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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ONE of the questions below with reference to a **classical civilisation**. This may include, but is not limited to, a city-state, republic, or empire.

You must answer using paragraphs.

QUESTIONS (Choose ONE)

1. Explain how the social status of a male determined his responsibilities in a classical civilisation.

2. In what ways did a leader take advantage of a socio-political conflict in a classical civilisation?

3. Explain how socio-political structures in a classical civilisation were used to gain or maintain power.

4. Explain how a military engagement(s) strengthened a classical civilisation's identity.

PLANNING

You should aim to write a concise answer of no more than 4–5 pages. The quality of your response is more important than the length of your answer.

Support your answer with primary-source evidence.

Question number: ____

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