

Assessment Schedule – 2025**Scholarship Classical Studies (93404)****Evidence****Section A**

Each of the two responses in Section A is marked against the performance descriptors defined below and awarded a score.

	Score	Performance descriptor
Outstanding Scholarship	8	The candidate critically evaluates ideas and values of the classical world, referring to a wide range of primary, and where appropriate, secondary evidence AND demonstrates an ability to articulate a complex perspective, involving subtlety of understanding, an awareness of subtext, and historical empathy AND develops a structured and balanced argument, incorporating elements of independent reflection AND communicates ideas with precision, originality, and a degree of expressiveness that focuses the reader's attention on salient points.
	7	The candidate's response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 8, but: contains minor inaccuracies of fact or interpretation OR lacks sustained reference to source evidence OR has some minor failure of critical evaluation OR lacks a degree of literary flair and originality.
Scholarship	6	The candidate critically evaluates ideas and values of the classical world, referring to a range of primary, and where appropriate, secondary evidence AND develops a clear and logical argument, demonstrating awareness of the strengths and limitations of source evidence AND uses a range of evidence to explain links and interrelationships AND is fluent and coherent.
	5	The candidate's response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 6, but: has some inadequacy of critical evaluation OR deals inadequately with an important point OR has some unsupported generalisations OR communicates ideas clearly, but is not consistently convincing or precise.

Below Scholarship	4	The candidate evaluates ideas and values of the classical world, demonstrating some knowledge of primary and/or secondary sources AND discusses evidence methodically, drawing on knowledge of classical contexts AND develops a coherent argument, substantiated by some source evidence AND uses evidence to explain links AND communicates ideas coherently, but is not consistently focused or attentive to detail.
	3	The candidate's response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 4, but: fails to make a critical evaluation or apply evidence accurately OR is incomplete OR does not consistently communicate ideas with clarity.
	2	The candidate's response shows limited understanding relevant to the question. Some evidence is included, but ideas are not analysed.
	1	The candidate's response contains a minimal amount of relevant evidence.
	0	Blank booklet or irrelevant response.

Section B

The response in Section B is marked against the performance descriptors defined below and awarded a score.

	Score	Performance descriptor
Outstanding Scholarship	8	The candidate interprets the source material provided with insight and perception, drawing on in-depth understanding of the ideas and values of the classical world AND demonstrates an awareness of subtext and historical empathy AND presents a balanced viewpoint, incorporating elements of independent reflection AND communicates ideas with precision and originality.
	7	The candidate's response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 8, but: contains minor inaccuracies of fact or interpretation OR does not consistently demonstrate subtlety of understanding OR lacks a degree of literary flair and originality.
Scholarship	6	The candidate interprets the source material provided with a degree of perception, drawing on informed understanding of the ideas and values of the classical world AND demonstrates awareness of the strengths and limitations of source evidence AND uses a range of evidence to explain links and interrelationships AND is fluent and coherent.
	5	The candidate's response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 6, but: has some inadequacy of critical interpretation OR deals inadequately with an important point OR has some unsupported generalisations OR communicates ideas clearly, but is not consistently convincing or precise.

Below Scholarship	4	The candidate interprets the source material provided methodically, drawing on general knowledge of the ideas and values of the classical world AND shows some understanding of significant themes and/or concepts, and an ability to identify a historical viewpoint AND uses evidence to explain links AND communicates ideas coherently, but is not consistently focused and/or attentive to detail.
	3	The candidate's response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 4, but: interprets the source material provided simplistically or selectively OR is incomplete OR does not consistently communicate ideas with clarity.
	2	The candidate's response shows limited understanding relevant to the question. Some of the source material provided is examined, but ideas are not analysed.
	1	The candidate's response contains a minimal amount of relevant evidence.
	0	Blank booklet or irrelevant response.

Cut Scores

Scholarship	Outstanding Scholarship
14–18	19–24