

ROMAN CALENDAR - TEACHER'S NOTES

To support:

KS3 and KS4 students of Latin language and Classical Civilization, e.g.:

- WJEC Level 1 and 2 Latin Language & Roman Civilisation – Unit 9512 and 9522, Daily Life in Roman Society
- AS Unit AH2 (OCR) (Entry Code F392) Roman History from original sources

Exercise 2 [5 marks]:

1. Calendar
2.
 - a. New Year's Day
 - b. April Fool's Day
 - c. May Day
3. Julius Caesar

Exercise 3 [5 marks]:

1. IV days before the Nones of Ianuarius
2. The Ides of Ianuarius
3. XVIII days before the Kalends of Februarius
4. V days before the Kalends of Febrarius
5. III days before the Kalends of Februarius

Exercise 4 [5 marks]:

Note:

- *The Romans counted inclusively. The day we would describe as 'two days before the Nones' would have been described by a Roman as '3 days before the Nones' as they included the Nones itself.*
- *how many dates we consider to be in January, were referred to in relation to February.*

1. 12th January
2. 19th January
3. 3rd January
4. 25th January
5. 1st January

Exercise 5 [10 marks]:

1. V days before the Nones of Maius
2. The day before the Ides of Aprilis
3. XIII days before the Ides of Martius
4. VI days before the Ides of Augustus
5. VII days before the Ides of November
6. III before the Ides of October
7. III days before the Nones of Martius
8. X days before the Kalends of Julius
9. The Ides of Julius
10. The day before the Ides of October

Extension Exercise:

A template for the calendar can be downloaded from the Ashmolean Museum Education pages, in Rome Resources: AshLI Calendar Template