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.

#### 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.

## Module 3: The Cradle of Empires—The Ancient Near East

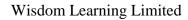
## **Topics Covered:**

- 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.

#### **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.



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- 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.

#### **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.

#### Module 6: Wars, Strategies, and Diplomacy in Antiquity

#### **Topics Covered:**

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- 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 empirebuilding.
- 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.

## 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.

## 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:** 

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