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**Answer both Sections.**

**SECTION A:** EURIPIDES, *Iphigenia in Aulis*, ed. Bristol Classical Press, 1-114, 303-414 (verse numbers as in the Oxford Classical Text) in Greek, the rest in English.

Answer all the questions in this section.

1. Read carefully the following passage and then answer the questions set on it:

μυρίοι δέ τοι πεπόνθασ' αύτό· πρὸς τὰ πράγματα  
ἐκπονοῦσ' ἔχοντες, εἴτα δ' ἔξεχώρησαν κακῶς,  
τὰ μὲν ὑπὸ γνώμης πολιτῶν ἀσυνέτου, τὰ δ' ἐνδίκως,  
ἀδύνατοι γεγῶτες αύτοὶ διαφυλάξασθαι πόλιν.  
'Ελλάδος μάλιστ' ἔγωγε τῆς ταλαιπώρου στένω,  
ἢ, θέλουσα δρᾶν τι κεδνόν, βαρβάρους τοὺς οὐδένας  
καταγελῶντας ἐζανήσει διὰ σὲ καὶ τὴν σὴν κόρην.  
μηδέν' ἀνδρείας ἔκατι προστάτην θείμην χθονὸς  
μηδ' ὅπλων ἄρχοντα· νοῦν χρὴ τὸν στρατηλάτην ἔχειν  
πόλεος· ὡς ἀρκῶν ἀνὴρ πᾶς, ζύνεσιν ἦν ἔχων τύχη.

- a. Put this passage within its immediate context.
- b. Name the speaker and write a short note about him / her.
- c. Give the principal parts of πεπόνθασ'.
- d. Who is referred to by κόρην? Write a short note about her.
- e. Summarize this passage in not more than fifteen words.
- f. What part of speech is τύχη?

(50 marks)

**SECTION B: XENOPHON, *Hellenica* I-II.3.10, ed. Aris & Phillips, Classical Texts Series, Book I, Chapters 1-3 in Greek, the rest in English.**

Answer all the questions in this section.

Read carefully the following passage and then answer the questions set on it:

μετ' ὄλιγον δὲ τούτων Δωριεὺς ὁ Διαγόρου ἐκ 'Ρόδου εἰς 'Ελλήσποντον εἰσέπλει ἀρχομένου χειμῶνος τέτταρσι καὶ δέκα ναυσὶν ἅμα ἡμέρᾳ. κατιδών δὲ ὁ τῶν 'Αθηναίων ἡμεροσκόπος ἐσήμηνε τοῖς στρατηγοῖς. οἱ δὲ ἀνηγάγοντο ἐπ' αὐτὸν εἴκοσι ναυσίν, ἃς ὁ Δωριεὺς φυγὼν πρὸς τὴν γῆν ἀνεβίβαζε τὰς αὐτοῦ τριήρεις, ὡς ἥνοιγε, περὶ τὸ 'Ροίτειον. ἐγγὺς δὲ γενομένων τῶν 'Αθηναίων ἐμάχοντο ἀπό τε τῶν νεῶν καὶ τῆς γῆς, μέχρι οἱ 'Αθηναῖοι ἀπέπλευσαν εἰς Μάδυτον πρὸς τὸ ἄλλο στρατόπεδον οὔδεν πράξαντες. Μίνδαρος δὲ κατιδών τὴν μάχην ἐν Ἰλίῳ θύων τῇ 'Αθηνᾷ, ἐβοήθει ἐπὶ τὴν θάλατταν, καὶ καθελκύσας τὰς ἐαυτοῦ τριήρεις ἀπέπλει, ὅπως ἀναλάβοι τὰς μετὰ Δωριέως.

- a. Write a short note on Xenophon and his *Hellenica*.
- b. Write short notes on Dorieus and Mindarus.
- c. Place on a geographical sketch Rhodes, the Hellespont, Rhoetium, Madytus and Ilium.
- d. Translate ἅμα ἡμέρᾳ.
- e. What construction is γενομένων τῶν 'Αθηναίων?
- f. What mood is ἀναλάβοι, and why is that mood used here?

(50 marks)

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**Answer Questions 1 and 2, and EITHER 3 OR 4 (three questions in all).**

1. Translate into English:

*Minoan Crete*

ἔστι δὲ ἡ Κρήτη νῆσος μεγάλη πρὸς τὴν μεσημβρίαν τοῦ Αἰγαίου πόντου κειμένη ἐν μέσῳ τῆς Αἰγύπτου καὶ τῆς Εύρωπης. εἰ δέ τις τὰ τῆς Εύρώπης καλῶς ξυγγράψει, ἅρχειν τοῦ λόγου δεῖ ἐκ τῆς Κρήτης· περὶ Κρήτης γάρ τοὺς παλαιτάτους τῶν μύθων λέγουσιν οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι. σήμερον οὖν ἀκούσεσθε τὸν τῆς Ἀριάδνης μῦθον. παρθένος ἦν Ἀριάδνη ἡς ὁ πατὴρ ἐβασίλευε τῆς νήσου, Μίνως δὴ καλούμενος. ὁ δὲ Μίνως οὐ μόνον τὴν Κρήτην εὗ κατεῖχεν, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅλον τὸν Αἰγαῖον πόντον καὶ τὰς σμικρὰς νήσους· οὐ γάρ σμικρὸν ἦν τότε τὸ ναυτικόν, καὶ ἀεὶ μεῖζον ἐγίγνετο ἀπὸ τῶν νικῶν.

