SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2004

Subject ANCIENT HISTORY

Title of Paper AH3016 GREEK COUNTRYSIDES

Time Allowed TWO HOURS

Instructions to candidates

Candidates should answer TWO questions. Support your answers with specific examples from ancient sources and case studies as appropriate.

1. What kind of information might ‘background scatter’ (off-site scatter) provide about land use in Classical times? Focus your answer on two or three specific case studies.

2. What problems did farmers and shepherds face keeping animals in the ancient Greek world?

3. Evaluate Hanson’s and Morris’s arguments about the importance and roles of ‘middling’ farmers in Ancient Greece. Do you agree with their interpretation of the archaeological and historical evidence?

4. Discuss the importance and the limitations of EITHER the ‘Attic Stelae’ (IG I3 420-432) OR Theophrastos’ botanical works (History of Plants and Causes of Plants) for our understanding of agriculture and land use in Ancient Greece.

5. How has archaeological survey improved our understanding of late Bronze Age landscapes in Greece?

6. How did Roman occupation change the Greek countryside?

7. How much do excavated ‘farmhouses’ tell us about Greek rural landscapes? How can we use the information they provide in conjunction with other sources?

8. How and by whom was land owned by sanctuaries and public bodies exploited in classical and Hellenistic Greece?