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GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek

J292/02 Prose Literature A

Time allowed: 1 hour



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.

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 (*).
- This document has **12** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer **all** the questions.

1 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἡ δὲ τράπεζα τοῦ ήλιου τοιάδε τις λέγεται εἶναι. λειμών ἐστιν ἐν τῷ προαστείῳ ἐπίπλεως κρεῶν ἐφθῶν πάντων τῶν τετραπόδων, εἰς ὃν τὰς μὲν νύκτας τιθέασι τὰ κρέα οἱ ἐν τέλει ὄντες, τὰς δὲ ἡμέρας δαίνυται προσιών ό βουλόμενος. οἱ δὲ ἐπιχώριοι φασι ταῦτα τὴν γῆν αὐτὴν ἀναδιδόναι ἐκάστοτε.

Tales from Herodotus XV(B) (*The Ethiopians*) 1.8–13

(a) In which country does Herodotus locate the ‘Table of the Sun’?

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(b) ἐπίπλεως κρεῶν ἐφθῶν πάντων τῶν τετραπόδων (line 2): give **two** details about the meat found in this location.

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(c) εἰς ὃν ... ἐκάστοτε (lines 2–4): what explanations does Herodotus give for how the meat appeared in the meadow?

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(d) How does Herodotus show that the second explanation is less likely to be true?

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 [2]

2 Read the passage and answer the questions.

‘Βασιλεὺς ὁ Αἰθιόπων συμβουλεύει τῷ Περσῶν βασιλεῖ τότε ἐπ’ Αἰθίοπας τοὺς μακροβίους στρατεύεσθαι ἐπὴν οὕτως εὐπετῶς Πέρσαι ἔλκωσι τὰ τόξα ὅντα μεγέθει τοσαῦτα· μέχρι δὲ τούτου θεοῖς εἰδέναι χάριν, οἳ οὐκ ἐπὶ νοῦν τρέπουσιν Αἰθίοψι γῆν ἄλλην προσκτάσθαι τῇ ἔαυτῶν.’

Translation:

‘The king of the Ethiopians advises the king of the Persians to march against the long-lived Ethiopians only when the Persians can draw bows of such size as easily as this; and until then to thank the gods who do not put it into the Ethiopians’ minds to acquire another land in addition to their own.’

Tales from Herodotus XV(B) (*The Ethiopians*) 1.41–46

(a) τῷ Περσῶν βασιλεῖ (line 1): what was this man’s name?

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(b) How does Herodotus’ language in this passage express the confidence of the speaker?

You should make **two** points, each supported by close reference to the Greek.

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3 Read the passage and answer the question.

δεύτερον δὲ περὶ τοῦ χρυσοῦ περιαυχενίου ἥρετο καὶ περὶ τῶν ψελίων· ἐξηγουμένων δὲ τῶν Ἰχθυοφάγων, γελάσας ὁ Βασιλεὺς καὶ νομίσας αὐτὰ εἶναι πέδας εἶπεν ὡς παρ' ἑαυτοῖς εἰσὶ όωμαλεώτεραι τούτων πέδαι.

Tales from Herodotus XV(B) (*The Ethiopians*) 2.5–9

Translate this passage into English.

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4 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ώς δὲ εἰς τὸν οἶνον ἀφίκετο καὶ ἐπύθετο αὐτοῦ τὴν ποίησιν, ὑπερησθεὶς τῷ πώματι ἐπήρετο ὁ βασιλεὺς ὃ τι σιτοῦνται οἱ Πέρσαι καὶ ὅποσον χρόνον μακρότατον ἀνηρ Πέρσης ζῆ. οἱ δὲ σιτεῖσθαι μὲν τὸν ἀρτὸν ἔφασαν, ἐξηγησάμενοι τῶν πυρῶν τὴν φύσιν, ὀγδοήκοντα δὲ ἔτη ζωῆς πλήρωμα μακρότατον ἀνδρὶ προκεῖσθαι.

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Tales from Herodotus XV(B) (*The Ethiopians*) 2.11–17

(a) ώς δὲ ... Πέρσης ζῆ (lines 1–3): from the first sentence of this passage, pick out and translate a **Greek phrase** which describes the king's reaction to the wine.

