

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Pre-U Certificate

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

9786 CLASSICAL HERITAGE

9786/04

Paper 4 (The Classical Heritage), maximum raw mark 50

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- Essays must have a particular focus on heritage and/or reception and, therefore, address the particular requirements of AO3. It will be very unlikely that an answer to a Board-approved essay that ignores AO3 will attain a mark above Level 1.
- The full range of marks will be used as a matter of course.
- Examiners will look for the 'best fit', not a 'perfect fit' in applying the Levels. HOWEVER, essays not deploying material over the full range of the three AOs will be very unlikely to attain a mark in Level 5.
- Examiners will provisionally award the middle mark in the Level and then moderate up/down according to individual qualities within the answer.
- Answers may develop a novel and possibly intuitive response to a question. This is to be credited if arguments are fully substantiated.
- Provision of a bibliography is compulsory. If it is missing, examiners will deduct 4 marks.
- The ratio of marks AO1 to AO2 to AO3 is 1:1:2.

Level/marks	Descriptors
5 50–40 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The essay may not be perfect but is, nonetheless, a model of clarity in answering the question convincingly. • Strongly focused analysis throughout. • Sustained arguments and conclusions with a strong sense of direction. • Apposite material well used to build a cogent case. • Sustained exploration of relevant heritage and/or reception (AO3).
4 39–30 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engages well with the question. • Clear analysis across most but not all of the answer. • Expresses arguments and conclusions with fluency in a logically planned way. • Apposite material well used to build a cogent case. • Good exploration of relevant heritage and/or reception (AO3).
3 29–20 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A determined response to the question. • Reasonable analysis, but at the lower end more limited. • Reasonable arguments and conclusions, but not well sustained. • Reasonable range of relevant material used adequately. • Reasonable exploration of relevant heritage and/or reception (AO3).
2 19–10 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some engagement with the question, but limited understanding of the issues. • Analysis is limited. • Constructs arguments in a limited way. Any conclusions are limited/thin. • Material used is limited in range and/or uneven. Perhaps some irrelevance. • Limited reference to heritage and/or reception (AO3).
1 9–0 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little or no engagement with the question. • Little or no attempt to offer analysis. • Little or no argument displayed. Any conclusions are very weak. • Little or no relevant material used. • Little or no reference to heritage and/or reception (AO3).