

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2023 MAIN SESSION

SUBJECT: Greek

PAPER NUMBER:

DATE: 12th May 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Answer BOTH Sections.

SECTION A

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

Αγαμέμνων βούλομαί σ' εἰπεῖν κακῶς εὖ, βραχέα, μὴ λίαν ἄνω

βλέφαρα πρὸς τἀναιδὲς ἀγαγών, ἀλλὰ σωφρονεστέρως,

ώς άδελφὸν ὄντ': ἀνὴρ γὰρ χρηστὸς αἰδεῖσθαι φιλεῖ.

είπέ μοι, τί δεινὰ φυσᾶς αἱματηρὸν ὄμμ' ἔχων;

τίς άδικεῖ σε; τοῦ κέχρησαι; χρηστὰ λέκτρ' ἐρῷς λαβεῖν;

οὐκ ἔχοιμ' ἄν σοι παρασχεῖν: ὧν γὰρ ἐκτήσω, κακῶς

ἦρχες. εἶτ' ἐγὰ δίκην δῶ σῶν κακῶν, ὁ μὴ σφαλείς;

(Selection from: Iphigenia in Aulis by Euripides)

1. What is the immediate context of this passage?	(10)
2. How would Agamemnon's state of mind be at this point?	(5)
3. Why, according to him, is there need to argue σωφρονεστέρως?	(5)
4. Explain the speaker's reference to χρηστὰ λέκτρ'?	(10)
5. Why does Agamemnon describe himself as ὁ μὴ σφαλείς?	(10)
6. Give the mood of $\epsilon i\pi \epsilon$ and the mood of $\delta ilde{\omega}$.	(10)

(Total: 50 marks)

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SECTION B

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

ἐπεὶ δ' ἐξέπλευσεν ὁ Κλέαρχος, οἱ προδιδόντες τὴν πόλιν τῶν Βυζαντίων, Κύδων καὶ Ἀρίστων καὶ Ἀναξικράτης καὶ Λυκοῦργος καὶ Ἀναξίλαος (ὃς ἐπαγόμενος θανάτου ὕστερον ἐν Λακεδαίμονι διὰ τὴν προδοσίαν ἀπέφυγεν, ἀπολογούμενος ὅτι οὐ προδιδοίη τὴν πόλιν, ἀλλὰ σώσαι, παῖδας ὁρῶν καὶ γυναῖκας λιμῷ ἀπολλυμένους, Βυζάντιος ὢν καὶ οὐ Λακεδαιμόνιος: τὸν γὰρ ἐνόντα σῖτον Κλέαρχον τοῖς Λακεδαιμονίων στρατιώταις διδόναι: διὰ ταῦτ' οὖν τοὺς πολεμίους ἔφη εἰσέσθαι, οὐκ ἀργυρίου ἕνεκα οὐδὲ διὰ τὸ μισεῖν Λακεδαιμονίους).

(Hellenica (I.3.18-19) by Xenophon)

- 1. Which episode of treachery is the passage relating? (10)
- 2. Who was Clearchus? (5)
- 3. What were the reasons that, according to Anaxilaus, had compelled him to let the Athenian soldiers into the city? (10)
- 4. Why would Xenophon have gone into such detail on this trial in Sparta? (5)
- 5. Explain the syntax of the infinitive εἰσέσθαι, and that of the infinitive μισεῖν. (10)
- 6. Translate from διὰ ταῦτ' οὖν to Λακεδαιμονίους. (10)

(Total: 50 marks)



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TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

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

1. Translate the following passage into English:

How to avoid a beastly wedding

Λέων κόρην γαμεῖν σπεῦδει. ὁ πατὴρ οὐκ ἐθέλει τὸν γάμον ποιεῖν, ἀλλὰ προσποιεῖται. ἐθέλω, ὧ λέον, ἀλλὶ ὀδόντας καί ὄνυχας ἔχεις· τὴν κόρην βλάψουσιν. μέλλεις τὴν φύσιν ἀλλάξειν;

ἐπεὶ ὁ λέων ἀκούει, τοὺς ὀδόντας καὶ ὄνυχας ἐκβάλλει καὶ πάλιν εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν σπεύδει. ἀλλ' ὁ πατὴρ τὸν λέοντα πλήττει καὶ ἐκ τῆς οἰκιᾶς διώκει. φόβον μὴ ἔχε, ὧ κόρη· βλάπτειν ὁ λέων οὐκέτι ἔχει.

φύλαττε τὴν φύσιν· εἰ ἐχθρὸς κελεύσει ἀλλάττειν, μὴ ἄκουε.

(taken from: 46 Stories in Classical Greek)

γαμέω - to marry σπεύδω - I hasten, I strive προσποιοῦμαι - I pretend ὄνυξ - claw πλήττω - I strike ἐχθρὸς - enemy ἀλλάττω - I change

(Total: 30 marks)

Please turn the page.

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

Crete, Minos and Ariadne

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

(taken from: Deigma, a first Greek Book)

a.	Summarize this passage in 20 words or less.	(5)
b.	How does the author describe the geographical location of Crete?	(5)
c.	What reason does the author give in support of his claim that the history of Europe	should
	begin with Crete?	(5)
d.	How did King Minos grow so powerful?	(5)
e.	Translate παρθένος ἦν Ἀριάδνην ἧς ὁ πατὴρ ἐβασίλευε τῆς νήσου, Μίνως δὴ καλούμενος.	(5)
f.	Give the case, number, gender and declension of νήσους.	(5)

(Total: 30 marks)

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3. Translate the following passage into English:

Poisonous Honey

οἱ δὲ Ἕλληνες ὑπερβάντες τὸ ὅρος ἐστρατοπεδεύσαντο ἐν κώμαις πολλαῖς καὶ μέσταις ἐπιτηδείων. Καὶ σμήνη πολλὰ ἦν αὐτόθι· καὶ ὅσοι τῶν στρατιωτῶν ἔφαγον τῶν κηρίων, πάντες ἐγίγνοντο ἄφρονες, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδύνατο ἵστασθαι ὅρθος. οὕτω δὲ πολλοὶ ἔκειντο καὶ πολλὴ ἦν ἀθυμία· τῆ δ' ὑστεραίᾳ οὐδεὶς μὲν ἀπέθανε, ἀμφὶ δὲ τὴν αὐτὴν ὥραν ἀνεφρόνουν· τρίτη δὲ καὶ τετάρτη ἡμέρᾳ ἀνίσταντο, ὥσπερ φάρμακον πεπωκότες.

(taken from: Anglice Reddenda)

κώμη - a village μεστός - (adjective) full ἐπιτήδεια, τὰ - provisions σμῆνος - beehive ἀναφρονέω - to come back to one's senses πίνω - to drink (perfect πέπωκα)

(Total: 40 marks)

OR

4. Translate EIGHT of the following sentences into Greek

- a. Oh that the general may not stop the contest.
- b. The courage of Socrates was useful in the war.
- c. Let us write a letter to the king of the Persians.
- d. Do not send gifts to the bad boys.
- e. All the citizens of the land will then be free.
- f. We honour those who prevented the battle.
- g. Those who trust their leaders prosper in the city.
- h. She persuaded the poet to ransom his slave.
- i. Socrates went to the mountains of Greece.
- j. The women were in the island for four days.

(Total: 40 marks)