



SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

CLASSICAL GREEK

2014

Time: 1 hour

Name:

School:

Instructions:

Answers to be written on separate sheets provided.

Please ensure that you put your name and school on each sheet.

Attempt every question.

1. Derivations – give an English word derived from the following:

- (a) πολιτης
- (b) άνθρωπος
- (c) γη

[3 marks]

2. Grammar:

- (a) Put ἡ ἀγορά into the accusative singular.
- (b) Put ὁ βίος into the genitive plural.

[2 marks]

3. Translate the following sentences:

- (a) οἱ στρατιῶται εἰς τὸν ποταμὸν στρατεύουσιν.
- (b) ὁ ἀγαθὸς πολίτης τοῖς θεοῖς θυεῖ.
- (c) ὁ ἰατρός σωζει τὰ τέκνα.
- (d) ὁ κριτὴς σοφᾶς ἐπιστολάς ἐγράφεν.
- (e) οἱ βάρβαροι οὐ φίλοι ἦσαν.

[25 marks]

4. Translate the following into Greek:

- (a) The tree is beautiful.
- (b) We have friendly gods.
- (c) Barbarians have bad voices.
- (d) The soldier marches towards the enemy.
- (e) I lead the horses out of the market place.

[25 marks]

5. Translate the following passage into good English.

Please write your translation on alternate lines.

Croesus, the wealthy king of Lydia, asks Solon about happiness.

ὁ Σολων¹ ἦν² σοφωτατος των πολιτων των Ἀθηναιων. εἰς την Λυδιαν³ ἐπλευσε και ὁ βασιλευς, Κροισος⁴, ἐδεξατο αὐτον. ὁ Κροισος πλουσιωτατος ἦν.

ὁ Κροισος ἐλεξε "τίς ἀνθρωπων παντων ὀλβιωτατος⁵ ἐστιν;"

ὁ δε Σολων ἐλεξε "ὁ Τελλος⁶, ὁ Αθηναιος, ὀλβιωτατος ἐστιν. υἱες γαρ καλους και ἀγαθους εἶχεν, και ὑπερ⁷ της πολεως ἐν τῷ πολεμῷ ἀπεθανε. οἱ πολιται αὐτον μεγαλως⁸ ἐτιμησαν⁹."

και ὁ Κροισος ἐλεξε "τίς δευτερος¹⁰ ἐστιν;"

ὁ δε Σολων ἐλεξε "ὁ Κλεοβις¹¹ και ὁ Βιτων¹², οἱ ἀδελφοι ἀγαθοι. εἰλκυσαν¹³ γαρ την μητερα ἐν ἀμαξᾷ¹⁴ εἰς την πολιν. και ἐν τῷ της Ἥρης¹⁵ ἱερῷ¹⁶ κατεκομησαν¹⁷ ἀλλα τελος¹⁸ του βιος εἶχεν - ἐκει γαρ ἀπεθανον."

ἀλλα ὁ Κροισος ὄργην μεγαλην εἶχε και ὁ Σολων ἀπεπλευσεν¹⁹.

Vocabulary:

¹Σολων, Σολωνος ὁ

²ἦν = (he) was (imperfect of εἶμι)

³Λυδια, -ας ἡ = Lydia (country in Asia Minor)

⁴Κροισος, -ου ὁ = Croesus (king of Lydia)

⁵ὀλβιοτατος = happiest

⁶Τελλος, -ου ὁ = Tellus

⁷ὑπερ = on behalf of, for

⁸μεγαλως = greatly, very much

⁹ἐτιμησαν = they honoured

¹⁰δευτερος = second

¹¹Κλεοβις ὁ = Cleobis

¹²Βιτων ὁ = Biton

¹³εἰλκυσαν = they dragged

¹⁴ἀμαξα, -ας ἡ = cart, waggon

¹⁵Ἥρη, -ης ἡ = Hera (goddess)

¹⁶ἱερον, -ου το = temple

¹⁷κατεκομησαν = they fell asleep

¹⁸τελος = end

¹⁹ἀπεπλευσεν = he sailed away

6. Write a short essay on one of the following:

EITHER:

(a) Why do you think Solon described Tellus as the happiest man in the world and not Croesus, in spite of his amazing wealth? Do you think this story is relevant today?

OR:

(b) The Greeks believed in the saying “μηδεν ἄγαν” (tr. “nothing in excess”). What do you think this means, and does it apply in today’s world?

[10 marks]

[Total for paper: 85 marks]