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SUBJECT: CLASSICAL STUDIES
DATE: 1st September 2017
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Answer **ALL** questions from Section A and Section B
 Answer **ONE** question from Section C

SECTION A

1. Translate the following sentences into Latin:

- a) You (pl.) were leading the boys into the city.
- b) The soldiers heard the general's shout.
- c) The Belgians are fortifying the camp with a huge rampart.
- d) We had attacked the forces of the barbarians.
- e) The wisdom of the Romans will save the town. (15)

2. Translate the following sentences into Greek:

- a) You (sing.) will not loosen the chains, young man.
- b) The Muse trained the judge in wisdom.
- c) The weapons of the soldiers are in the trees.
- d) By our wisdom, we had prevented the battle.
- e) The sailors are pursuing the soldiers to the sea. (15)

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION B

3. Read the following passage and answer all the questions:

Τειρεσίας: φανήσεται δὲ παισὶ τοῖς αὐτοῦ ξυνῶν ἀδελφὸς αὐτὸς καὶ πατήρ, κάξ ἦς ἔφυ γυναικὸς υἱὸς καὶ πόσις, καὶ τοῦ πατρὸς ὁμόσπορός τε καὶ φονεύς.

- a) What is the name of the work from which the extract is taken, and who wrote it? (2)
- b) Who is **Τειρεσίας**? (2)
- c) Write a short biographical note on the person Τειρεσίας is speaking about. (6)
- d) Write a short paragraph on the development of tragedy in Athens. (8)
- e) Translate the extract accurately into English. (12)

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION C

Answer Question 4 or Question 5

4. Write an essay of **not** less than 600 words on **ONE** of the following topics:
- Strength versus intelligence in Classical Mythology. Discuss.
 - Comment on the relationship between Roman legend and history.
 - Herodotus and Thucydides adopt different approaches to the writing of history. Whose style do you think is more effective? Discuss.
 - Describe the main features of Mycenaean society.
 - What problems in Roman society did the Gracchi attempt to address, and what obstacles did they confront in their reform efforts?
 - Comment on the characteristic features of Ancient Greek temples.
5. Write an essay of **not** less than 300 words on **TWO** of the following topics:
- Discuss the advantages of learning Latin and Ancient Greek to students intending to read a degree in Languages or Humanities at University.
 - What advantages can leaders in the business world gain from an education in the Classics?
 - Authors often reimagine classical mythology for a new audience. Do you think that this discredits, or adds value, to the notions of mythology? Discuss.

(Total: 40 marks)