



Ancient history Level 3



Module 1: Foundations of Ancient Civilisations

Topics Covered:

- **Understanding Ancient History:** Definition, significance, and relevance to modern studies.
 - **From Hunter-Gatherers to Settled Societies:** Analysing the origins and transition to city-states.
 - **Geography and Early Civilisations:** Evaluating the role of geography in shaping Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Valley, and China.
 - **Technological and Cultural Innovations:** Examining Bronze Age advancements and their impact.
 - **Development of Writing Systems:** Comparing early writing methods and their role in record-keeping.
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Module 2: Classical Civilisations—Greece and Rome

Topics Covered:

- **The Evolution of Classical Greece and Rome:** Examining political, cultural, and military history.
- **Greek City-States and Democracy:** Understanding the Rise of Athens and the Concept of Democracy.
- **Major Conflicts in Greece:** The Persian Wars and Alexander the Great's Conquests.



- **Roman Republic and Empire:** Analysing the politics, society, and law that defined Rome.
 - **Philosophy and Intellectual Contributions:** Exploring Socratic thought and its modern influence.
 - **Cultural Achievements:** Literature, art, and architectural innovations from Greece and Rome.
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Module 3: The Cradle of Empires—The Ancient Near East

Topics Covered:

- **Rise and Fall of Near Eastern Empires:** The Akkadian, Babylonian, and Assyrian civilisations.
 - **Interplay of Power, Religion, and Economy:** Assessing Governance and Religious Influence.
 - **Cultural Contributions:** Exploring the Hittites, Phoenicians, and early Hebrews.
 - **Key Texts and Evidence:** Analysing the Epic of Gilgamesh and Hammurabi's Code.
 - **Archaeological Insights:** Interpreting evidence from significant Near Eastern sites.
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Module 4: Ancient Egypt—Civilisation Along the Nile

Topics Covered:

- **The Role of the Nile:** Examining its impact on Egypt's economy, agriculture, and culture.



- **Pharaohs and Governance:** Understanding socio-political structures across the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms.
 - **Religious Beliefs and Practices:** Exploring gods, the afterlife, and mummification rituals.
 - **Architectural Wonders:** Analysing the pyramids, temples, and the Sphinx as reflections of cultural values.
 - **Daily Life in Ancient Egypt:** Investigating societal roles, economic systems, and cultural practices.
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Module 5: Global Perspectives—Civilisations Beyond Europe

Topics Covered:

- **Exploring Ancient Civilisations Globally:** The Mayan, Aztec, and Incan societies.
 - **Trade and Cultural Exchange:** Examining the impact of trade routes like the Silk Road.
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa's Contributions:** The Kushite and Axumite civilisations.
 - **Asia's Political and Cultural Evolution:** Insights into Ancient India and China's Governance, Religion, and Art.
 - **Assessing Global Impact:** Understanding the interconnectedness of ancient civilisations.
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Module 6: Wars, Strategies, and Diplomacy in Antiquity

Topics Covered:



- **Understanding Ancient Conflicts:** Causes, Consequences, and Technological Advancements in Warfare.
 - **Legendary Conflicts:** Analysing the Trojan War and its historical basis.
 - **Punic Wars:** Rome's rivalry with Carthage and its implications for empire-building.
 - **Persian-Greek Wars:** Military strategies and outcomes of the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars.
 - **Diplomacy and Alliances:** Evaluating treaties and power dynamics in the ancient world.
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Module 7: Religion, Mythology, and Philosophy

Topics Covered:

- **Comparative Religion:** Examining religious beliefs and practices in major ancient civilisations.
 - **The Role of Myths:** Understanding Pantheons and Their Societal Significance (Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Mesopotamian).
 - **Philosophical Origins:** Exploring the contributions of Socrates, Confucius, and Zoroastrianism.
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Module 8: The Enduring Legacy of the Ancient World

Topics Covered:

- **Modern Influence of Ancient Civilisations:** Evaluating their role in shaping contemporary culture and governance.



- **Preservation of Historical Evidence:** Discussing archaeology, museums, and digital heritage.
- **Rediscovery of Ancient Texts and Artefacts:** Exploring how historical understanding evolves.
- **Ancient History in Popular Culture:** Examining its representation in films, literature, and media.

Module 9: Research methods and methodology in history

Topics Covered:

- **Research Skills and How to Conduct Research in Ancient History**
- **Guidelines, laws, and standards to conduct research in the UK and internationally for ancient history**

Module 10: Dissertation Writing and Structure

Topics Covered:

- **Dissertation Writing and Structure**



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