

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2020 SECOND SESSION

SUBJECT: Classical Studies

DATE: 12th December 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Answer ALL sections. Each section carries 20 marks.

SECTION A: HISTORY

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR 2.

1. In around 350 words, critically discuss the causes of the Persian wars. (20)

OR

2. In around 350 words, make a critical examination of the character, career, and success of Augustus with reference to his social legislation. (20)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION B: LANGUAGE

Answer BOTH questions.

1. Translate all of these sentences from Latin to English.

a.	amici equorum picturas portant.	(2)
b.	puellas barbarorum amamus.	(2)
c.	bonum populi consilium laudatis.	(2)
d.	belli periculum magnum est.	(2)
e.	Romani barbaros magnos spectant.	(2)

2. Translate all of these sentences from Greek to English.

a. οἱ δουλοι ἐν τοις ἀντροις εἰσι.	(2)
b. ἡ σοφη Άθηνη την κακην μαχην παυει.	(2)
c. οὶ κακοι ἀνθρωποι τους ἱππους θηρευουσι.	(2)
d. τα των στρατηγων δωρα καλα έστι.	(2)
е. τα παιδια έν τω ποταμω λυετε.	(2)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION C: MYTHOLOGY

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR 2.

1. In around 350 words, discuss the attributes and symbols of **THREE** Olympian gods. (20)

OR

2. In around 350 words, discuss how film directors and film writers draw inspiration from classical myth. Use **THREE** examples to illustrate your answer. (20)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION D: LITERATURE

Answer ALL questions.

Homer: Iliad, Book 1, 493-509

To Calchas first of all **he** spoke, and his look threatened evil: [105] "Prophet of evil, never yet have you spoken to me a pleasant thing; ever is evil dear to your heart to prophesy, but a word of good you have never yet spoken, nor brought to pass. And now among the Danaans you claim in prophecy that for this reason the god who strikes from afar brings woes upon them, [110] that I would not accept the glorious ransom for the girl, **the daughter of Chryses,** since I much prefer to keep her in my home. For certainly I prefer her to Clytemnestra, my wedded wife, since she is not inferior to her, either in form or in stature, or in mind, or in any handiwork. [115] Yet even so will I give her back, if that is better; I would rather the people be safe than perish. But provide me with a prize of honour forthwith, lest I alone of the Argives be without one, since that would not be proper. For you all see this, that my prize goes elsewhere."

- 1. Write a note of around 60 words on Homer. (3)
- 2. Write a note of around 100 words on epic poetry in Ancient Greece. (5)
- 3. Who is the character (**he**) speaking in this passage? Comment on his parentage, attributes, and character. (4)
- 4. In around 60 words explain why **he** is being asked to return "the daughter of Chryses."
 - (4)
- 5. Explain the outcome of this encounter with the prophet Calchas. (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION E: ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Answer ALL questions.



1. Which Roman Emperor ordered the building of the Pantheon?	(2)
2. Why were temples built in Ancient Rome?	(3)
3. Comment on the function of this building throughout the centuries.	(4)
4. Comment on the architecture of the building.	(7)
5. Comment on the influence of the Pantheon on subsequent buildings.	(4)

(Total: 20 marks)