Test 2 Format

The second test has three parts, only two of which are graded, although they are all important.

The first question is a directed short essay about some aspect of Ammianus Marcellinus, with four passages given, two of which must be discussed in the essay.

The second question involves gobbets, as on the third part of the first test. There are 22 from which to choose 5, and the directions specifically state to pick passages from different works or about different topics. Ammianus is likely to be included in this part too, along with other ancient authors whose works were assigned since the last test, with the exception of Athanasius. Specifically, that means in order from the syllabus:

Panegyric of 289
Lactantius DMP except sections 1-6
Eusebius (two works)
Donatist Martyr Stories
Julian (various Letters)
Eunapius (two Lives)
Libanius (two works)
Ammianus Marcellinus (lots)
Symmachus
Ambrose

The third question relates to the research project.

Although there is no specific question asking for elucidation or analysis of any work of modern scholarship, your having read all or most of the assigned scholarship will help you to write good answers.