(30 marks)

2. Read carefully the following passage and then answer the questions set on it:

πάλαι ποτὲ ἐν Ἀθήναις ἐβασίλευεν ὁ Κέκροψ· ὁ δέ, ἐπεὶ πόλεμός τις δεινὸς ἐγένετο καὶ προσέβαλον τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις οἱ πλησίον, ἐς Ἀχαιούς τινας ἐτράπετο· καὶ χρυσῷ πείσας ξυμμάχους ἐσηγάγετο, ὃν ἥρχε Ξοῦθος τις. ξένοι μὲν γάρ ἦσαν οὗτοι οἱ Ἀχαιοί, οἱ δὲ Ἀθηναῖοι αὔτόχθονες. οὐ γάρ πρότερον ἐσῆλθον ἐς τὴν Ἀττικὴν οἱ Ἀχαιοί, ἀλλ’ ἐς Σαλαμῖνα. εὗ πράξας οὖν ὁ Κέκροψ ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ, ξυμμάχων ὄντων τῶν Ἀχαιῶν, τὰ ἀριστεῖα τῷ Ξούθῳ ἔδωκε καὶ Κρέουσαν τὴν θυγατέρα. τὸν δὲ νιόν, ὃν ἔτεκεν ἡ Κρέουσα, ἔλαθεν αὐτὴν τις κλέψας καὶ ἐς Δελφοὺς πέμψας παρὰ τὸν Ἀπόλλωνα, ἐκεῖ δὲ αὐτὸν κατέλιπεν. καὶ δὴ καὶ ἔφασάν τινες τὸν Ἀπόλλωνα, ὅν καὶ Φοῖβον ὠνόμαζον, πατέρα εἶναι, οὐ τὸν Ξοῦθον, τοῦ Ἰωνος – οὕτω γάρ ὠνόμασαν τὸν παῖδα.

- Give a summary of this paragraph in not more than fifteen words.
- Give the nominative singular of 'Αθηναίοις.
- Give the principal parts of πείσας.
- Translate ξένοι μὲν ... αὔτόχθονες.
- What clause is ὅν καὶ Φοῖβον ὠνόμαζον?
- What mood is εἶναι?

(30 marks)

**Choose either Question 3 or Question 4. Both carry equal marks.**

3. Translate into English:

*The Pythian Oracle*

εὗ γε ἐθαύμασας, ὡς παῖ, οὐ γὰρ τόδε ἔδειξα· ἀλλ' εὗ ἵστε, παῖδες, ὅτι ἐν Δελφοῖς ὁ Φοῖβος τὸν Πύθωνα φονεύσας, δράκοντα τινα μέγαν ὃς ἐφύλασσε τὸ ἱερόν, κατεῖχε τὸ χρηστήριον, ἐξ ὅπερ ἀεὶ ἔπεμπον ἐν ἀπορίᾳ ὄντες καὶ ἴδιῶται καὶ πόλεις. ὁ δὲ θεὸς ἔφαινεν αὐτοῖς ὅπως τὰ πράγματα αὐτῶν ἐκάστοτε εὗ τάξαντες εὗ πράξουσιν· οἶον δὴ ἐπέταξέ ποτε τοῖς Λακεδαιμονίοις τὴν ἐν Ἀθήναις τυραννίδα καταπαῦσαι. οὕτως οὕν ήρμοζέ τε καὶ ἔτασσεν ὁ θεὸς τὰ τῶν Ἐλλήνων.

πῶς δὲ ἔφαινε τάδε, ὡς διδάσκαλε; Ἄρα νυκτὸς ὅναρ τινὶ παρέχων; ἢ καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ θεὸς ἡμέρας ἐξ τὸ φανερὸν ἐλθὼν τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐδίδασκεν;  
οὐ δῆτ' αὐτὸς ὁ θεός, ἀλλ' ἐπροφήτευεν ἀεὶ ἡ Πυθία καλούμενη, γυνὴ οὕσα, μεγάλῃ τῇ φωνῇ βοῶσα.

(40 marks)

4. Translate eight of the following into Greek.

- a. The poet spoke more wisely than the orator.
- b. Let us remain in the city ourselves.
- c. May you not be deceived by your hope!
- d. These things will not be difficult for a clever boy.
- e. The king gave the slave to the Athenians.
- f. Our soldiers ceased from the battle.
- g. Most true were the words of my mother.
- h. Your father will be with you in three days.
- i. Every man despatched heralds to the general.
- j. A large army was sent by us into Greece.

(40 marks)