

# MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

# INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2018 SECOND SESSION

SUBJECT: Classical Studies

DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

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

Answer ALL sections. Each section carries 20 marks.

#### **SECTION A: HISTORY**

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

1. In around **350 words**, examine the origins of the Persian Wars. (20)

### OR

2. Although Augustus never actually claimed the title, he is known as the First Emperor. In around **350 words**, outline his relationship with Julius Caesar and his rise to power. (20)

#### **SECTION B: LANGUAGE**

# **Answer BOTH questions.**

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

a. barbarus puellam amat.	(2)
b. populus picturas laudat.	(2)
c. equi parvi sunt.	(2)
d. populi sapientia bona est.	(2)
e. amicus mensam portat.	(2)

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

a.	ή μαχη καλη έστι.	(2)	
b.	οἱ ἀνθρωποι τους ἱππους παιδευουσι.	(2)	
c.	ό στρατηγος έν τω ποταμω έστι.	(2)	
d.	τους άγαθους ἱππους λυομεν.	(2)	
e.	τους κακους δουλους θηρευεις.	(2)	

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

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

1. In an essay of around **350 words**, outline the mythological events which made Zeus the principal deity. (20)

#### OR

2. In an essay of around **350 words**, discuss why writers from all genres constantly draw inspiration from classical myth. Include examples in your essay. (20)

#### **SECTION D: LITERATURE**

**Answer ALL questions.** 

## Sophocles Oedipus Rex Lines 454-462

#### **Teiresias**

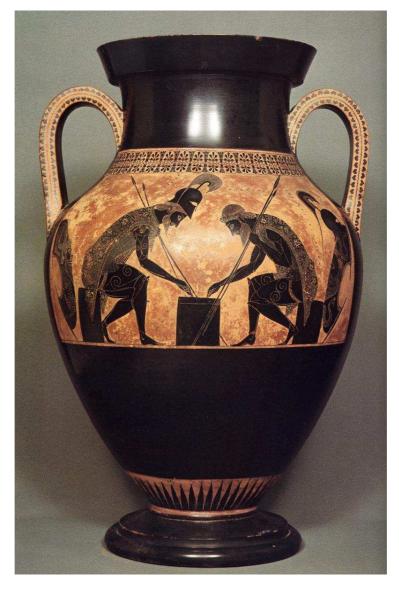
... A blind man, though now he sees, [455] a beggar, though now rich, he will make his way to a foreign land, feeling the ground before him with his staff. And he will be discovered to be at once brother and father of the children with whom he consorts; son and husband of the woman who bore him; [460] heir to his father's bed, shedder of his father's blood. So go in and evaluate this, and if you find that I am wrong, say then that I have no wit in prophecy.

- 1. Write a short note on the life of Sophocles. (3)
- 2. Write a short note on political aspects of tragedy in Ancient Greece. (4)
- 3. Who is Teireisias speaking about? (2)
- 4. Explain why this character is "brother and father of the children with whom he consorts; son and husband of the woman who bore him; [460] heir to his father's bed, shedder of his father's blood."

  (6)
- 5. What happens when Oedipus realises that the prophecy was true? (5)

# **SECTION E: ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

# Answer ALL questions.



1. What name is given to this type of vase?	(3)
2. For what purpose was this type of vase used?	(3)
3. What is the technique used by the craftsmen to create the painting?	(5)
4. Discuss the subject matter of the scene depicted on the vase.	(4)
5. What do you find of interest in the stylistic features of the depiction?	(5)