

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2021 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT:	Classical Studies	
DATE:	6 th July 2021	
TIME:	4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.	

Answer **ALL** sections. Each section carries 20 marks.

SECTION A: HISTORY

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR 2.

 In around 350 words, discuss the debt Alexander the Great owed his father, Philip II of Macedon. (20)

OR

2. In around 350 words, discuss how the First Punic War led directly to the Second Punic War.

(20)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION B: LANGUAGE

Answer BOTH questions.

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

a. Puellae sapientiam laudamus.	(2)
b. Amici boni mensas portant.	(2)
c. Bellorum pericula sunt magna.	(2)
d. Populus Romanus est laetus.	(2)
e. Barbari equos amant.	(2)

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

a. οἱ ἀνθρωποι την τιμην θηρευουσι.	(2)
b. ἡ γη ἐστι καλη.	(2)
ς. ἡ Ἀθηνη τους στρατηγους παιδευει.	(2)
d. τους δουλους λυομεν.	(2)
e. οἱ κακοι ἀνθρωποι τα ἐργα των σοφων ἀνθρωπων παυουσι.	(2)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION C: MYTHOLOGY

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR 2.

1. In around 350 words, describe the sequence of events that led to Heracles' death and apotheosis. In your opinion, what is the significance of this transformation? (20)

OR

2. In around 350 words, discuss the major similarities and differences of ancient Greek and contemporary heroes. In your discussion refer to **TWO** examples of each. (20)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION D: LITERATURE

Answer ALL questions.

Sophocles: Oedipus the King (Lines 300 – 317)

Oedipus:

Teiresias, whose soul grasps all things, both that which may be told and that which is unspeakable, the Olympian secrets and the affairs of the earth, you feel, though you cannot see, what a huge plague haunts our state. From which, great prophet, we find you to be our protector and only saviour. Now, Phoebus—if indeed you have not already heard the news—sent answer to our question that the only way to rid ourselves of this pest that afflicts us is to discover the slayers of Laius, and then to slay them or banish them from our land. So do not begrudge us the voice of the birds or any other path of prophecy, but save yourself and your state, save me, save all that is defiled by the dead. We are in your hands, and man's noblest task is to help others to the best of his means and powers.

- 1. In around 50 words, describe the events that led Oedipus to become King of Thebes. (4)
- 2. In around 50 words, discuss Oedipus' search for the 'slayers of Laius' in the context of the play. (4)
- 3. In around 50 words, describe how Teiresias responds to Oedipus' request, and discuss the major themes of the conversation that follow this excerpt between the two characters. (4)
- 4. In around 50 words, considering that the play is commonly dated to the early 420s B.C.E., what is the significance of the plague in the context of the then-current events of Athenian history?
- 5. In around 80 words, discuss some of the main characteristics of the production, performance, and setting of Greek tragedy. (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

SECTION E: ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Answer ALL questions.



Source: Wikipedia Commons, 2012

1.	What is the name of the sculpture shown in the photograph and who is the sculptor?	(2)
2.	With reference to the characteristics shown in the photo, evaluate and explain whether	the
	photo's subject is the original Greek statue.	(4)
3.	What is the significance of the nudity of this figure?	(4)
4.	Discuss the importance of artistic values represented in this sculpture.	(5)
5.	Discuss some of the heroic traits that the figure illustrates.	(5)

(Total: 20 marks)