

Historical Causation Exercise -20 marks

- For each of the following two questions, choose the two most probable answers and explain your answer with a coherent, factually-based response (approx. 1 page each)

- 1) What caused the development and rise of classical China:
 - a) the creation of a standardized language
 - b) its fertile location (ie. proximity to major rivers)
 - c) the specialization of its political bureaucracy
 - d) the development of Confucianism

- 2) What caused the development of Confucianism?
 - a) the influence from other regions with attractive philosophies
 - b) Confucius' distinctive genius
 - c) the political situation in the Zhou dynasty at the time
 - d) the demands raised by peasant protesters

- 3) What caused the development and rise of Roman civilization
 - a) the development of crude forms of democracy
 - b) the added emphasis on law in the empire
 - c) a more secular worldview (a less devout religious character)
 - d) an emphasis on philosophy and science

- 4) What caused India to have the most rigid social structure of any of the classical civilizations?
 - a) the event of Aryan occupation
 - b) the extension of Hindu or Buddhist principles
 - c) the absence of a powerful central bureaucracy
 - d) its emphasis on hierarchy in its patriarchal families