

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Monday 4 October 2021 – Afternoon

A Level Latin

H443/01 Unseen Translation

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 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 on the front of the Answer Booklet.

Answer ALL the questions.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 100.

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

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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SECTION A: Unseen Prose

- 1 Translate the following passage into English. Please write your translation on alternate lines. [50]

A battle between the Romans and the Etruscans was slow to start. It ended with a Roman victory but with a great loss of life on both sides.

The Etruscans spent the first day deliberating whether to accelerate the war or draw it out.

postero die, ubi celeriora consilia magis
placuerunt ducibus, Etrusci armati in aciem
procedunt. quod postquam consuli nuntiatum
est, iubet ut prandeant milites firmatisque cibo
viribus arma capiant. dicto paretur. consul 5
ubi suos paratos vidit signa extra vallum
proferri iussit et haud procul hoste instruxit
aciem. aliquamdiu intenti utrimque steterunt
expectantes ut pugna inciperet, et prius sol
meridie se inclinavit quam telum hinc aut illinc 10
emissum est. inde, ne infecta re abiretur, clamor
ab Etruscis oritur et signa inferuntur. nec
segius a Romanis pugna initur.

concurrunt infensis animis; numero hostis,
virtute Romanus superat; anceps proelium 15
multos absumit. ubi tamen secunda acies
Romana ad primam, integri fessis, successerunt,
Etrusci circa signa omnes ceciderunt. nullo
umquam proelio fugae minus nec plus caedis

fuisset, nisi Etruscos nox texisset, ita ut victores 20
antequam victi pugnandi finem facerent. post
occasum solis ab utroque in castra reditum
est. ex hostium exercitu prima tota acies deleta
fuerat; apud Romanos tantum vulnerum fuit
ut plures post proelium decesserint quam 25
ceciderant in acie.

Livy 9.32 (adapted)

NAMES

Etrusci, -orum (m pl)

Etruscans

WORDS

prandeo, -ere

I have breakfast

meridies, -ei (m)

midday

infectus, -a, -um

unfinished

integer, integra, integrum

fresh

succedo, -ere, successi, successus

I come to help

SECTION B: Unseen Verse

- 2 (a) Translate the following passage into English.
Please write your translation on alternate lines.

[45]

Ovid, who has been exiled from Rome to the land of the Sarmatians on the Black Sea, complains to his wife about the place and the people. Even his ability to speak and write Latin has suffered.

No doubt, my dearest, you ask how I am:
I am wretched – this is the brief sum of my misfortunes.

detineo studiis animum falloque dolores,
experior curis et dare verba meis.
quid potius faciam desertis solus in oris,
quamve malis aliam quaerere coner opem?
sive locum specto, locus est inamabilis, et quo 5
esse nihil toto tristius orbe potest,
sive homines, vix sunt homines hoc nomine digni,
quamque lupi saevae plus feritatis habent.
non metuunt leges, sed cedit viribus aequum,
victaque pugnaci iura sub ense iacent. 10
pellibus et laxis arcent mala frigora bracis,
oraeque sunt longis horrida tecta comis.
ille ego Romanus vates (ignoscite, Musae)
Sarmatico cogor plurima more loqui.
en pudet et fateor, iam desuetudine longa 15
vix subeunt ipsi verba Latina mihi.
nec dubito quin sint et in hoc non pauca libello
barbara: non hominis culpa, sed ista loci.

Ovid, 'Tristia' 5.7.39–60 (with omissions)

NAMES

Musae, -arum (f pl)
Sarmaticus, -a, -um

Latinus, -a, -um

the Muses
Sarmatian, of the region of
Sarmatia
Latin

WORDS

detineo, -ere
do verba (+ dat.)
feritas, -atis (f)
aequum, -i (n)
laxus, -a, -um
arceo, -ere
bracae, -arum (f pl)
en
desuetudo, -inis (f)

I occupy, engage
I give empty words to, i.e. cheat
wildness
fairness, justice
loose
I keep away
trousers
look!
disuse, neglect

2 (b) Write out and scan lines 17–18:

**nec dubito quin sint et in hoc non pauca libello
barbara: non hominis culpa, sed ista loci. [5]**

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