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UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, MSIDA

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION  
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**SUBJECT:** CLASSICAL STUDIES  
**DATE:** 31st August 2016  
**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

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**Answer ALL questions from Section A and Section B**  
**Answer ONE question from Section C**

**Section A - 30 marks**

1. Translate the following sentences into Latin (15 marks):
  - a) They saved the town by their plan.
  - b) The dangers of war will be avoided by our men.
  - c) We were terrified by the enemy's fierce attack.
  - d) They led the Roman captives into the barbarians' camp.
  - e) He drew up the best soldiers opposite the rampart.
2. Translate the following sentences into Greek (15 marks):
  - a) The citizens are in the house of the young man.
  - b) The good judges prevented the war by their words.
  - c) He has loosed the soldiers and sailors.
  - d) You are stopping the battle.
  - e) They will pursue virtue.

**Section B - 30 marks**

3. Read the following passage and answer all the questions:

SCAPHA: Inscita ecastor tu quidem es.

PHILEMATIUM: Quapropter?

SCAPHA: Quae istuc <cures>, ut te ille amet.

PHILEMATIUM: Cur obsecro non curem?

SCAPHA: Libera es iam. tu iam quod quaerebas habes: ille te nisi amabit ultro, id pro tuo capite quod dedit perdiderit tantum argenti.

PHILOLACHES: Perii hercle, ni ego illam pessumis exemplis enicasso. illa hanc corrumpit mulierem malesuada vitilena.

- a) What is the name of the work from which this extract is taken, and who wrote it? (2 marks)
- b) Who were Scapha and Philematium? (2 marks)
- c) What is the name of the genre in which it was written? (2 marks)
- d) Write a short paragraph on the development of this genre in Latin literature. (6 marks)
- e) Translate the extract accurately into English. (18 marks)

**Section C - 40 marks**

**Answer Question 4 OR Question 5**

4. Write an essay of not less than 600 words on ONE of the following topics:
- The 'labours of Heracles' have become proverbial, even for those who have not studied Greek mythology. Discuss.
  - Zeus was the king of men and of gods. How did he succeed in attaining this position of power, and what were the other aspects of his personality in Greek mythology?
  - What were the causes of unrest which led to the rebellion led by the Gracchi in the Roman Republic?
  - Why did Athens prosper and flourish under the guidance of Pericles in the fifth century?
  - What were the circumstances that led to civil war in Rome in the first century A.D.?
  - Why does Greek Tragedy, which originated in Classical Athens, still have such relevance to the modern world?
5. Write an essay of not less than 300 words on TWO of the following topics:
- "The ancient Greeks evinced a cluster of brilliant qualities that are difficult to identify in combination and in such concentration elsewhere in Mediterranean or ancient Near Eastern antiquity." (Edith Hall, 2014). What can be said about these brilliant qualities?
  - How did the ideas of Socrates and his dramatic presence in fifth-century Greece influence the development of thought in the western world up to this day?
  - Why has the figure of Julius Caesar (general, statesman and writer) become a myth in its own right for the western world?