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# Classical Civilisation

# CIV2D

## Unit 2D Athenian Imperialism

Thursday 26 May 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do **not** use pencil or gel pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.  
The **Paper Reference** for this paper is CIV2D.
- Answer questions from **two** options.  
Choose **one** option from Section One and **one** option from Section Two.  
Answer **all** questions from the options you have chosen.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.  
Do **not** tear out any part of the book. All work must be handed in.
- If you use more than one book, check that you have written the information required on each book.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 65.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

## Section One

Choose **either** Option A **or** Option B.

Answer **all** questions from the option you have chosen.

### EITHER

#### Option A

Read the passage below and answer Questions 01 to 04 which follow. The passage contains part of one of the decrees relating to Erythrai.

The council is to swear as follows: I will give the best and most just counsel I can for the people of Erythrai and of Athens and of the allies, and I will not revolt from the People of Athens nor from the allies of the Athenians, neither I myself nor will I be persuaded by another to do so ... I will not receive any of the exiles, nor [...] I will be persuaded by [another] of those who flee to the Persians without the agreement of the Council of the Athenians and the People, and I will not drive out any of those who have stayed without the agreement of the Council of the Athenians and the People. If any Erythraian murders another Erythraian, let him die if condemned [...] if condemned let him be exiled from the whole Athenian alliance and let his money be confiscated and belong to the Erythraians. 5 10

*The Athenian Empire, Extract 216A*

- 0 1** In what circumstances was this decree made? Give **two** details. (2 marks)
- 0 2** Give **three** conditions, other than the oath, which the Athenians made when they established the council referred to in line 1. (3 marks)
- 0 3** On the basis of this passage, how fair do you think the Athenians were in their dealings with the Erythraians? (10 marks)
- 0 4** From the rest of this decree **and** other inscriptions you have read, how typical of the Athenians' treatment of their allies after 454 BC was their treatment of Erythrai?

You might include discussion of

- the probable dates and circumstances of the decrees
- the rest of the decrees involving Erythrai
- decrees dealing with Miletus and Kolophon
- the arrangements for Khalkis
- the Kleinias Decree
- the Coinage Decree.

(20 marks)

OR

**Option B**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 05 to 09 which follow. The Athenian representatives are speaking during the Melian Dialogue of 416/5 BC.

*Athenians:* Then we on our side will use no fine phrases saying, for example, that we have a right to our empire because we defeated the Persians, or that we have come against you now because of the injuries you have done us – a great mass of words that nobody would believe. And we ask you on your side not to imagine that you will influence us by saying that you, though a colony of Sparta, have not joined Sparta in the war, or that you have never done us any harm. Instead we recommend that you should try to get what it is possible for you to get, taking into consideration what we both really do think; since you know as well as we do that, when these matters are discussed by practical people, the standard of justice depends on the equality of power to compel and that in fact the strong do what they have the power to do and the weak accept what they have to accept. 5 10

Thucydides, 5.89

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| 0 | 5 | Why did the Athenians make an expedition against Melos in 416/5 BC? (1 mark)                                       |
| 0 | 6 | What was the Melians' response to the Athenian speeches? Give <b>two</b> details. (2 marks)                        |
| 0 | 7 | How did the Athenians treat Melos after capturing the city? Give <b>two</b> details. (2 marks)                     |
| 0 | 8 | How reasonable are the Athenians' arguments <b>and</b> tone in the passage? (10 marks)                             |
| 0 | 9 | 'The Athenians' view of themselves changed between the build-up to the Peloponnesian war and the Melian Dialogue.' |

From your reading of the speeches in Thucydides, how far do you agree?

You might include discussion of

- the Debate at Sparta in 432 BC
- Pericles' speech in 430 BC
- the Mytilenian Debate in 427 BC
- the rest of the Athenian speeches in the Melian Dialogue of 416/5 BC. (20 marks)

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## Section Two

Choose **either** Option C **or** Option D and answer the question below.

### EITHER

#### Option C

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How important was the revolt of Naxos **and** how important were other factors in the transformation of the Delian League into an Athenian Empire between 479 and 454 BC? Give the reasons for your views and refer to the books of Thucydides you have read.

You might include discussion of

- reasons for the original terms of the Delian League
- the League's activities before the revolt of Naxos
- Athenian treatment of Naxos compared to other rebel cities
- Athens' relationship with Sparta during these years
- the effects of events in Egypt.

(30 marks)

### OR

#### Option D

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'Over-confidence in their own abilities was the main reason why the Athenians failed in the Sicilian expedition.'

To what extent do you agree? Give the reasons for your views and refer to the parts of Thucydides Book 6 you have read.

You might include discussion of

- Athenian motives in undertaking the Sicilian expedition
- support for the expedition in Athens
- Athenian leadership of the expedition
- the attitudes of Athens' allies, in Sicily and elsewhere
- the involvement of Sparta in the campaign.

(30 marks)

## END OF QUESTIONS

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