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GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek

J292/02 Prose Literature A

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.

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 τοιῷδε· ὃν ἀν τῶν ἀστῶν κρίνωσι μέγιστόν τε εἶναι καὶ κατὰ τὸ μέγεθος ἔχειν τὴν ἴσχυν, 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 τοιῷδε (lines 2–3).

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

Greek word:
English translation:

[2]

(c) ὃν ἀν 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.

ο δὲ Αἰθίοψ μαθών ὅτι κατόπται ἥκοιεν λέγει πρὸς αὐτοὺς τοιάδε, “οὐτε
οἱ Περσῶν βασιλεὺς δῶρα ὑμᾶς ἐπεμψε φέροντας βουλόμενος ἐμοὶ ξένος
γενέσθαι, οὐτε ὑμεῖς λέγετε ἀληθῆ (ἥκετε γὰρ κατόπται τῆς ἐμῆς ἀρχῆς), οὐτε
ἐκεῖνος ἀνήρ ἐστι δίκαιος· εἰ γὰρ ἦν δίκαιος, οὐτ’ ἀν ἐπεθύμησε χώρας ἄλλης ἢ
τῆς ἑαυτοῦ, οὐτ’ ἀν εἰς δουλοσύνην ἀνθρώπους ἥγεν ύφεν ὃν 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 κόπροιν ἔτη ὀλίγα ζῶσιν· οὐδὲ γὰρ ἀν τοσαῦτα ἔφη δύνασθαι ζῆν αὐτούς, εἰ μὴ τῷ πάματι ἀνέφερον (φράζων τὸν οἶνον)· τούτῳ γὰρ ἐαυτοὺς 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 ἀν ... 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?

4 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἀπὸ τῆς κορήνης δὲ ἀπαλλαχθέντων αὐτῶν, ἥγαγεν 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 ὥπισω. 5

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 ὥπισω (line 5): name the home city of the visitors.

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5* Read the passage and answer the question.

εὶ μέν νῦν μαθὼν ταῦτα ὁ Καμβύσης ἐγνωσμάχει καὶ ἀπῆγεν ὅπισα τὸν στρατόν, ἐπὶ τῇ ἀρχῆθεν γενομένῃ ἀμαρτάδι ἦν ἀνὴρ σοφός· νῦν δὲ οὐδένα λόγον ποιούμενος ἦει ἀεὶ εἰς τὸ πρόσω. οἱ δὲ στρατιῶται, ἔως μέν τι εἶχον ἐκ τῆς γῆς λαμβάνειν, ποιηφαγοῦντες διέζων· ἐπεὶ δὲ εἰς τὴν ψάμμον ἀφίκοντο, δεινὸν ἔργον αὐτῶν τινες εἰργάσαντο· ἐκ δεκάδος γὰρ ἔνα έαυτῶν 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.

[8]

6 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ἔκαστοι νομίζουσι πολύ τι καλλίστους τοὺς ἔαυτῶν νόμους. τοῦτο δὲ πολλοῖς τε ἄλλοις τεκμηρίοις πάρεστι σταθμώσασθαι καὶ δὴ καὶ τῷδε. Δαρεῖος ἐπὶ τῆς ἔαυτοῦ ἀρχῆς καλέσας Ἑλληνάς τινας ἥρετο ἐφ' ὅπόσω ἀν χοήματι βούλοιντο τοὺς πατέρας ἀποθνήσκοντας κατασιτεῖσθαι.

Tales from Herodotus XX. 1–6

(a) Translate this passage into English.

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[5]

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

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[1]

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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