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# Introduction

A good number of candidates produced competent responses, demonstrating familiarity with the topics and texts, good language awareness and evidence of ability to apply this knowledge in order to transfer meaning, answer comprehension questions and develop an argument. Section A yielded answers that captured meaning, detail and nuance very well. Section B was tackled in a satisfactory manner by many candidates, despite occasional carelessness in the application of the rules of the case system. With regard to Section C: Topics and Texts, there was an obvious preference for the History of Cyprus as well as the Cavafy and Ioannou questions. Compared to previous years, an increased number of candidates seemed to opt for question 6 on cinema and this year also we saw evidence of good knowledge of the topic and satisfactory skills of analysis supported by factual substantiation.

# Question 1

Question 1 produced many appropriate and well formulated responses to the question, presenting the right amount of information and avoiding superfluous and irrelevant detail.

Questions 1(a), 1(h) and 1(i) were answered very well by the majority of candidates, albeit occasionally with more detail than required.

Questions 2(b), 2(c), 2(d), 2(f) and 2(g) which required two details for two marks were answered generally well, but rarely in a way that earned candidates full marks.

A frequent pattern that cost candidates marks related to the use of the same detail in response to more than one question and the inclusion of unnecessary and often contradictory information alongside the correct response, effectively cancelling it out.

In question 1(h), there was a frequent pattern of errors when some candidates wrote that "the narrator can look after himself" (which is something one can do while at home) instead of "it's not the first time that the narrator has stayed away from home without his parents".

This is an unsatisfactory response that earned the candidate only 3 marks out the available 14.

#### **SECTION A: READING AND WRITING**

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The candidate brings outside information to the answer, which is not included in the text. Some answers, like 1(h) and 1(i), lack the necessary detail in order to gain marks.



Candidates should base their responses on the textual content and not on their world of experience.

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The candidate has followed recommended practice and answered the question with the required economy and the appropriate detail. The answers are formulated well, succinctly and the writing is legible.

# Question 2

A good number of candidates produced satisfactory translations which showed control of the meaning, command of vocabulary and structures as well as style.

Some candidates lacked the language skills in order to grasp more than the basic sense of the passage, whereas many inadvertently left out some of "types" listed in quotation marks in the second paragraph.

A surprisingly large number of responses showed inability to convey a sentence resembling "ανάμεσα σε τηλεοπτικούς χαρακτήρες και την κοινωνία κατά τη διάρκεια της περασμένης εξηκονταετίας/μέσα στα τελευταία εξήντα χρόνια". Many who opted for the use of "μεταξύ" failed to use the genitive or used a mixture of cases, genitive and accusative ("μεταξύ χαρακτήρων...και την κοινωνία"), showing carelessness in their application of language.

Quite a large number of translations employed the word for "sincere" rather than the word for "honest" when it came to describing the policeman, which would have been acceptable had they declined the adjective "ειλικρινής" correctly.

The following is an answer with a perfect score of 10 out of 10.

#### **SECTION B: TRANSLATION**

#### Δεύτερο κείμενο

#### Ερώτηση 2

Μετάφρασε το κείμενο στα Ελληνικά.

A new documentary series examines the relationship between television characters and society over the past six decades. The fashion and clothes may change but the stereotypes remain.

We have seen thousands of characters on television since it started. "The independent woman", "the honest policeman", "the handsome doctor", "the funny family man", "the young couple", "the brave soldier" are just some of the classic roles we see. However, there are just four categories, which, in fact, made their first appearance in ... ancient Greek literature.

Μία νέα δειρά ντοκιμαντέρ διερεινά τη δχέση γιταξύ των τηδεοπτικών Χαρακτήρων και της κοινωίας του συσθοσοθος τις τελευταίες έξει δεκαιτίες. Η μόδα και τα ρούχο μπορεί ν'αλλάζαν όμως τα επερεότιπα πισριμένουν ίδια.

Έχονρις δει χιλιάδες χαραττήρες στην τηδιόραση από τότε που θρότες «Η γυνοίτα», «Ο ειδυφυκής ωστακομικώς», «Ο έμορησε πατρός τος ο αστεία θρότες στο υταρό ζειμόρι», «Ο θυρροδίας στριτώτης» είναι μόνο γυρικεί από του ρόλους που βλέπουρης Οστόσο, υπάρχανν μόδις τέκκερες κοτηροφές, οι οποίες στο πρ	
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The candidate demonstrates fluent command of vocabulary and grammar. There may be an awkward rendering of "family man", but the translation flows well and shows evidence of linguistic achievement.



Take care to reread your responses to ascertain that they correspond to the source text and that all information is included and words are not left out. If a word escapes you, paraphrase to convey its meaning, rather than leave a blank.

