**Ancient History Greek and Roman Period Studies**

**Old Specification Questions**

*Please note these are questions taken from the old Ancient History A-level which was structured and assessed differently from the AS or A-Level you are taking. You should use these questions to test your knowledge of the courses and the ancient sources but should not treat them as predictions for the exams*

**Old Specification Greek Questions:**

* ‘From the beginning the Delian League was run solely for the benefit of the Athenians.’ To what extent do you agree with this view?
* ‘The Athenian Empire proved to be a disaster for all Greek states.’ How far do you agree with this statement?
* To what extent do the sources help us to understand the changing relationship between Athens and her allies?
* ‘The Spartans’ inability to control their allies prolonged the conflict with the Athenians.’ To what extent is this a fair assessment?
* ‘The true cause of the conflict between the Athenians and the Spartans was growing fear of Athenian domination.’ To what extent is this an accurate assessment?
* To what extent was the battle of Salamis a turning point in Xerxes’ campaign against the Greeks?
* ‘The Athenians controlled their allies, but the Spartans were controlled by theirs.’ To what extent do the sources support this view?
* 'Treaties stood no hope of succeeding in keeping the peace in the fifth century'. How far do you agree with this view? To what extent did the outcome of conflicts during this period depend on the strengths and weaknesses of the leaders of each side?
* How significant were the actions of individuals to the outcome of the conflicts between the Greeks and the Persians?
* To what extent did the outcome of conflicts during this period depend on the strengths and weaknesses of the leaders of each side?
* To what extent did the behaviour of leaders in Athens make conflict with Sparta inevitable throughout this period?
* How significant were the effects of changes of leadership in Athens on conflict in the Greek world?

**Old Specification Roman Questions:**

* How far do the sources support the view that the emperors extended their power and control over Rome and its people during this period?
* To what extent do the sources provide us with reliable portrayals of the emperors and their actions during this period?
* ‘Succession was a major issue for every emperor; no emperor found a successful solution to this problem.’ How far do you agree with this view?
* How important were family and friends for emperors gaining and maintaining their power and position during this period?
* ‘Bread and Circuses – this is all the emperors contributed towards the well-being of the people of the city of Rome.’ How far do you agree with this view?
* How far were the building projects of this period intended more to benefit the interests of the emperors than those of the people of Rome?
* ‘None of the emperors of this period managed to achieve a good working relationship with the Senate and senators.’ How far do you agree with this assessment?
* ‘Some emperors succeeded in creating good relations with the different groups within the city of Rome; others failed completely.’ How far do the sources support this view of the relations between the emperors and the people of Rome?
* ‘The emperors of this period deliberately promoted equestrians in order to reduce the role and power and of the Senate.’ To what extent would you agree with this assessment?
* How effectively did the emperors deal with opposition from senators and equestrians during this period?
* ‘Augustus had such a tight grip on the government of Rome that no opposition was possible.’ How far do you agree with this view?
* To what extent was their discontent with the emperors during this period?
* ‘Despite the best efforts of the emperors of this period, they failed to establish the imperial cult in the city of Rome.’ How far does the evidence support this view of the development of the imperial cult during this period?