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| Task Name: Trial HSC Exam | Units: Core Study, Ancient Societies, Historical Periods and Personalities in their Time |
| Task Distributed: 28/7/25 | Date: Wednesday 20 th August 2025. |
| Task Type: Written Exam | Syllabus Outcomes: AH12-1, AH12-2, AH12-3, AH12-4, AH12-5, AH12-6, AH12-9, AH12-10 |
| Task Weighting: 30% | Task number for Course: 4 |

Task Description:

The Trial HSC Exam consists of FOUR sections. Students will have 5 minutes reading time and 3 hours to answer all questions. Total exam mark: 100

Section 1: Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum

- Short answer questions
- Short answer source-based questions
- Total marks: 25
- Allow 45 minutes for this section.

Section II: Ancient Societies - Spartan society to the Battle of Leuctra 371 BC

- Short answer questions
- Possible short answer source-based questions
- Total marks: 25
- Allow 45 minutes for this section.

Section III: Personalities in their times: Hatshepsut

- 1 x 5-mark question
- 2 x 10-mark question
- Possible source-based questions
- Total marks: 25
- Allow 45 minutes for this section.

Section IV: Historical Periods: New Kingdom Egypt to the Death of Thutmose IV

- Choice of TWO essay style questions
- Possible source-based questions
- Students choose ONE essay question to complete.
- Total marks: 25
- Allow 45 minutes for this section.

Details of Submission:

- The task will be completed in exam conditions during the Trial HSC Examination Period.
- Students will have 3 hours to complete the examination, including 5 minutes reading time.
- Student must write using black pen.
- Writing paper will be provided. Extra writing booklets are available.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring notes into the exam.

Absences on the day will be dealt with in accordance with school policies.

Assessment Procedures

All students should be fully aware of the school assessment procedures. Students should access their 2025 Assessment Guide for more information.

Feedback Provided

- The task will be typically returned to students within two school weeks of the submission date.
- At this time feedback including information on how to improve will be delivered through mechanisms such as marking criteria, and/or written comments.
- Students can clarify or seek further feedback by arranging to meet with their teacher.

Self-Reflection Component

Students will be required to complete a self-reflection worksheet at the time students receive their assessment mark and teacher feedback. Self-reflection is an important part of the learning process as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the strength of your performance, as well as areas that have been identified to strengthen in future tasks.

What Areas of Learning will this Assessment Task Report On?

In this task you will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Core Study (Pompeii and Herculaneum), Ancient Societies (Sparta to the Battle of Leuctra), Historical Periods (New Kingdom Egypt to the Death of Thutmose IV) and Personalities in their Time (Hatshepsut).
- Apply knowledge of the course content and historical terminology
- Demonstrate ability to integrate and analyse sources

Marking Criteria:

The Exam will be marked out of 100.

Marking criteria for all sections of the paper will be provided after the exam and will be modelled on the marking criteria for sections of the HSC.