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Monday 22 November 2021 – Afternoon**GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek****J292/02 Prose Literature A****Time allowed: 1 hour****Do not use:**

- 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.

οἱ δὲ Αἰθίοπες οὗτοι λέγονται εἶναι μέγιστοι καὶ κάλλιστοι ἀνθρώπων πάντων· νόμοις δὲ καὶ ἄλλοις χρῶνται κεχωρισμένοις τῶν ἄλλων ἀνθρώπων καὶ δὴ καὶ κατὰ τὴν βασιλείαν τοιῶδε· ὃν ἂν τῶν ἀστῶν κρίνωσι μέγιστόν τε εἶναι καὶ κατὰ τὸ μέγεθος ἔχειν τὴν ἰσχύν, τοῦτον ἀξιοῦσι βασιλεύειν.

Tales from Herodotus XV(B) 1.22–27

- (a) οἱ δὲ Αἰθίοπες οὗτοι λέγονται εἶναι μέγιστοι καὶ κάλλιστοι ἀνθρώπων πάντων (line 1): what physical characteristics, according to Herodotus, distinguish the Ethiopians?

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- (b) νόμοις δὲ καὶ ἄλλοις χρῶνται κεχωρισμένοις τῶν ἄλλων ἀνθρώπων καὶ δὴ καὶ κατὰ τὴν βασιλείαν τοιῶδε (lines 2–3).

Pick out and translate a **Greek word** which shows that Ethiopian customs are unusual.

Greek word:
English translation:

[2]

- (c) ὃν ἂν τῶν ἀστῶν κρίνωσι ... ἀξιοῦσι βασιλεύειν (lines 3–4):

- (i) how do the Ethiopians choose their king?

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- (ii) what do you think of this method of selection? Give a reason for your answer.

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2 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ὁ δὲ Αἰθίοψ μαθὼν ὅτι κατόπται ἤκοιεν λέγει πρὸς αὐτοὺς τοιάδε, “οὔτε ὁ Περσῶν βασιλεὺς δῶρα ὑμᾶς ἔπεμψε φέροντας βουλόμενος ἐμοὶ ξένος γενέσθαι, οὔτε ὑμεῖς λέγετε ἀληθῆ (ἦκετε γὰρ κατόπται τῆς ἐμῆς ἀρχῆς), οὔτε ἐκεῖνος ἀνὴρ ἐστὶ δίκαιος· εἰ γὰρ ἦν δίκαιος, οὔτ’ ἂν ἐπεθύμησε χώρας ἄλλης ἢ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ, οὔτ’ ἂν εἰς δουλοσύνην ἀνθρώπους ἤγεν ὑφ’ ὧν οὐδὲν ἡδίκηται.”

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Tales from Herodotus XV(B) 1.34–40

- (a) How does Herodotus’ language make it clear that the Ethiopian king disapproves of the Persian visitors and their aims? You should make **three** points, each supported by close reference to the Greek.

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- (b) Immediately after this passage, what does the king give his visitors to take back to Cambyses?

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3 Read the passage and answer the questions.

πρὸς ταῦτα ὁ Αἰθίοψ ἔφη οὐδὲν θαυμάζειν εἰ σιτούμενοι κόπρον ἔτη ὀλίγα ζῶσιν· οὐδὲ γὰρ ἂν τοσαῦτα ἔφη δύνασθαι ζῆν αὐτούς, εἰ μὴ τῷ πώματι ἀνέφερον (φράζων τὸν οἶνον)· τούτῳ γὰρ ἑαυτοὺς ὑπὸ Περσῶν ἡττᾶσθαι.

Tales from Herodotus XV(B) 2.17–21

- (a) πρὸς ταῦτα ... ζῶσιν (lines 1–2): what opinion does the Ethiopian king express about the Persians' diet?

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- (b) οὐδὲ γὰρ ἂν ... ὑπὸ Περσῶν ἡττᾶσθαι (lines 2–3): what does the king say about the Persians' drink? Make **two** points.

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- (c) How much longer than a Persian might an Ethiopian expect to live?

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4 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἀπὸ τῆς κρήνης δὲ ἀπαλλαχθέντων αὐτῶν, ἤγαγεν ὁ βασιλεὺς εἰς τὸ δεσμωτήριον, ἔνθα οἱ πάντες ἐν πέδαις χρυσαῖς ἐδέδεντο. ἔστι δὲ ἐν τούτοις τοῖς Αἰθίοψι ὁ χαλκὸς πάντων σπανιώτατον καὶ τιμιώτατον. θεασάμενοι δὲ τὸ δεσμωτήριον ἐθεάσαντο καὶ τὴν τοῦ ἡλίου λεγομένην τράπεζαν. θεασάμενοι δὲ πάντα ἀπαλλάττονται ὀπίσω.

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Translation:

When they departed from the spring, the king led them to the prison, where all the men had been bound in chains of gold. And among these Ethiopians, bronze is the most scarce and valuable thing of all. Then having looked at the prison they also looked at what is called the Table of the Sun. And having viewed everything, they departed back again.

Tales from Herodotus XV(B) 3.14–19

- (a) How does the style of Herodotus' writing emphasise his portrayal of the Fish-Eaters as tourists?

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

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- (b) ἀπαλλάττονται ὀπίσω (line 5): name the home city of the visitors.

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5* Read the passage and answer the question.

εἰ μὲν νυν μαθὼν ταῦτα ὁ Καμβύσης ἐγνωσιμάχει καὶ ἀπῆγεν ὀπίσω τὸν στρατόν, ἐπὶ τῇ ἀρχῇθεν γενομένη ἀμαρτάδι ἦν ἂν ἀνὴρ σοφός· νῦν δὲ οὐδένα λόγον ποιούμενος ἦει αἰεὶ εἰς τὸ πρόσω. οἱ δὲ στρατιῶται, ἕως μὲν τι εἶχον ἐκ τῆς γῆς λαμβάνειν, ποιηφραγοῦντες διέζων· ἐπεὶ δὲ εἰς τὴν ψάμμον ἀφίκοντο, δεινὸν ἔργον αὐτῶν τινες εἰργάσαντο· ἐκ δεκάδος γὰρ ἓνα ἑαυτῶν ἀποκληρώσαντες κατέφαγον.

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Tales from Herodotus XV(B) 4.10–17

How does Herodotus show that the outcome of the Persian expedition was disastrous but avoidable?

In your answer you may wish to consider:

- the emphasis on Cambyses' lack of judgement
- the desperate measures taken by the soldiers in order to stay alive

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

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6 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἕκαστοι νομίζουσι πολύ τι καλλίστους τοὺς ἑαυτῶν νόμους. τοῦτο δὲ πολλοῖς τε ἄλλοις τεκμηρίοις πάρεστι σταθμώσασθαι καὶ δὴ καὶ τῷδε. Δαρεῖος ἐπὶ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ ἀρχῆς καλέσας Ἑλληνάς τινας ἤρετο ἐφ' ὅπόσῳ ἂν χρήματι βούλοιντο τοὺς πατέρας ἀποθνήσκοντας κατασιτεῖσθαι.

Tales from Herodotus XX. 1–6

(a) Translate this passage into English.

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(b) What did the Greeks say in reply to Darius' question?

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7* 'Herodotus writes about cultural differences purely for entertainment.' Do you agree?

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

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