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**GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek**

**J292/05 Verse Literature B**

**Time allowed: 1 hour**



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- a dictionary



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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.

Electra ὦ Φοῖβ' Ἀπολλον, προσπίτνω σε μὴ θανεῖν.  
Orestes ἄλλους κτάνοιμι μᾶλλον ἔχθίους σέθεν.  
Electra ἀπελθε, μὴ ψαῦ ὅν σε μὴ ψαύειν χρεών.

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 221–223

(a) ὦ Φοῖβ' Ἀπολλον ... θανεῖν (line 1): what does Electra beg of Apollo?

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(b) ἄλλους ... σέθεν (line 2): what does Orestes say to reassure Electra?

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(c) ἀπελθε ... χρεών (line 3): explain the dramatic irony in this line.

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## 2 Read the passage and answer the question.

Electra λόγον δὲ δὴ τίν' ἥλθες ἐκ κείνου φέρων;  
Orestes εἰ ζῆς, ὅπως τε ζῶσα συμφορᾶς ἔχεις.  
Electra οὐκοῦν ὁρᾶς μου πρῶτον ὡς ξηρὸν δέμας.  
Orestes λύπαις γε συντετηκός, ὥστε με στένειν.

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 237–240

Translate this passage into English.

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### 3 Read the passage and answer the question.

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| Orestes | φεῦ φεῦ· τί δ' αὖ σοῦ σῷ κασιγνήτῳ, δοκεῖς; |
| Electra | ἀπῶν ἐκεῖνος, οὐ παρῶν ἡμῖν φίλος.          |
| Orestes | ἐκ τοῦ δὲ ναίεις ἐνθάδ' ἀστεως ἐκάς;        |
| Electra | ἐγημάμεσθ', ὡς ξεῖνε, θανάσιμον γάμον.      |

### Translation:

Orestes Alas! Alas! Yet in turn what do you think is more dear to your brother than you?  
Electra He is a friend to me, although he is absent, and not here.  
Orestes But why do you live here far from the city?  
Electra I married, stranger, in a deathly marriage.

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 244–247

How do these words make us feel pity for Electra?

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

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4 Read the passage and answer the questions.

Electra οὐπώποτ' εὺνῆς τῆς ἐμῆς ἔτλη θιγεῖν.  
 Orestes ἄγνευμ' ἔχων τι θεῖον ἢ σ' ἀπαξιῶν;  
 Electra γονέας ύβριζειν τοὺς ἐμοὺς οὐκ ἡξίου.  
 Orestes καὶ πῶς γάμον τοιοῦτον οὐχ ἥσθη λαβών;  
 Electra οὐ κύριον τὸν δόντα μ' ἥγεῖται, ξένε. 5  
 Orestes ξυνῆκ· Ὁρέστη μή ποτ' ἐκτείση δίκην.

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 255–260

(a) What **three** things does Electra say about her husband in these lines?

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(b) From these lines, how do you think Orestes feels about Electra's husband? Give a reason for your answer.

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## 5 Read the passage and answer the questions.

Orestes αἴδ' οῦν φίλαι σοι τούσδ' ἀκούουσιν λόγους;  
 Electra ὥστε στέγειν γε τὰμὰ καὶ σ' ἔπη καλῶς.  
 Orestes τί δῆτ' Ὁρέστης πρὸς τόδ', Ἀργος ἦν μόλη;  
 Electra ἥρου τόδ; αἰσχρόν γ' εἰπας· οὐ γὰρ νῦν ἀκμή;  
 Orestes ἐλθών δὲ δὴ πῶς φονέας ἀν κτάνοι πατρός; 5  
 Electra τολμῶν ὑπ' ἔχθρῶν οἵ ἐτολμήθη πατήρ.  
 Orestes ἦ καὶ μετ' αὐτοῦ μητέρ' ἀν τλαίης κτανεῖν;  
 Electra ταῦτῷ γε πελέκει τῷ πατήρ ἀπώλετο.  
 Orestes λέγω τάδ' αὐτῷ, καὶ βέβαια τάπὸ σοῦ;  
 Electra θάνοιμι μητρὸς αἷμ' ἐπισφάξασ' ἐμῆς. 10

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 272–281

(a) (i) αἴδ' (line 1): who are these people?

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(ii) αἴδ' ... λόγους (line 1): what does Orestes ask about these people?

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[1]

(iii) ὥστε ... καλῶς (line 2): how does Electra respond?

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[1]

(b) ἥρου ... ἐμῆς (lines 4–10): how do Electra's words in these lines show her desire for revenge?

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

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## 6 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἐπεὶ δὲ κινεῖς μῦθον, ἵκετεύω, ξένε,  
ἄγγελλ' Ὁρέστη τάμα κάκείνου κακά,  
πρῶτον μὲν οἵοις ἐν πέπλοις αὐλίζομαι,  
πίνω θ' ὅσῳ βέβριθ', ὑπὸ στέγαισί τε  
οἴαισι ναίω βασιλικῶν ἐκ δωμάτων, 5  
αὐτὴ μὲν ἐκμοχθοῦσα κερκίσιν πέπλους  
ἢ γυμνὸν ἔξω σῶμα καὶ στερήσομαι  
αὐτὴ δὲ πηγὰς ποταμίους φορουμένη,  
ἀνέορτος ίερῶν καὶ χορῶν τηταμένη.

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 302–310

(a) ἐπεὶ δὲ κινεῖς ... δωμάτων (lines 1–5):

(i) what aspects of her lifestyle does Electra complain about?

You should make **two** points.

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[2]

(ii) write down and translate a **Greek** word or phrase which tells us that previously Electra had lived much more comfortably.

Greek word/phrase: .....

English translation: .....

[2]

(b) αὐτὴ μὲν ἐκμοχθοῦσα ... τηταμένη (lines 6–9): give **two** chores which Electra now has to do herself.

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7\* Read the passage and answer the question.

αῖμα δ' ἔτι πατρὸς κατὰ στέγας  
μέλαν σέσηπεν, δος δ' ἐκεῖνον ἔκτανεν  
ἐς ταῦτὰ βαίνων ἄρματ' ἐκφοιτᾷ πατοί,  
καὶ σκῆπτρον ἐν οἷς Ἐλλησιν ἐστρατηλάτει  
μιαιφόνοισι χερσὶ γαυροῦται λαβών.  
Αγαμέμνονος δὲ τύμβος ἡτιμασμένος  
οὕπω χοάς ποτ' οὐδὲ κλῶνα μυρδίνης  
ἔλαβε, πυρὰ δὲ χέρσος ἀγλαῖσμάτων.  
μέθη δὲ βρεχθεὶς τῆς ἐμῆς μητρὸς πόσις  
οἱ κλεινός, ώς λέγουσιν, ἐνθρώσκει τάφῳ ...

Euripides, *Electra*, lines 318–327

How does Electra convey her anger and bitterness in this passage?

In your answer you may wish to consider:

- the behaviour of the man who killed Agamemnon
- the treatment of Agamemnon's tomb.

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

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### 8\* How successfully does Euripides create sympathy for Electra?

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

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