

Modified Enlarged 18pt

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Thursday 7 October 2021 – Afternoon

A Level Latin

H443/02 Prose Composition or Comprehension

**Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

YOU MUST HAVE:
the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

DO NOT USE:
a dictionary

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF



INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink.

Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.

Fill in the boxes in the front of the Answer Booklet.

Answer EITHER the questions in Section A OR the question in Section B.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 50.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer EITHER Section A OR Section B.

SECTION A: Comprehension and Grammar

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions which follow.

THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE ROMANS ATTACHED TO OATHS IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STORY OF TEN MEN SENT BACK TO ROME AFTER THE CARTHAGINIAN VICTORY AT CANNAE.

post proelium Hannibal, imperator Carthaginiensium, ex militibus victis electos decem Romam misit mandavitque eis pactusque est ut, si populo Romano videretur, permutatio fieret captivorum et, si alteri plures acciperent, pro his darent argenti pondus certum. priusquam proficiscerentur, eos coegit ut hoc iusiurandum dicerent: se in castra Poenica redituros esse, si Romani captivos permutare nollent.

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veniunt Romam decem captivi. mandatum Hannibalis in senatu exponunt. permutatio senatui non placita. tum parentes cognatique virorum eos multis cum lacrimis amplexi ne ad hostes redirent orabant. octo tamen ex his id sibi iustum non esse responderunt, quoniam iureiurando sacro vincti essent, statimque, ut iuraverant, ad Hannibalem revererunt. duo reliqui Romae manserunt; dicebant enim se

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liberos esse ac ea religione solutos quod, castra
hostium egressi, subito consilio capto tamquam 20
ob aliquam causam eodem regressi essent,
atque ita iureiurando iam satisfacto rursum
abissent. haec eorum fraus tam esse turpis
existimata est ut contempti vulgo discerpti sint
consulesque eos omnibus modis poenae et 25
signis ignominiae affecerint, quoniam id quod
facturos iuraverant non fecissent.

Aulus Gellius, 'Attic Nights' 6.18 (adapted)

NAMES

Hannibal, -is (m)	Hannibal
Carthaginienses, -ium (m pl)	the Carthaginians
Poenicus, -a, -um	Carthaginian

WORDS

paciscor, pacisci, pactus sum	I propose, suggest
permutatio, -onis (f)	an exchange
iusiurandum, iurisiurandi (n)	oath
cognatus, -i (m)	relative
religio, -onis (f)	obligation, restriction
fraus, fraudis (f)	trickery, deception
discerpo, -ere, -cerpsi, -cerptus	I reproach, denounce
ignominia, -ae (f)	disgrace

- 1 'Hannibal ... misit' (lines 1–3): who were the men that Hannibal sent to Rome? [1]
- 2 'mandavitque ... certum' (lines 3–6): what deal did Hannibal offer to the Romans? [4]

- 3 **‘priusquam ... nollent’ (lines 6–9): what else happened before the men set off? [4]**
- 4 **‘veniunt ... placita’ (lines 10–12): what happened when the men reached Rome? [2]**
- 5 **Translate ‘tum parentes ... vincti essent’ (lines 12–16).
Please write your translation on alternate lines. [10]**
- 6 **‘duo reliqui ... abissent’ (lines 17–23): what reasons did the two men who stayed in Rome give for not returning to Hannibal with the others? [7]**
- 7 **‘haec eorum ... fecissent’ (lines 23–27): how were these two men treated, and why? [7]**
- 8 **State and explain the case of the following, using a translation if you think it is helpful:**
 - (a) **‘populo Romano’ (line 4) [2]**
 - (b) **‘pondus’ (line 6) [2]**
 - (c) **‘consilio’ (line 20) [2]**

9 Which part of the verb are the following:

(a) 'proficiscerentur' (line 7)? [1]

(b) 'contempti' (line 24)? [1]

(c) 'facturos' (line 27)? [1]

10 Give the present active infinitive of the following:

(a) 'coegit' (line 7) [1]

(b) 'manserunt' (line 18) [1]

(c) 'egressi' (line 20) [1]

11 Explain, using a translation if you think it is helpful, why the following verbs need to be subjunctive:

(a) 'fieret' (line 5) [1]

(b) 'abissent' (line 23) [1]

(c) 'affecerint' (line 26) [1]

[TOTAL: 50 MARKS]

SECTION B: Prose Composition

Do not answer this section if you have already answered Section A.

12 Translate this passage into Latin prose.

You are reminded that marks will be awarded for the style of your translation.

Please write your translation on alternate lines. [50]

For a long time Godiva had begged her husband, the ruler of that country, to free the poor inhabitants from the very heavy burden of taxes. At last, to put an end to her complaints, he said that he would grant this favour if she ever dared to mount her horse naked and ride across the town from one side to the other in daylight in the sight of all the citizens.

A few days later that bold lady, accompanied by two soldiers, set off naked on her horse, letting down her beautiful long hair to cover all her limbs. Thus, as she passed through the streets, none of her body, except her hands and feet, could be seen by anyone. After completing the journey, to her husband's amazement, she easily persuaded him to allow what she had demanded.

NAMES

Godiva

Godiva, -ae (f)

WORDS

tax

vectigal, -is (n)

complaint

querella, -ae (f)

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