This is an example of rather limited linguistic ability. The candidate has scored only 3 out of the 10 available marks.

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The passage contains many grammatical errors and incorrect choice of vocabulary. Occasionally, some communication emerges but overall the translation suffers from inadequate language awareness, which makes the Greek not intelligible enough.



The issues of subject and verb agreement as well as article/adjective/ noun need to be monitored closely as they constitute important tools for a successful translation, even if the range of vocabulary is not adequate.

# Question 3 (a)

A small number of candidates chose this question. Of those who did, some demonstrated excellent knowledge of the topic, clear ability to describe and assess and good linking of their answer as a whole.

Some wrote anecdotal evidence about the sixties, presented facts that resembled platitudes ("women stayed at home and men went to work"), without corroboration or substantiation.

# Question 3 (b)

Few candidates attempted this question and those who did wrote mostly pertinent accounts that delineated the coordinates of the events with good detail and reasonable analysis of their impact.

# Question 4 (a)

Question 4a was a popular one and many candidates wrote pertinent responses to the question.

There was evidence of good factual knowledge, which was sometimes accompanied by appropriate arguments regarding the purposes and the efficacy of the said educational policies. Quite frequently, however, facts were presented in a list-like manner, without commentary or with description that was often more about the indisputable contribution of the church, rather than about the educational policies during British rule. The word limit prescribed requires that the candidate focuses on the specificities of the question rather than other, important nonetheless, coordinates surrounding the issues at hand.

This is a good response that covered several points and earned the candidate 23, out of the available 28 marks.

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The candidate went well over the word limit but managed to develop and substantiate significant points. The answer reads well and despite some slips, the analysis is well thought out. Had the response been better organised, this essay could have earned more marks.



Avoid answers which include more information than the one required by the question. Round up your main points and offer a conclusive argument, which addresses the question, within the prescribed word limit.

# Question 4 (b)

A large number of candidates chose question 4b and wrote accounts rich in detail and factual information. Some responses, however, contained anecdotal evidence or veered off to short descriptions of several personalities, without focusing on one, in depth, as the question required. As is always the case with questions in Section C, this one also, aimed to elicit not just knowledge of the topic but also understanding of the question. A good response contained relevant description but also commentary on the personality's contribution to the struggle against the colonial power.

The answer below failed to capture the points that make up a good response and only earned 13 out of the 28 marks.

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The response is short, contains inaccuracies and only makes a few cursory references to relevant factual information.



It is essential to focus on what the question requires and not to include information that is not directly relevant to the question.

# Question 5 (a)

A small number of candidates answered question 5(a). Answers tended to be generic and lacked the distinguishing characteristics of locality.

# Question 5 (b)

A very small number of candidates answered question 5(b). There were some essays which demonstrated good knowledge of the topic, substantiating their point with good, specific examples. There were also some responses which included factually correct information which was not entirely relevant to the question. There seemed to be an inappropriate focus on the development of tourism in relation to climate and the natural beauties of an area, but these responses did not adequately develop their point about the tourism industry and made generic observations about beaches and mountains.

# Question 6 (a)

Question 6 yielded some very good responses, which showed evidence of independent thought, excellent organisational skills, effective development of ideas and solid knowledge of the films.

Candidates who chose this question seemed to be very familiar with the characters and the plot details of the films, as well as the pervasive themes running through them.

In question 6 (a), students addressed the question with a little more detail than necessary, especially as this detail was not always supported by a "point" that linked the description to the question. Occasionally there were summaries of the films that took away valuable space, which ought to have been devoted to description and commentary on incidents of conflict.

# Question 6 (b)

Question 6(b) was handled very well by many candidates who seemed at ease with the question and were able to focus on the distinguishing details of the end in each of the films studied.

If there was a pattern of unsatisfactory or incomplete responses, this pertained to the second part of the question which invited the candidates to comment on how successful they considered the end of each film to be.

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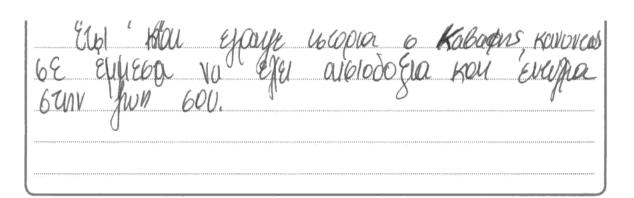
This is an excellent response that earned 26 out of the available 28 marks. The candidate argues persuasively and supports relevant description with relevant commentary. The language reads well and shows specialised knowledge of terms relating to the topic.

