

2009 HSC Ancient History

Sample Answers

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students' knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum

Question 1 (a)

Answers could include:

- columns
- impluvium
- atrium
- doorways
- ceilings
- walls
- fountain
- compluvium
- skylight

Question 1 (b)

Answers could include:

- caldarium – hot bath
- frigidarium – cold bath
- tepidarium – warm bath
- compluvium – ceiling aperture
- palaestra – exercise area
- separate entrances to men's and women's sections

Question 2

Answers could include:

- fishing industry (equipment for fishing, boat-sheds), garum
- laundry industry (fulleries, impluvium converted to laundry tub)
- other industries (bakeries, bars and taverns, agriculture)

Answers could include what the evidence reveals about these things.

Question 3

Answers could include:

A judgement about the extent of the influence of tourism on site management over time, e.g. the degree to which tourism influenced decisions about the site.

Relevant issues could include:

- early archaeology and tableaux (display)
- work of archaeologists and/or officials in displaying of artefacts / buildings, for example Fiorelli, Maiuri
- moving artefacts off-site to storage, museums, etc
- use of copies of artefacts
- modern problems of tourism including graffiti, vandalism, theft, damage due to high visitor numbers, etc
- provision of amenities and surveillance
- modern preservation and conservation efforts (both Italian and international responsibilities)

Candidates can also legitimately discuss other factors that influenced the management of the site over time, eg. funding issues, poor site management, World Wars, weathering