

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Tuesday 4 June 2019 – Afternoon

GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek

J292/05 Verse Literature B

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

**DO NOT USE:
a dictionary**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink.

Answer ALL the questions.

Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, use the lined page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 50.

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

Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).

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Answer ALL the questions

1 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἐγὼ σε πρεσβεύουσα κἀντὶ τῆς ἐμῆς
ψυχῆς καταστήσασα φῶς τόδ' εἰσορᾶν
θνήσκω, παρόν μοι μὴ θανεῖν, ὑπὲρ σέθεν,
ἀλλ' ἄνδρα τε σχεῖν Θεσσαλῶν ὃν ἤθελον
καὶ δῶμα ναίειν ὄλβιον τυραννίδι.

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Euripides, 'Alcestis', lines 282–286

- (a) ἐγὼ σε ... θνήσκω (lines 1–3): what does Alcestis say about her decision to die?

[2]

- (b) παρόν ... τυραννίδι (lines 3–5): Alcestis suggests what she could have done with her life. Why do you think she says this?

[1]

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2 Read the passage and answer the question.

μόνος γὰρ αὐτοῖς ἦσθα, κοῦτις ἐλπίς ἦν
σοῦ κατθανόντος ἄλλα φιτύσειν τέκνα.
καὶ γὰρ τ' ἂν ἔζων καὶ σὺ τὸν λοιπὸν χρόνον,
κοῦκ ἂν μονωθεὶς σῆς δάμαρτος ἔστενες
καὶ παῖδας ὠρφάνευες.

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Translation:

**For you were their only child, and there was no
hope
that they would bear other children when you
died.
And then you and I would be living the rest of our
life,
and you would not be lamenting, left alone without
your wife,
and looking after orphan children.**

Euripides, 'Alcestis', lines 293–297

In this passage, how does Alcestis emphasise her disappointment at what has happened?

You should make TWO points, each supported by close reference to the Greek. [4]

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3 Read the passage and answer the question.

τούτους ἀνάσχου δεσπότης ἐμῶν δόμων
καὶ μὴ ᾿πιγήμες τοῖσδε μητρειὰν τέκνοις,
ἥτις κακίων οὗς ᾿μοῦ γυνὴ φθόνῳ
τοῖς σοῖσι κάμοις παισὶ χεῖρα προσβαλεῖ.
μὴ δῆτα δράσης ταῦτά γ᾿, αἰτοῦμαί σ᾿ ἐγώ·

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Euripides, ‘Alcestis’, lines 304–308

Translate this passage into English.

[5]

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4 Read the passage and answer the questions.

οἶσω δὲ πένθος οὐκ ἐτήσιον τὸ σὸν
ἀλλ' ἔστ' ἂν αἰὼν οὐμὸς ἀντέχη, γύναι,
στυγῶν μὲν ἢ μ' ἔτικτεν, ἐχθαίρων δ' ἐμὸν
πατέρα· λόγῳ γὰρ ἦσαν οὐκ ἔργῳ φίλοι.
σὺ δ' ἀντιδοῦσα τῆς ἐμῆς τὰ φίλτατα
ψυχῆς ἔσωσας.

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Euripides, 'Alcestis', lines 336–341

- (a) οἶσω δὲ ... γύναι (lines 1–2): pick out and translate a **GREEK PHRASE** which suggests Admetus' sorrow will last a long time. [2]

Greek phrase: _____

English translation: _____

(b) στρυγῶν ... φίλοι (lines 3–4): how does Admetus emphasise his anger towards his parents? You should make TWO points, each supported by close reference to the Greek. [4]

1 _____

2 _____

(c) σὺ δ' ἀντιδοῦσα ... ἔσωσας (lines 5–6): how has Alcestis proved her love for Admetus?

_____ **[2]**

5 Read the passage and answer the questions.

σοφῇ δὲ χειρὶ τεκτόνων δέμας τὸ σὸν
εἰκασθὲν ἐν λέκτροισιν ἐκταθήσεται,
ὧ̃ προσπесоῦμαι καὶ περιπτύσσων χέρας
ὄνομα καλῶν σὸν τὴν φίλην ἐν ἀγκάλαις
δόξω γυναῖκα καίπερ οὐκ ἔχων ἔχειν.
ψυχρὰν μὲν, οἶμαι, τέρψιν, ἀλλ' ὅμως βάρος
ψυχῆς ἀπαντλοίην ἄν.

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Euripides, 'Alcestis', lines 348–354

- (a) σοφῇ δὲ ... ἔχειν (lines 1–5): how will Admetus console himself when Alcestis has gone?**

[5]

(b) ψυχρὰν μὲν ... ἀπαντλοίην ἄν (lines 6–7):

(i) what effect do you think this sentence is meant to have on Alcestis?

_____ [1]

(ii) what does Admetus say to create this effect?

_____ [2]

6 Read the passage and answer the questions.

Alcestis ἐπὶ τοῖσδε παῖδας χειρὸς ἐξ ἐμῆς δέχου.

Admetus δέχομαι, φίλον γε δῶρον ἐκ φίλης χειρὸς.

Alcestis σύ νυν γενοῦ τοῖσδ' ἄντ' ἐμοῦ μήτηρ τέκνοις.

Euripides, 'Alcestis', lines 375–377

- (a) ἐπὶ τοῖσδε (line 1): what are the conditions on which Alcestis hands the children over to Admetus?

[2]

- (b) δέχομαι ... χειρὸς (line 2): what does Admetus say to show his affection towards the children?

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- (c) σύ νυν ... τέκνοις (line 3): what role will Admetus have to adopt in the future?

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7* Read the passage and answer the question.

Admetus	ὦ δαῖμον, οἷας συζύγου μ' ἀποστερεῖς.	
Alcestis	καὶ μὴν σκοτεινὸν ὄμμα μου βαρύνεται.	
Admetus	ἀπωλόμην ἄρ', εἴ με δὴ λείψεις, γύναι.	
Alcestis	ὥς οὐκέτ' οὔσαν οὐδὲν ἂν λέγοις ἐμέ.	
Admetus	ὄρθου πρόσωπον, μὴ λίπης παῖδας σέθεν.	5
Alcestis	οὐ δῆθ' ἐκοῦσά γ'· ἀλλὰ χαίρετ', ὦ τέκνα.	
Admetus	βλέψον πρὸς αὐτούς, βλέψον.	
Alcestis	οὐδὲν εἰμ' ἔτι.	
Admetus	τί δρᾷς; προλείπεις;	
Alcestis	χαῖρ'.	10
Admetus	ἀπωλόμην τάλας.	

Euripides, 'Alcestis', lines 384–391

How does Euripides make this passage emotional?

In your answer you may wish to consider:

Admetus' cries and appeals

Alcestis' acceptance that she is dying

You must refer to the GREEK and discuss Euripides' use of language. [8]

[illegible]

8* 'Admetus and his family are all victims and are deserving of equal sympathy.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?

You should support your answer with a range of references to the section of Euripides' 'Alcestis' you have read, and you may include passages printed on the question paper. [10]

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ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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