

Ancient Civilization for the Contemporary World

Access test - Syllabus

I. Preliminary information

In this document, prospective applicants are provided with the necessary information in order to be fully prepared for the online access test for the Program *Ancient Civilization for the Contemporary World*, with regard to the topics of the test, and the knowledge needed to successfully take it.

No information is given in this document concerning the administrative procedures in order to properly enroll in the the test: the prospective applicant will find it fully displayed in the **Call for Application** (<https://ancient-civilization.cdl.unimi.it/en/enrolment>) As well, no information is given here concerning the modalities to access the online room and the ways in which the test will take place; applicants who have successfully enrolled will receive the relevant information via email from the Administration and the Provider of the test.

II. Content of the test

As stated in the Call for Application, the test will consist of two parts.

The first part will test the reading comprehension of a short text written in English.

The second part will test the general knowledge about basic historical, cultural, and methodological elements in the field of Ancient Civilization. The expected knowledge is by no means intended to be thorough, or comprehensive, or to cover all the areas and disciplines involved. It can be fully acquired by studying the bibliographical items listed in point III: the suggested books are introductory instruments, meant expressly for beginners. The questions contained in the test will regard only with the content of the listed chapters, as it is presented in the listed chapters. Therefore candidates are recommended to consult these materials, which will enable them to obtain all the necessary preparation.

III.

General Knowledge section: recommended bibliographical items in preparation for the test

- 1) **De Blois, L. - Van der Spek, R.J., *An Introduction to the Ancient World***, London (Routledge) 2019
 - Chapter 4 (History of Western Asia) – *The First Millennium* (pp. 38-54)
 - Chapters 9 (Greek History) – *The Archaic Period, c. 750 – c. 500 BC* (pp. 85-117)
 - Chapter 10 (Greek History) – *The Classical Period, c. 500 – 330 BC* (pp. 118-158)
 - Chapter 12 (Roman History) – *Early Roman History, 753-265 B.C.* (pp. 191-223)
- 2) **Bahn, P., *Archaeology: A Very Short Introduction***, second edition, Oxford (Oxford University Press) 2012 (any edition is fine)
 - pp. 1-118 (whole book)
- 3) **Cohen, W. I., *East Asia at the center: four thousand years of engagement with the world***, New York (Columbia University Press) 2000
 - Chapter 1 – *The Emergence of an International System in East Asia* (pp. 1-61)
 - Chapter 2 – *Shadows over Tang splendor* (pp. 62-88).