

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Friday 7 June 2019 – Morning

A Level Latin

H443/02 Prose Composition or Comprehension

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

Insert for Section A



SECTION A: Comprehension and Grammar

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions in the question paper.

Pliny praises the new emperor Trajan for restoring Roman authority over the barbarians along the northern frontier of the empire.

hoc ipsum imperium restituisti, quod barbari prius contempserant. non enim nobiscum de sua libertate sed de nostra servitute certabant: ne indutias quidem nisi aequis condicionibus facere volebant legesque quas acciperent constituerant.

5

at nunc illis rediit terror et metus et votum imperata faciendi. vident enim Romanum ducem, unum ex illis veteribus et severis, quibus gloriam dederunt campi contecti caedibus et maria infecta victoriis. nunc ergo accipimus obsides, non emimus: nec ingentibus damnis immensisque muneribus paciscimur. illi rogant, supplicant; nos largimur aut negamus. ei qui impetraverunt gratias agunt; non audent queri, quibus negatum est. quis enim audeat, qui sciat te ferocissimos populos invadisse eo ipso tempore quod amicissimum illis, difficillimum nobis: cum Danubius ripas gelu

10

15

iungit, duratusque glacie ingentes exercitus 20
 tergo transportat, cum ferae gentes non telis
 magis quam suo caelo, suo sidere armantur?
 sed ubi in proximo tu, quasi vices temporum
 mutatae essent, illi quidem latebris suis clausi
 tenebantur; nostri percursare ripas gaudebant 25
 et aliena occasione usi hiemem suam hostibus
 inferebant.

Pliny, 'Panegyricus' 11–12 (adapted)

NAME

Danubius, -i (m)

the river Danube

WORDS

indutiae, -arum (f pl)

a truce, a peace-treaty

votum, -i (n)

(here) a promise

contego, -ere, -texi, -tectus

I cover

inficio, -ere, -feci, -fectus

I stain, dye

damnum, -i (n)

damage, loss

paciscor, -i

I make an agreement

largior, -iri

I grant, allow

impetro, -are

I obtain a request

glacies, -ei (f)

ice

sidus, -eris (n)

(here) climate



Copyright Information

OCR is committed to seeking permission to reproduce all third-party content that it uses in its assessment materials. OCR has attempted to identify and contact all copyright holders whose work is used in this paper. To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced in the OCR Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download from our public website (www.ocr.org.uk) after the live examination series.

If OCR has unwittingly failed to correctly acknowledge or clear any third-party content in this assessment material, OCR will be happy to correct its mistake at the earliest possible opportunity.

For queries or further information please contact The OCR Copyright Team, The Triangle Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8EA.

OCR is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group; Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.