Greek phrase:

English translation:

[2]

(b) οἱ δὲ σιτεῖσθαι ... ἀνδρὶ προκεῖσθαι (lines 3–5): what answer do the Persians give to the king's question? Make **two** points.

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5 Read the passage and answer the question.

Θαῦμα δὲ ποιουμένων τῶν κατασκόπων περὶ τῶν ἐτῶν, ἐπὶ κρήνην αὐτοῖς ἡγήσατο ἀφ' ἣς λουόμενοι λιπαρώτεροι ἐγίγνοντο, καθάπερ εἰ ἐλαίου ἡ κρήνη εἴη, ὡς εἰς δ' ἀπ' αὐτῆς ὡς εἰς ἴων. ἀσθενὲς δὲ τὸ ὄδωρο τῆς κρήνης ταύτης οὕτω δή τι ἔλεγον εἶναι οἱ κατάσκοποι ὡστε μηδὲν οἶόν τ' εἶναι ἐπ' αὐτοῦ ἐπιπλεῖν, μήτε ξύλον μήτε ὄσα ξύλου ἔστιν ἐλαφρότερα, ἀλλὰ πάντα χωρεῖν εἰς βυθόν.

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Tales from Herodotus XV(B) (*The Ethiopians*) 3.5–11

How does Herodotus' language in this passage emphasise the unusual properties of the spring?

You should make **two** points, each supported by close reference to the Greek.

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6* Read the passage and answer the question.

ἀπαγγειλάντων δὲ τῶν κατασκόπων ταῦτα, αὐτίκα ὁ Καμβύσης ὁργὴν ποιησάμενος ἐστρατεύετο ἐπὶ τοὺς Αἰθίοπας, οὕτε παρασκευὴν σίτου οὐδεμίαν παραγγείλας οὕτε λόγον ἔαυτῷ δοὺς ὅτι εἰς τὰ ἔσχατα γῆς ἥμελλε στρατεύσεσθαι· οἴα δὲ ἐμμανῆς τε ὥν καὶ οὐ φρενήρης, ὡς ἥκουσε τῶν Ἰχθυοφάγων, ἐστρατεύετο πάντα τὸν πεζὸν ἄμα ἀγόμενος.

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Tales from Herodotus XV(B) (*The Ethiopians*) 4.1–7

How does Herodotus make it clear in this passage that the Persian expedition was a reckless undertaking?

In your answer you may wish to consider:

- the description of the king's state of mind
- the practical considerations he overlooked.

You must refer to the **Greek** and discuss Herodotus' use of language.

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7 Read the passage and answer the questions.

Δαρεῖος ἐπὶ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ ἀρχῆς καλέσας Ἐλληνάς τινας ἤρετο ἐφ' ὅπόσω ἀν
χρήματι βούλοιντο τοὺς πατέρας ἀποθνήσκοντας κατασιτεῖσθαι· οἱ δέ ἐπ'
οὐδενὶ ἔφασαν ἔρδειν ἀν τοῦτο. Δαρεῖος δὲ μετὰ ταῦτα καλέσας Ἰνδῶν τοὺς
καλουμένους Καλλατίας, οἱ τοὺς γονέας κατεσθίουσιν, ἤρετο (παρόντων
τῶν Ἐλλήνων καὶ δι' ἐρμηνέως μανθανόντων τὰ λεγόμενα) ἐπὶ τίνι χρήματι
δέξαιντ' ἀν τελευτῶντας τοὺς πατέρας κατακάειν πυρί· οἱ δέ, ἀναβοήσαντες
μέγα, εὐφημεῖν αὐτὸν ἐκέλευνον.

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Tales from Herodotus XX (*The Power of Custom*) 4–12

(a) Which two groups of people did Darius question about their funeral practices?

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(b) How did their responses differ?

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(c) Explain why Herodotus describes this experiment by Darius. You should refer to what Herodotus says in the lines immediately before this passage.

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^{8*} ‘Herodotus portrays Persian rulers as over-confident and narrow-minded.’ How far do you agree?

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

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