**Past HSC Questions and Specimen Paper Questions**

**Fall of the Roman Republic 79-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**2013 HSC**

**Question 44, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** “*Therefore when he crossed the Alps and spent the winter in Luca, a great crowd of ordinary men and women gathered there in eager haste to see him, while two hundred men of senatorial rank, among whom were Pompey and Crassus, and a hundred and twenty fasces of proconsuls and praetors were seen at Caesar's door.*”

Plutarch, Life of Pompey 51.3.

With reference to the quotation, assess the extent to which the First Triumvirate achieved its aims.

**OR**

**B** – Why did the Roman Republic fail?

**2012 HSC**

**Question 44, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A -** *So, Catiline, wherever you are going, go! Leave this city now; it is high time; the gates are open; get*

*out…. And take your whole gang with you – or, at least, as many as you can – and rid the city of these vermin…There is no room for you now within this city – I refuse to put up with you a moment longer.*

Cicero, Against Catiline, I. 10.

With reference to the quotation, assess the role that Cicero played in the politics of this period.

**OR**

**B –** Why did the Second Triumvirate fail?

**2011 HSC**

**Question 44, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** *“He (Sulla) came out of Rome to meet him (Pompey) and gave him the warmest possible welcome, acclaiming him in a loud voice as ‘Magnus’ – which is to say, ‘the Great’ – and telling those present to use this title when addressing him.”*

Plutarch, Life of Pompey 13

With reference to this quotation, to what extent did Pompey deserve to be known as ‘the Great’?

**OR**

**B –** Assess the role of the optimates in this period.

**2010 HSC**

**Question 43, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** Account for the outbreak of the Civil War in 49 BC.

**OR**

**B –** Explain the role military commands played in Roman politics in this period.

**2009 HSC**

**Question 38, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –**Assess the senate’s role in political crises in this period.

**OR**

**B –** To what extent did the political ambitions of individuals contribute to the fall of the Republic?

**2008 HSC**

**Question 38, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** Explain the activities and breakdown of the First Triumvirate.

**OR**

**B –** Why did Mark Antony lose the Civil War against Octavian?

**2007 HSC**

**Question 38, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

A – Assess the success of Pompey as a general and as a politician during this period.

**OR**

B – Why did the Roman Republic fall?

**2006 Specimen Paper**

**Question 38, Option M: Rom – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

A – To what extent was Pompey responsible for the outbreak of civil war?

**OR**

B – Evaluate the importance of the conflict between Mark Antony and Octavian.

**2006 HSC**

**Question 38, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** Explain the outbreak of the Civil War (49-45 BC) between Pompey and Caesar.

**OR**

**B –** Assess the importance of extraordinary military commands in Pompey’s career before the First Triumvirate.

**2005 HSC**

**Question 38, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** Evaluate the role of Pompey as a significant military leader during this period.

**OR**

**B –** Assess the political and military significance of the Second Triumvirate during this period.

**2004 HSC**

**Question 38, Option M: Rome – The Fall of the Republic 78-31 BC (25 Marks)**

**A –** Explain the reasons for the formation and breakdown of the ‘First Triumvirate’.

**OR**

**B –** Assess the achievements and impact of EITHER Mark Antony or Cicero during this period.