

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (JACT)**

Greek Epic

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2008

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Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): Answer Booklet (8 pages)

Additional materials (required):
None



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- You must answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Start your answer to each question on a new page.
- Use an 8 page answer booklet followed by a 4 page booklet if extra paper is required.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- All questions are worth 50 marks in total including 5 marks for quality of written communication.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.

This document consists of **7** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

A1 Read one of the following translations and answer the questions at the end.

When they entered his palace they were confronted by Antiphates' wife, a woman of mountainous proportions; the sight of her appalled them. She called her husband, the famous Antiphates, from the assembly-place, who promptly made his murderous intentions clear, pouncing on one of my men to eat him for supper. The other two sprang back and fled, and managed to make their way back to the ships. 5

Meanwhile Antiphates raised a hue and cry through the town, which brought countless numbers of powerful Laestrygonians running up from every side, more like Giants than men. Standing at the top of the cliffs they began pelting my flotilla with lumps of rock such as an ordinary man could barely lift; and the din that now rose from the ships, where the groans of dying men could be heard above the splintering of timbers, was appalling. They carried them off like fishes on a spear to make their loathsome meal. But while this massacre was still going on in the deep harbour, I drew my sword from my hip, slashed through the hawser of my blue-prowed vessel, and shouted to the crew to bend to their oars if they wished to save their lives. With the fear of death upon them they struck the water like one man, and to our relief and joy we shot out to sea and left those frowning cliffs behind. My ship was safe. But that was the end of all the rest. 10 15

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“Father Zeus and you other blessed gods who live for ever, take vengeance on the followers of Odysseus son of Laertes. They have criminally killed my cattle, the cattle that gave me such joy every day as I climbed the starry sky and as I dropped down from heaven and sank once more to earth. If they do not repay me in full for my slaughtered cows, I will go down to the realm of Hades and shine among the dead.” 5

“Sun,” the Cloud-gatherer answered him, “shine on for the immortals and for mortal men on the fruitful earth. As for the culprits, I will soon strike their ship with a blinding bolt out on the wine-dark sea and smash it to pieces.”

This part of the tale I had from Calypso of the beautiful hair, who told me that she herself had heard it from Hermes the Messenger. 10

When I had come down to the sea and reached the ship, I confronted my men one after the other and rebuked them. But we could find no way of mending matters: the cows were dead. And the gods soon began to show my crew ominous portents. The hides began to crawl about; the meat, roast and raw, bellowed on the spits; and a sound as of lowing cattle could be heard. 15

For six days my men feasted on the pick of the Sun’s cattle they had rounded up. But when Zeus brought the seventh day, the fury of the gale abated, and we quickly embarked and put out into the open sea after stepping the mast and hauling up the white sail. 20

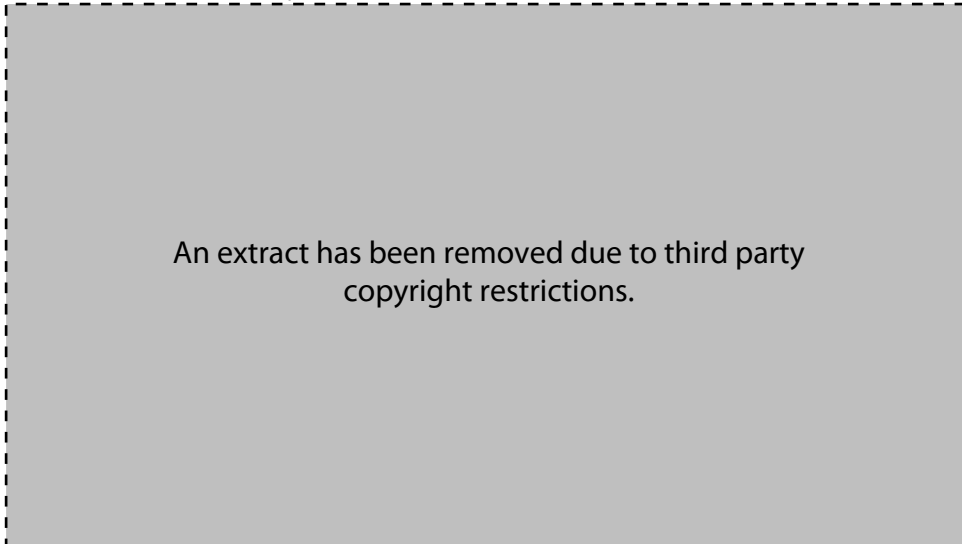
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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Start your answer on a new page.

- B3** Who or what poses the greatest threat to Odysseus? In your answer you should include discussion of the Suitors and **at least two** other threats. [50]
- B4** 'Mortal women are given a surprising amount of freedom in the *Odyssey*.' How far do you agree with this statement? [50]

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