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## Classics: Classical Greek

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1. Annotations

These are the annotations, (including abbreviations), including those used in scoris, which are used when marking

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| BP | Blank Page - this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response. |
| ■ | Good response/positive |
| / | Slash |
| 5 | Unclear |
| B0D | Benefit of doubt |
| CON | Consequential error |
| $\leqslant$ | Cross |
| $\square$ | Extendable horizontal line - Major error |
| $\cdots$ | Extendable horizontal wavy line - Minor error/mistranslation |
| $\bigcirc$ | Tick |
| $\wedge$ | Omission mark |

## 2. Subject-specific Marking Instructions

Subject specific marking instructions that apply across the whole question paper must appear here. These must be compatible with the OCR Marking Instructions above. Include here any instructions for marking when a candidate has infringed the rubric.

## Section A



| Question |  | Answer/Indicative content | Mark | Guidance |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Content | Levels of response |
|  | iv | Line 6 <br>  <br> Surely he has not dared this most shameful act? <br> pou: 'somewhere' is a minor error, 'where' a major. a»sciston: if not translated as superlative, minor error. | 4 |  |  |
|  | v | Line 7 <br>  <br> Know it well: we who were previously friends are dishonoured. | 4 |  |  |
|  | vi | Lines 8-9 <br>  $\mu \varepsilon ́ \gamma \alpha \nu \gamma^{\prime}$ ह̌@ $\omega \tau \alpha>$ <br> Has he fallen into a passion, or does he hate your bed [i.e., marriage to you]? A great passion. | 4 |  |  |
|  | vii | Lines 9-10 <br> $\pi \iota \sigma \tau o ̀ s ~ o u ̉ k ~ \varepsilon ̌ \phi v ~ \phi i ́ \lambda o ı s . ~$ <br>  <br> He has not been faithful to his friends. Let him go, [then,] if, as you say, he is bad. <br> , fu: allow 'is'. nun: allow 'now' despite lack of accent. e»per: 'since' or 'even if' are minor errors. | 4 |  |  |


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|  | b | Line 11 from Passage 1 ( $\alpha v \delta \varrho \tilde{\omega} v . . . \lambda \alpha \beta \varepsilon \tau v)$ : what revelation does Medea make in this line? <br> - That Jason wants to marry [as opposed to merely having as a mistress] ...(1) <br> - ... a king's daughter [generalising plural referring to Creon's daughter] | 2 | Add up points to a maximum of 2. Give 1 for a version that is literally correct but which does not actually explain in good English what Medea means. |  |
|  | C | Write out the Greek of lines 12-13 from Passage 1 ( $\delta i ́ \delta \omega \sigma \iota . .$. KogtvӨías) and scan these lines. $v-v \quad-\|-\quad v-\| v-v v$ <br>  $v-v-\|--v-\| v-v-$ <br>  | 4 | Accept long or short on $\bar{\delta} \bar{\delta}$-. <br> Accept long or short or anceps on last syllable of a line. | [4] Eleven or twelve feet correct [3] Between eight to ten feet correct <br> [2] Between five to seven feet correct <br> [1] Between two to four feet correct <br> [0] One or no feet correct |
|  | d | Line 14 from Passage 1 ( $\sigma v \gamma \gamma v \omega \sigma \tau \alpha ̀ \alpha .$. रúvat): how does Aegeus react to what Medea has just told him? <br> - He says that it is pardonable/understandable ... (1) <br> - ... that she is distressed / hurt / annoyed / grieved (1) <br> lupe ${ }^{1}$ sqai: 'wronged' is not correct. | 2 | Add up points to a maximum of 2. |  |


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|  | e |  | Line 15 from Passage 1 (к $\alpha \grave{\imath}$ đ@ós ... $\chi$ Өovóऽ): what further revelation does Medea make in this line? <br> - That she is being exiled [from the country]. <br> Accept 'was exiled', 'has been'. | 1 |  |  |
| f | f | i | What question does Aegeus ask Medea: in line 16 from Passage 1 ( $\pi$ @òs $\tau 0 \tilde{v} ;$ )? <br> - By whom [is she being exiled]? <br> Accept 'on whose order'. | 1 |  |  |
|  |  | ii | in line 18 from Passage 1 ( $\dot{\alpha} \tilde{a} \delta^{\prime}$ 'Iá $\sigma \omega v$;)? <br> - Does Jason allow / accept / agree [to this]? | 1 |  |  |
|  | g |  | Line 19 from Passage 1 ( $\lambda o ́ \gamma \omega$... 乃ov́ $\lambda \varepsilon \tau \alpha \iota$ ): what is Medea's answer to the second question? <br> - He says not ... (1) <br> - ... but he is willing to put up with / endure it. (1) | 1 | Accept either answer. |  |


