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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
constituebant.

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at nunc illis rediit terror et metus
et votum imperata faciendi. vident
enim Romanum ducem, unum ex
illis veteribus et severis, quibus

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gloriam dederunt campi <u>contecti</u>	
caedibus et maria <u>infecta</u> victoriis.	
nunc ergo accipimus obsides, non	15
emimus: nec ingentibus <u>damnis</u>	
immensisque muneribus <u>paciscimur</u> .	
illi rogant, supplicant; nos <u>largimur</u>	
aut negamus. ei qui <u>impetraverunt</u>	
gratias agunt; non audent queri,	20
quibus negatum est. quis enim	
audeat, qui sciat te ferocissimos	
populos invadissee eo ipso tempore	
quod amicissimum illis, difficillimum	
nobis: cum Danubius ripas gelu	25
iungit, duratusque <u>glacie</u> ingentes	
exercitus tergo transportat, cum	
ferae gentes non telis magis quam	
suo caelo, suo <u>sidere</u> armantur?	
sed ubi in proximo tu, quasi	30
vices temporum mutatae essent,	
illi quidem latebris suis clausi	
tenebantur; nostri percursare ripas	
gaudebant et aliena occasione usi	
hiemem suam hostibus inferebant.	35

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

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