

# MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

# INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2018 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT: Classical Studies

DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Answer **ALL** Sections.

# **SECTION A: HISTORY**

#### **Answer Question 1 OR 2.**

1. In around **350 words**, discuss the reasons why Alexander the Great decided to go to war against the Persians.

#### OR

2. Hannibal remained a figure of terror to the Romans for many centuries, so much so that the Romans would exclaim *Hannibal ante portas!* (Hannibal is at the gates!) to exclaim their fear or anxiety. In around **350 words**, outline Hannibal's attacks against the Romans.

(Total: 20 marks)

### **SECTION B: LANGUAGE**

# **Answer BOTH Questions.**

1. Translate ALL of these sentences from Latin to English.

a. puellae sunt laetae.	(2)
b. Romani sapientiam laudant.	(2)
c. barbarus amicus est.	(2)
d. populus periculum non amat.	(2)
e. picturam laudamus.	(2)

## 2. Translate ALL of these sentences from Greek to English.

a.	ή του στρατηγου νικη καλη έστι.	(2)
b.	οί σοφοι ἀνθρωποι τους δουλους παιδευουσι.	(2)
c.	δενδρα και ποταμοι έν τη γη είσι.	(2)
d.	τους κακους ίππους θηρευετε.	(2)
e.	τους άγαθους δουλους λυομεν.	(2)

(Total: 20 marks)

#### **SECTION C: MYTHOLOGY**

#### **Answer Question 1 OR 2.**

1. "The Trojan War was caused by Paris." In an essay of around **350 words** discuss the veracity of such a statement. (20)

#### OR

Wonder Woman was one of the 10 top grossing films in 2017. In an essay of around 350 words discuss why you think films with mythological roots generally do so well at the box office.

(Total: 20 marks)

### **SECTION D: LITERATURE**

#### **Answer ALL questions.**

## Homer Iliad Book 1 92-99

Then the **blameless seer** took heart, and spoke: "It is not then because of a vow that **he** finds fault, nor because of a hecatomb, but because of the priest whom Agamemnon dishonoured, and did not release his daughter nor accept the ransom. For this cause the god who strikes from afar has given woes and will still give them. He will not drive off from the Danaans the loathsome pestilence, until we give back to her dear father the bright-eyed maiden, unbought, unransomed, and lead a sacred hecatomb to Chryse. Then we might appease and persuade him."

- 1. Write a note on Homer in around 80 words. (4)
- 2. Write a brief note on epic poetry in Ancient Greece in around 80 words. (4)
- 3. Who is the "blameless seer" referred to in the passage? (3)
- 4. Who is the being ("he") finding fault with the Danaans? Why is he angry at the Danaans? (4)
- 5. Comment on the immediate context of the passage and explain why the wrath of Achilles may be justified. (5)

(Total: 20 marks)

# **SECTION E: ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

# **Answer ALL questions.**



(Vatican Museums, Rome)

1. What name is given to this type of pot?	(3)
2. For what purpose was this type of pot used?	(3)
3. Write a short note on the techniques used to create the painting.	(7)
4. Identify the <b>TWO</b> figures depicted on the pot.	(2)
5. What is the subject matter of the scene?	(5)

(Total: 20 marks)