

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Monday 22 November 2021 – Morning

GCSE (9–1) Latin

J282/03 Prose Literature B

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

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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 (*).

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer ALL the questions.

1 Read the passage and answer the questions.

saevam vim morbi augebat persuasio veneni
a Pisone accepti; et reperiiebantur solo ac
parietibus erutae humanorum corporum
reliquiae, carmina et devotiones et nomen
Germanici plumbeis tabulis insculptum, 5
cineres semusti ac tabo obliti aliaque
malefica quibus creditur animas numinibus
infernis sacrari. simul missi a Pisone
incusabantur quod valetudinis adversae
signa exspectarent. 10

Tacitus, 'Germanicus et Piso', lines 11–17

(a) 'saevam ... accepti' (lines 1–2): what made Piso's illness get worse?

[2]

(b) 'et reperiabantur ... infernis sacrari' (lines 2–8):

(i) what objects were found in the floor and walls? Give TWO examples.

1 _____

2 _____ [2]

(ii) 'aliaque malefica ... infernis sacrari' (lines 6–8): what do we learn about the 'aliaque malefica' here?

_____ [2]

(c) 'simul ... exspectarent' (lines 8–10): what accusation was made against men sent by Piso?

_____ [1]

2 Read the passage and answer the question.

neque multo post mortuus est, ingenti luctu
provinciae et circumiacentium populorum.
indoluerunt exterae nationes regesque: tanta
fuerat illius comitas in socios, mansuetudo
in hostes; propter vultum eloquentiamque
venerationem omnium adeptus erat.
et erant qui illum magno Alexandro ob
formam aetatem genus locumque mortis
adaequarent.

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Tacitus, 'Germanicus et Piso', lines 29–35

How does Tacitus convey the sadness of the situation here? Make TWO points, each referring to the LATIN.

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3* Read the passage and answer the question.

ascendit navem cum cineribus Germanici
et liberis, miserantibus omnibus quod
femina summa nobilitate pulcherrimoque
matrimonio, quae venerationem omnium
mereret, tunc ferales reliquias sinu ferret, 5
incerta ultionis. Pisonem interim apud
Cum insulam nuntius adsequitur periisse
Germanicum. quo gavisus caedit victimas,
adit templa. non modo Piso ipse gaudio
immoderato se gerit, sed etiam magis 10
insolescit Plancina, quae luctum mortua
sorore tum primum in laetum cultum mutavit.

Tacitus, 'Germanicus et Piso', lines 40–48

How does Tacitus create sympathy for Agrippina and negative feelings towards Piso and Plancina in these lines?

In your answer you may wish to consider:

**the description of Agrippina and her family;
the description of Piso and Plancina.**

You should refer to the LATIN and discuss Tacitus' use of language. [8]

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[illegible]

4 Read the passage and answer the question.

**defensio in ceteris criminibus trepidavit;
nam neque ambitio militum neque iniuria
in provinciam, ne contumeliae quidem
adversum imperatorem, negari poterant:
solum veneni crimen potuit Piso diluere. at
simul populi ante curiam voces audiebantur.**

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Tacitus, 'Germanicus et Piso', lines 85–89

Translate the passage into English.

[5]

5 Read the passage and answer the questions.

sed paulatim segregari a marito coepit. quod postquam Piso sibi exitiabile esse intellexit, dubitavit an causam diceret amplius. itaque, tamquam defensionem in posterum diem meditaretur, pauca scribit obsignatque et liberto tradit; tum solita curando corpori exsequitur. deinde multam post noctem, egressa cubiculo uxore, claudi ianuam iussit; et prima luce perfosso iugulo, iacente humi gladio, repertus est.

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Tacitus, 'Germanicus et Piso', lines 94–101

- (a) 'sed paulatim ... amplius' (lines 1–3): how do you think Piso was feeling at this time? Give a reason for your answer.**

_____ [2]

- (b) 'itaque, ... meditaretur' (lines 3–5): what did Piso appear to be doing here?**

_____ [1]

- (c) Pick out and translate a **LATIN WORD OR PHRASE** in lines 6–8 which shows when these events took place.

Latin word / phrase: _____

English translation: _____ [2]

- (d) ‘et prima ... repertus est’ (lines 9–10): describe what was found in the morning.

_____ [2]

6 Read the passage and answer the questions.

**ad hanc Regulus venit. primum impudentiam
hominis, qui venerit ad aegram, cuius marito
inimicissimus, ipsi invisissimus fuerat!
esto, si venit tantum; at ille etiam proximus
toro sedit; quo die, qua hora nata esset
interrogavit.**

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Pliny, 'Regulus', lines 3–7

- (a) 'ad hanc Regulus venit' (line 1): what is the name of the person referred to as 'hanc'?**

_____ **[1]**

- (b) 'primum ... fuerat' (lines 1–3): how does Pliny wish the reader to feel about Regulus here?**

_____ **[2]**

- (c) 'at ille ... interrogavit' (lines 4–6): what questions did Regulus ask?**

_____ **[2]**

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7 Read the passage and answer the question.

**ubi audivit, componit vultum, intendit oculos,
momet labra, agitat digitos, computat. nihil.
ubi diu miseram exspectatione suspendit,
'habes' inquit 'climactericum tempus
sed evades. quod ut tibi magis liqueat,
haruspice consulam, quem frequenter
expertus sum.'**

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Translation:

**When he heard the answer, he composed his
expression, stared intently, moved his lips,
moved his fingers quickly, counted. Nothing.
When he had kept the wretched woman in
suspense for a long time, he said: "You have
a critical period, but you will recover. So that
this is more clear to you I shall consult a
soothsayer, whom I have used frequently."**

Pliny, 'Regulus', lines 7–11

How does Pliny, by his style of writing, create a dramatic scene in these lines? Make TWO points, each referring to the LATIN.

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8* How do Tacitus and Pliny maintain the interest of the reader in 'Germanicus and Piso', and 'Regulus'?

You should support your answer with a range of references from the Tacitus and Pliny texts you have read. [10]

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