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|  | h | Lines 20-24 from Passage 1 ( $\dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda^{\prime}$... غ̇фと́бтıov): during these lines, how does Medea use language and actions to create pity for her in Aegeus? Make four points, and in each case quote and translate the Greek to illustrate the point. <br> - She supplicates herself to him: 'I beg you by your beard and knees and I become your suppliant.' (Accept either all or a significant portion of this quotation.) <br> - Repetition of o»ktiron, 'have pity'. <br> - She calls herself 'unfortunate me'. <br> - She will be >rhmon ('desolate', 'lonely', 'solitary') [when she is exiled]. <br> - Emotive verb eus $\cdot \mathrm{d} \neg \mathrm{j}$ ('look upon') for 'allow'. <br> - Pairing of cárš ka, dçmoij ('in your land and house'). <br> - Choice of $\div \mathrm{f}^{\mathrm{Tm}}$ stion ('at one's fireside'). | 8 | Broadly speaking, award 1 mark for each point made, and 1 mark for the relevant quotation and translation, if correct. <br> Half-developed points may be awarded 1 mark. <br> Points based on words which have been glossed on the paper might not be able to attract 2 marks. <br> Add up marks gained to a maximum of 8 . |  |

## Section B

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| 2 | a |  | How does Sophocles bring out Oedipus' self-disgust in Passage 2A? <br> Possible points: <br> - 1-3: Apostrophe, addressed to the non-sentient Mount Cithaeron, the mountain where he was abandoned as a baby. <br> - 1: Self-piteously, Oedipus asks Mount Cithaeron why it sheltered him. <br> - 1-2: In fact, why did Cithaeron not slay him as soon as (eÎqĐj) it received him? <br> - 1-2: Repetition of $t \cdot m^{\prime}$, with second person singular verb ( $\div d^{\text {TM }} \mathrm{cou} />$ kteinaj) and/or virtually synonymous $\div d^{T M} \mathrm{cou}$ and labân. <br> - 2-3: 'So that I might never have revealed...' <br> - 3: Darkly vague reference to Oedipus' parentage as >nqen a gegáj, as if he cannot bring himself to say 'parents'. <br> - 4-5: New triple apostrophe to Polybus (his supposed father), Corinth (his supposed home-city) and 'the ancient house of his fathers'. <br> - 5: Extent of deception emphasised by palai~, 'ancient', though undercut by lÇgê, 'in word', 'supposed'. <br> - 5-6: 'How you nurtured ...', 'what sort of beauty you inurtured'. <br> - 5-6: me k\}lloj ('a fair object', 'a fair surface'). <br> - 6: kakãn Öpoulon ('festering ills below'). <br> - 5-6: Contrast between k\}lloj and kakãn emphasised by juxtaposition and alliteration. <br> - 7: Polyptoton of kakÇj . . . kakãn, picking up on kakãn of previous line, 'evil and of evil birth'. | 25 | Answers must be marked using the level descriptors in the AO1 10-mark marking grid and the AO2 15-mark marking grid at the end of the mark scheme, taking into account QWC when placing the answer within the band. <br> Examiners will be responsive to any approaches taken by candidates which answer the question and demonstrate knowledge of the text. A list of possible points is in the column to the left. It should be stressed that no candidate is required to mention all, or even most, of these points, although the passage should receive reasonable coverage overall. It is also quite possible that candidates may come up with other valid points of their own, for which credit should be given. | $l$  <br> AO1 = 10  <br> Level 5 $9-10$ <br> Level 4 $6-8$ <br> Level 3 $4-5$ <br> Level 2 $2-3$ <br> Level 1 $0-1$ <br>   <br> AO2 = 15  <br> Level 5 $13-15$ <br> Level 4 $9-12$ <br> Level 3 $6-8$ <br> Level 2 $3-5$ <br> Level 1 $0-2$ |


