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**Classical Studies
Classical Literature**

MONDAY, 20 MAY
9:00 AM – 10:10 AM

Total marks — 30

Attempt question 1(a) OR 1(b) AND question 2.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



CLASSICAL LITERATURE — 30 marks

Attempt either question 1(a) OR 1(b) AND question 2

1. (a) Discuss the view that individuals cannot escape their fate. 20
In your answer you should reference any **classical text(s)** you have studied.

OR

- (b) Discuss the view that the actions of leaders do not always produce the results they expect. 20
In your answer you should reference any **classical text(s)** you have studied.

Source A is from a modern author discussing the issue of heroism.

People such as nurses are heroes because they selflessly care for others. Clever people who improve the quality of life by solving problems such as finding vaccines to cure disease are also considered heroes. History teaches us about heroes who fought and died for their country and we remember them because of their bravery and sacrifice. Heroes become role models we can admire, and they inspire us to live better lives. This shows that you do not have to be famous, wealthy, powerful or privileged to be a hero. You just need to be a good person or have good intentions. However, not all heroes are real. The entertainment world has invented its own brand of hero. These heroes have superpowers and can do things that ordinary people cannot. They always come out best and win because a hero is a force for good in the face of evil.

2. Compare this modern view of heroism to views of heroism in any **classical text(s)** you have studied. 10
Refer to **Source A** and your own knowledge, and come to an overall conclusion about similarities and differences.

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