# Question 7 (a)

As is always the case, questions on Cavafy attracted the most candidates. Quite often, there was evidence of good knowledge of the poems, which was well integrated into the questions, with reasonable attempts to link the information into a coherent whole. There was an obvious preference for a small number of poems, which did not always fit the argument that should be developed in response to the question. This was particularly evident in question 7a. Many responses neglected to focus on characters in the poems, comment on their struggle in the pursuit of happiness and link this to Cavafy's world view. Instead they focused on Cavafy's message, bypassing the character and the specific coordinates, political or social, of their lives; the coordinates, in other words, that made this struggle unique or important. Instead, there were instances of essays starting with "Cavafy teaches us to ....", with only cursory or no references to the real or imagined characters that populate the poems.

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This is a response that earned 13 out of the available 28 marks. The candidate shows little understanding of the question, but some knowledge of the text is demonstrated.



Avoid platitudes that do not contribute to the argument. It is a good idea to focus on the poems and what they convey in terms of ideas and values, without personalising their "message" to talk about what the poems "teaches" the candidate to do, or what the poem conveys about the biographical details of Cavafy.

# Question 7 (b)

Question 7 (b) was handled well by many candidates who chose appropriate poems to discuss the way politicians or people in positions of authority are portrayed and to make pertinent remarks about the picture of power that emerges, the transient nature of happiness or the fallacies of the mighty. Some candidates however failed to choose poems that exemplified the way people in power or in politics behaved and chose instead poems that exemplified similar ideas through the struggles of ordinary people, or people who acted within a well-defined political or historical framework but were neither people in positions of authority nor politicians.

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This is a very good response that earned the candidate 25 out of the available 28 marks. It shows good knowledge of the poems and is consistently pertinent to the question. The candidate has avoided generic and pre learnt introductions that contain platitudes and has developed a clear and coherent argument. The references to poems are well integrated into the essay and support the points that the candidate makes very well.



Link your introduction and conclusion to the requirements of the question. Avoid biographical data or pre-learnt, lengthy introductions.

# Question 8 (a)

Question 8 was also a very popular one and tended to yield very lengthy responses that frequently went over the word limit, a practice that is not advisable and takes away valuable marks both from the knowledge and understanding as well as the organisation and development criteria for assessment.

Question 8 (a) produced some very sophisticated responses by candidates who had obviously been taught very well and illustrated the arguments with apt substantiation of the qualities that characterise Ioannou's writing. There were also some responses that showed very superficial knowledge of the stories.

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This was a response that earned only 8 out of the 28 available marks. The candidate shows minimal understanding of the question and very little knowledge of the texts. There is evidence of confusion regarding the material and the tone and register of the response are not appropriate for an essay at A2 Level.



Possessing good language skills is not by itself an adequate prerequisite for entering this examination. Solid knowledge of the topics and texts is also required as is the ability to use this knowledge in a relevant response to the question asked.

# Question 8 (b)

Question 8 (b) invited candidates to respond to the question that posed Thessaloniki and its old inhabitants as the main thematic focus of the stories. Candidates did very well with selecting appropriate material that showed agreement with the question. These answers were very successful in their selection of apt details but occasionally veered off into all inclusive summaries of the stories that hampered the development of an argument.

There were also answers which put forward partial agreement with the question and wrote persuasively and with good examples, in order to support their view.

# **Paper Summary**

Most candidates grasped the basic sense of the passage in Section A, whereas a good number produced reasonably accurate translations. Section C yielded uneven responses, with few opting for questions 3 and 5. There was clear evidence of good and often excellent knowledge of the texts prescribed for questions 7 and 8, but this is also where the answer presented tended to be more descriptive and factual, rather than a combination of descriptive and analytical. Despite obvious linguistic competence and often excellent knowledge of the topic/text some candidates did not manage to exploit their skills in order to gain full marks.

This was largely due responses which are too long, well above the wordage permitted, and pre-learned introductions that bear little or no relevance to the requirements of the question.

It is advised that candidates are trained to write pertinent answers, which pay attention to rubric and are able to discriminate between what to include and what to exclude. Although knowledge of the topics and text is required, a pertinent response must link this knowledge to the specific requirements of the question. All-inclusive answers may earn the candidate some marks, but unless the question is addressed, these will not merit marks from the top tiers of the assessment criteria.

Unfortunately, answers which exceed the recommended word limit are considered incomplete if they do not manage to make the necessary points and substantiate them within the number of words prescribed by the rubric.

A serious matter concerning procedure relates to the candidates' organisation of their time and allocated space for each question. Some candidates wrote a short response to more than two questions, a practice that should be avoided at all costs as only two answers on different topics and texts are permitted.

Finally, observing the conventions of the Greek alphabet and writing system, not mixing English and Greek characters (using the Greek and not the English "t") and indicating the position of the stress where needed are requirements for a good response.

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