



SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

LATIN

2019

Time: 1 hour

Name:

School:

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SECTION A

Translate the following passage into good English. Please write your translation on alternate lines.

The emperor Hadrian builds a wall to make a political statement.

imperator, nomine Hadrianus, bellum gerere nolebat, sed provincias visere cupiebat ut de incolis cognosceret. in villa ingente et pulcherrima prope Romam habitabat. quod Romani multas gentes superaverat, Hadrianus omnes provincias visere non poterat. in Britanniam autem venit et usque ad Caledoniam iter fecit. ibi milites murum ingentem aedificare iussit. milites ex omnibus partibus imperii Romani murum per sex annos aedificabant.

alii dicunt Hadrianum murum aedificavisse ut provinciam contra barbaros defenderet; alii dicunt murum aedificatum esse ut gloriam et Romanorum et imperatoris ipsius Britannis ostenderet. per multos annos, dum Romani in Britannia manebant, milites murum custodiebant ut gentes barbaros spectarent. itaque Romani semper parati erant ne hostes subito oppugnarent.

Hadrianus, -i m. = Hadrian (Roman emperor from 117-138 AD)

nolo, nolle = I do not want

provincia, -ae f. = province

viso, visere = I visit

cognosco, cognoscere = I learn about

gens, gentis f. = race, people

Britannia, -ae f. = Britain

usque ad Caledoniam = "as far as Caledonia" (Caledonia was the Roman name for Scotland)

imperium, -i n. = empire

alii... alii... = some... others...

barbarus, -i m. = barbarian, foreigner

gloria, -ae f. = glory

ipse (ipsius = *gen. sing.*) = himself

Britanni, -orum m. pl. = Britons (people from Britannia)

dum = while

custodio, -ire = I guard

[30 marks]

SECTION B

Translate into Latin:

1. The boy is happy.
2. He was watching the soldiers.
3. Good girls will always sing.
4. They fear the gods.
5. He is angry because he has no food.

[20 marks]

SECTION C

Answer one of the following questions:

1. "Learning Latin is the best form of brain training." How far do you agree with this statement?
2. What do you think is the greatest achievement of the Romans?

[10 marks]

FINIS

[Total: 60 marks]