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2010 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

Part A

Question 4

Answers may include:

Public, private, commercial, political and social uses with reference to the sources

Sample Answer:

Source B and C reveal a variety of uses of houses in Pompeii, both private/domestic and commercial. Source B shows shops fronting onto the street. Source C refers to the atrium, which was an area of the house open to the public. Both sources show features such as the peristyle garden and atrium used for public and private activities.

Question 7

Answers may include:

- reference to patronage and role of leading families in Pompeii and Herculaneum
- reference to the political and social elite of Pompeii and Herculaneum
- reference to different social classes at Pompeii and Herculaneum
- reference to relationships between freedmen and patrons of Pompeii and Herculaneum

Section I — Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum Part B

Question 8

Answers may include:

- reference to the economy, pottery production and trade
- reference to diet and food supply
- reference to disease, demographic of survivors/victims, cause of death
- reference to changes to interpretations of room functions
- reference to nature of the eruption
- reference to general changes in archaeology since the 1960s