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SUBJECT: **Classical Studies**  
DATE: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

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

**SECTION A: HISTORY**

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** 2.

1. Discuss the most important factors which enabled the Roman Republic to overcome Hannibal in the Second Punic War. (350 words). (20)

**OR**

2. Describe **TWO** significant episodes from the life of Alexander the Great. What do these episodes reveal about Alexander's character? (350 words). (20)

**(Total: 20 marks)**

**SECTION B: LANGUAGE**

Answer **BOTH** questions.

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

- a. Barbari concilia Romani populi laudant. (2)  
b. Amici mensam porto. (2)  
c. Pericula bellorum sunt magna. (2)  
d. Equos barbarus amat. (2)  
e. Populus Romanus est laetus. (2)

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

- a. ἐν τῷ κακῷ ἀντρώ (2)  
b. ἡ νίκη λυεῖ τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς ἀνθρώπους. (2)  
c. Τοὺς ἵππους οἱ δούλοι θηρεύουσι. (2)  
d. Οἱ ποταμοὶ εἰσὶ καλοὶ. (2)  
e. Τα παιδιά παιδεύει ὁ στρατηγός. (2)

**(Total: 20 marks)**

### SECTION C: MYTHOLOGY

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR 2.

1. Who was more to blame for the Trojan War, Helen or Paris? Give reasons for your answer. (350 words). (20)

OR

2. What do the character, exploits, and fate of Heracles tell us about Greek notions of heroism? (350 words). (20)

**(Total: 20 marks)**

### SECTION D: LITERATURE

Answer ALL questions.

**Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*, lines 390-404**

Come, tell me, where have you proved yourself a seer? Why, when **the watchful dog who wove dark song** was here, did you say nothing to free the people? Yet the riddle, at least, was not for the first comer to read: there was need of a seer's help, [395] and you were discovered not to have this art, either from birds, or known from some god. But rather I, Oedipus the ignorant, stopped her, having attained the answer through my wit alone, untaught by birds. It is I whom you are trying to oust, assuming that [400] you will have great influence in Creon's court. But I think that you and the one who plotted these things will rue your zeal to purge the land: if you did not seem to be an old man, you would have learned to your cost how haughty you are.

1. Discuss some of the most important features of the element of the spectacle in Greek Tragedy (e.g., number of characters, staging, costumes, special effects). (6)
2. Why does the speaker, Oedipus, suspect that the seer (Teiresias) is plotting against him with Creon? (4)
3. Who was the 'the watchful dog who wove dark song' whom Teiresias was powerless to defeat? (2)
4. What was the riddle that Oedipus solved, and what was his answer to this riddle? (4)
5. What is the relevance of this riddle to the themes of the play? (4)

**(Total: 20 marks)**

**SECTION E: ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

**Answer ALL questions.**



*(Source: Wiki Commons, 2022)*

1. Identify this building and write a short paragraph on the Roman Emperor who paid for its construction. (4)
2. Discuss the structure and the main aesthetic features of this building. (4)
3. Discuss some other uses of the rounded arch by Roman engineers, referring to at least **ONE** other building which uses them. (4)
4. Describe what is depicted on the side panels of the arches (indicated by arrows) and discuss their significance to this building. (4)
5. What were the main political functions of structures of this type? (4)

**(Total: 20 marks)**