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|  | - 7: nòn . . . eİr • skomai, 'now I am found' - as if he had been deliberately hiding (although he had not). <br> - 8-9: Now he is apostrophising the place where he met and murdered his real father. <br> - 8: kekrumm ${ }^{\text {™ }} \mathrm{nh}$, though describing a valley or glen, seems to continue the theme of hiding/revelation. <br> - 10-11: Vampiric image emphasising the horror that occurred there. <br> - 10: Polyptoton of $\div m$ Èn . . . $\ddagger m a ̃ n$, 'my blood from my hands'. <br> - 10-11: Double possessor ( $\div$ mÈn, patrÇj) of tÈ aÀma emphasises the crime of patricide. <br> - 11: Question ^r\} ... $\mathrm{m}^{\top M} \mathrm{mnh} s \mathrm{q}^{\text {TM }}$ ('do you remember?'). Depending on text studied, ti adds note of bitterness ('at all?', 'perchance?'). <br> - 12: 'What deeds I did'. <br> - 12: Ïm, n, 'for you to see' (Jebb). <br> - 12-13: 'Then, coming here, what deeds I did again' - refers obliquely to the incestuous relationship with Jocasta. Logic is overwhelmed by the power of the language, for surely the place where Oedipus killed his father (even if it had eyes) could not have followed him back to the palace of Thebes. N.B. how $\not \mathrm{Epo}^{1{ }^{\prime}}$ >prasson picks up on oÀ' $>$ rga dr \}saj of previous line. <br> - 13-18: Now Oedipus apostrophises 'marriage-rites'. <br> - 13: repetition of g\}moi. <br> - 14-15: Cognate words $\div f Ð s a q^{\prime}$ and futeĐsantej and the phrase p\}lin \{ne ${ }^{1}$ te tautÈn $s p^{\text {TM }} r$ rma emphasise that Jocasta was involved in both Oedipus' creation and his reproduction. <br> - 15-17: 'You brought forward fathers, brothers, (and) sons as kindred blood, brides, wives and mothers' - use of asyndeton and apposition creates a chaotic tangled web of |  |  |  |


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|  | words which mirrors the relationship paradoxes created by the act of incest which it describes. (Apologies for the prosaic and inadequate translation.) <br> - 17-18: 'As many most shameful works as there are among men' - Æpçsa, superlative a»scista and $\div$ n \{nqrápoisin all emphasise the singular horror of what has happened. <br> - 19: Almost gnomic 'It is not fair to say what it is not fair to do' - ô̂/mhdš plus infinitive, kalçn doing double duty. <br> - 20: Urgency of Ìpwj t\}cista. <br> - 20: Appealing prÈj qeãn. <br> - 20-22: In his self-loathing, Oedipus suggests appropriately horrible fates for himself. N.B. word choice, word order, assonance of aorist imperatives. <br> - 20-21: 'Hide me somewhere outside [Thebes]...' <br> - 21: ‘Or kill me...' <br> - 21-22: 'Or hurl me out into the sea...' <br> - 22: 'Where you will never see me again’ - > ti emphasising m£pote. |  |  |  |



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|  | - He at first fails to realise that he is the killer of Laius, which he may conceivably have realised on more measured reflection. <br> - He unwittingly curses himself. <br> - He refuses to believe Teiresias, and accuses him of corruption in an extremely offensive way, ironically even commenting upon his blindness. <br> - Although Oedipus is wrong to insult Teiresias, suddenly to hear that one is one's father's murderer and one's mother's bedfellow is quite a hard thing to bear with equanimity. <br> - Oedipus is relentless in pursuit despite (or maybe because of) his misgivings (lines 747-748). <br> - He accuses Creon - again, very bluntly - of wanting power, despite Creon's very convincing arguments to the contrary. <br> - He assumes that Jocasta is just being snobbish about his (imagined) humble origins, even though, perhaps, he should have worked out the truth by that point. <br> - Is the self-blinding a hot-headed action, or an appropriate one? Perhaps Oedipus should be admired for 'honouring his curse'. <br> Other factors: <br> - The oracle of Apollo foretold that Laius would be killed and Jocasta married by their son. On one level, therefore, Oedipus is just a pawn of fate, and a degree of sympathy may be appropriate whatever his behaviour. (Lines 280281, 'No man can force the gods to what they do not want.' Line 341, 'The future will come on its own, even if I cover it in silence.') |  | as well as the extent to which other factors (the actions and words of other characters, fate and the gods) are relevant (AO2 evaluation). Answers should show a detailed knowledge of the speeches, dialogue, plot and events of the play and use them effectively to answer the question (AO1/AO2 analysis). |  |


