



## HSC Assessment Task

### Ancient History

In-class essay – Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2003

Weighting – 15%

**Outcomes to be assessed:**

**H1.2** Describes and analyses political, military, religious, social, cultural and economic features of ancient societies.

**H2.2** Evaluates the relative significance of factors affecting change and continuity in the ancient world.

**H3.1** Uses historical terms and concepts appropriately to answer historical questions.

**H4.1** Identifies different perspectives about groups, events and issues.

Use Sources 1-3 **and your own knowledge** to answer the following questions.

1. Besides Knossos, name **two** (2) Minoan palaces. 2 marks
2. List **three** (3) features commonly found in Minoan palaces. 3 marks
3. Identify and briefly describe **five** (5) areas/rooms or items found in the Palace of Knossos that relate to Minoan religion. 5 marks
4. Discuss the role and importance of the palaces in Minoan culture. 15 marks

## Sources

### Source 1



Throne Room – Palace of Knossos  
Knossos.

### Source 2



Magazines – Palace of  
Knossos.

### Source 3



The bull-leaping fresco ('Toreador Fresco') – Palace of Knossos.

## MARKING GUIDELINES

Greece: Bronze Age Society – Minoan Society

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(a) Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H3.1

Criteria	Marks
Name two Minoan palaces besides Knossos	2
Name one Minoan palaces besides Knossos	1

(b) Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H3.1

Criteria	Marks
List 3 features commonly found in Minoan palaces	3
List 2 features commonly found in Minoan palaces	2
List 1 feature commonly found in Minoan palaces.	1

(c) Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H3.1

Criteria	Marks
Identify and briefly describe four to five areas/ rooms or items found in the palace of Knossos that relate to Minoan religion	4-5
Identify and briefly describe two to three areas/ rooms or items found in the palace of Knossos that relate to Minoan religion	2-3
Identify and briefly describe one area/ room or item found in the palace of Knossos that relates to Minoan religion	1

(d) Outcomes assessed: H1.2, H4.1

Criteria	Marks
Provides a coherent and detailed discussion of the role and importance of the palaces in Minoan culture..	13-15
Provides an explanation of the role and importance of the palaces in Minoan culture	9 – 12
Provides a limited explanation of the role and importance of the palaces in Minoan culture.	5 - 8
Makes one or two relevant points on the role of the palaces in Minoan culture. Refers to the source.	2 - 4
Makes one relevant point on the palaces in the Minoan culture.	1