**Practice Exam Questions – 91394: Ideas and Values of the Classical World (Aristophanes’ Wasps)**

QUESTION 1

The attitudes and behaviours of characters in classical literature are often affected by patriotic\* beliefs. Discuss this statement with reference to a named classical literary text.

In your answer:

• analyse the attitudes and behaviours of one or more characters in your chosen text towards their state†

• draw developed conclusions about the extent to which the attitudes and behaviours of the character(s) might be considered patriotic in the context of the society in which they lived.

*\* Patriotic refers to a love for one’s state and a desire to defend it against enemies. † State, in this context, may refer to one’s homeland, city-state, country, or empire.*

QUESTION 2

With reference to a named classical text:

• analyse the ways in which the beliefs of a character(s)\* affected his or her actions

• discuss the extent to which these actions helped the character(s) achieve his or her aim.

*\* Characters in classical literary texts may be mythical, fictional, or historical.*

QUESTION 3

With reference to a named classical text:

• analyse the personal and / or cultural identity of a character(s)\*

• discuss how the identity of the character(s) affected his or her actions.

*\* Identity may refer to the social, political, religious, environmental, philosophical, and / or military characteristics of people. It includes how people view themselves, and how they are viewed by others. Characters in classical literary texts may be mythical, fictional, or historical.*

QUESTION 4

With reference to a named classical text:

• analyse a relationship(s) between characters\*

• discuss the positive and / or negative effects this relationship(s) had on the lives of the characters. *\* Characters in classical literary texts may be mythical, fictional, or historical.*

QUESTION 5

Discuss the ways in which the actions of a character were determined by external forces and/or the character’s own beliefs and values.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the extent to which the relationship of two characters changed and/or developed.

QUESTION 7

Discuss the ways in which a character’s identity reflects his/her ideas and values and also the ideas and values of the classical society that s/he lived in.

*\*Identity may refer to social, political, religious, environmental, philosophical, military characteristics of people and/or places.*