

Latin

Component 2: Literature (30%)

Monday 5th June 2023

Questions on the notes to the Cicero text

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Questions on Content and Style

- (lines 1-5) How does Cicero effectively demonstrate the differences between what he believes and what the prosecutor believes about country folk?
 - (lines 5-11) Is Cicero persuasive in claiming the importance of an agricultural lifestyle to Rome's growing empire? Refer to both Cicero's style and content to explain your point of view.
 - (lines 12-17) How does Cicero present the stereotype of the 'rough and uncouth'? Would these characteristics be considered uncivilised today?
 - (lines 17-22) How effective is Cicero at portraying the divide between city and country?
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Questions on the whole passage

1. What two opinions of country living are presented in this text? Are these viewpoints supported by any of the other texts studied?
 2. Does Cicero believe that country living is compatible with state affairs?
 3. Is Cicero presenting an idealised or realistic account of Rome's past? Does his reference to Rome's past help his argument in favour of country living?
 4. How does Cicero present the contrast between country living and city living? Is his argument on the causes of crime persuasive in suggesting there is more crime in the city?
 5. Do you think that Cicero has demonstrated in his writing that country life teaches 'thrift, hard work and good conduct'? Use examples from the text to support your point of view.
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