

8	‘The houses in Ostia were better constructed and much more practical than the houses in Herculaneum.’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with reference to specific houses from <u>both</u> Ostia <u>and</u> Herculaneum. Use the 25 essay marking criteria. AO1 – Knowledge and understanding 12 marks. Marks should be awarded using the marking criteria for AO1. Candidates have studied a wide range of houses from Ostia and Herculaneum including: Ostia: • Insula/House of Diana, Ostia • Garden Houses, Ostia Herculaneum: • House of Opus Craticium, Herculaneum • House of Stags, Herculaneum • Samnite House, Herculaneum Credit other relevant houses from the two towns. AO2 – Analysis and Evaluation 13 marks. Marks should be awarded using the marking criteria for AO2. Answers may include reference to the following points: Better built: • House of Diana (brick built) survives up to first floor • Upper floors part of the design • Integral staircases • Amenities incorporated • Garden Houses c123-125 AD, symmetrical open courtyard which may have had 32 apartments in total • Had ornamental gateway to protect privacy of the occupants • Damaged by earthquakes in late third century • House of Opus Craticium and Samnite House were well built ‘standard’ houses which were adapted after the earthquake in 62 AD • House of the Stags is a complex design which takes full advantage of the sea view [at the time]. More practical: • The House of Diana was a house of multiple occupancy • Brick built – survive up to first floor • Amenities as part of the building – internal courtyard, water fountain and latrine • Often served multiple functions, e.g. other such buildings had shops • Garden Houses – ‘luxury’ apartments with wall-paintings and mosaics, water supplied to higher floors	25
8	• The plans of House of Opus Craticium and Samnite House were adapted to make them into houses of multiple occupancy in the aftermath of the earthquake • The reduction in size to make apartments or dwellings for more than one family is practical • The plan of the House of the Stags was adapted to make the most of its prime site on the sea coast. Look for a strong line of argument which is well supported with reference to details from specific houses. Expect candidates to come to a reasoned decision about whether the houses in Ostia are better constructed and more practical than the houses in Herculaneum.	