understanding of the reigns of the emperors of this period? You must consider the accounts of at least two emperors in your answer.