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| 3 | a |  | Show how, in Passage 3A, Aristophanes derives humour from the way in which he portrays Socrates and the students. <br> Possible points: <br> - 1: 'I liked the gecko shitting on Socrates’ (when he was gazing at the moon - lines 171-173, just before the printed passage): lavatorial humour juxtaposed with the 'intellectual' activities of a supposedly dignified figure. <br> - 2-6: The student tells another anecdote with which he intends to illustrate Socrates' intelligence, although it also implies that the philosophers are rather other-worldly, for they have not made proper provision for their sustenance (line 2), and it ends up being a vehicle for an obscene pun, which hardly does Socrates credit as his method of providing for his students is to seduce a boy, rob him, and sell his cloak to buy food (lines 4-5). <br> - 3: Juxtaposition of impressive, possibly poetic, $\div$ palam£sato with mundane prĖj t„lfita. <br> - 4: Aristophanes conflates the ideas of sprinkling flour as one commences to make bread and giving a geometry lesson in the dust. Normally one would be drawing diagrams in the dust on the ground, but this lesson takes place on a table as it is a substitute for a dinner. <br> - 5: Socrates bends a spit - presumably it is not needed for its normal purpose as the philosophers cannot afford meat and bends it to make it into a pair of compasses. <br> - 5: A pun on two senses of diab£thj - 'taking the compasses' and 'picking up a leg-spreader' (a sexual meaning). <br> - 6: The context provided by 'from the wrestling-school' helps the transition from geometrical to sexual subject matter. | 25 | Answers must be marked using the level descriptors in the AO1 10-mark marking grid and the AO2 15-mark marking grid at the end of the mark scheme, taking into account QWC when placing the answer within the band. <br> Examiners will be responsive to any approaches taken by candidates which answer the question and demonstrate knowledge of the text. A list of possible points is in the column to the left. It should be stressed that no candidate is required to mention all, or even most, of these points, although the passage should receive reasonable coverage overall. It is also quite possible that candidates may come up with other valid points of their own, for which credit should be given. |  |



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|  | 'They are searching for onions [vel sim.].' <br> - 16-17: Bathos of 'Well, don't give that another thought - for I know where there are nice big ones.' <br> - 18: Another group of students is bent right over (as line 20 graphically makes clear). <br> - 19: Grand-sounding 'They are exploring the underworld [lit., 'scrutinising Erebus'] below Tartarus' - deeper than the realm of Hades. <br> - 20: The previous line is punctured by Strepsiades' crude question 'Then why are their arseholes looking at the sky?' There is an obvious answer to the previous question ('Because their heads are right down'), but this line is feeding another joke ... <br> - 21: '... Because they [the anuses] are learning astronomy.' <br> - 22: The student tells the other philosophers to go inside (it is irrelevant whether the previous staging has implied that we are now in the Thinkery - the play is being performed in an open-air theatre) 'lest he [i.e. Socrates] chance upon you.' This line prepares the way for the joke in lines 25-26. <br> - 23-24: These lines are also essentially a feed for the joke in lines 25-26, as one might think that Strepsiades would want to take his problem straight to Socrates rather than tell these students about it - cf. line 9. There is an unusual enjambement involving ½na. <br> - 25-26: After a large build-up comes the joke that the students are not allowed to spend too much time in the air outside (philosophy being comically stereotyped as an unhealthy indoor pursuit). |  |  |



| Question | Answer/Indicative content <br> (debt-avoidance) is hardly admirable. <br> - Strepsiades' contention that filial love is manifested in obedience, e.g. lines 82-90. Cf. the 'Better' Argument's lines 993-994, 998-999, the Chorus at 1391-1396. <br> - Pheidippides' claim that his new-fangled education means that he can show that it is right to punish his father (14031405) leads to a debate (lines 1408-1446) about physical punishment practised on the young by Strepsiades' generation and whether it is right for the young to treat the elderly in the same way. <br> - The association passim of philosophers and the 'Reflectory' or 'Thinkery' with new-fangled ideas. <br> - The Clouds' greeting of Strepsiades in line 358 and the contrast they make between Socrates and 'present-day celestial experts' in line 360. <br> - References to the usurpation of the Olympian gods by, e.g., 'Vortex' (line 380, lines 1469-1474), and other sceptical remarks (e.g. lines 398-402). <br> - Association passim of old age with difficulty in learning, e.g. in 476-477 and 512-517, and in the fact that Strepsiades has to give up and make Pheidippides take his place. <br> - When discussing comedy in the parabasis Aristophanes espouses originality and novelty (e.g. 547-548, 561-562). <br> - Association passim of the 'Better' Argument with old ways and the older generation (e.g., negatively, line 908, 916, 984, positively in lines 985-986, 1028-1029), and the 'Worse' Argument with new ways and the younger generation (e.g. 896-898, 912-914, 916-9, 943-944, 987, 1003, 1015ff.). (Cf. also 935-938.) | Mark | Guida | nce |
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|  |  |  | Good answers will give a broad and detailed assessment of the ways in which the theme of the old versus the new and/or age versus youth is portrayed in Clouds (AO1/AO2 analysis), and will show an appreciation of whether Aristophanes might be said to favour one side over the other, or whether anything serious is actually being said at all (AO2 evaluation). |  |

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