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F364
CLASSICS: LATIN
Latin Prose

THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012: Morning
DURATION: 2 hours
plus your additional time allowance
MODIFIED ENLARGED

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

**12 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)**

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **ONE** question from Section A and **ONE** question from Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.

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Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B.

SECTION A: PRESCRIBED LITERATURE

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

1 Read BOTH passages and answer the questions.

tradit Cluvius ardore retinendae Agrippinam
potentiae eo usque provectam ut medio diei, cum
id temporis Nero per vinum et epulas incalesceret,
offerret se saepius temulento comptam et incesto
paratam; iamque lasciva oscula et praenuntias
flagitii blanditias adnotantibus proximis, Senecam
contra muliebres inlecebras subsidium a femina
petivisse, immissamque Acten libertam quae simul
suo periculo et infamia Neronis anxia deferret
pervulgatum esse incestum gloriante matre, nec
toleraturos milites profani principis imperium. 5

Fabius Rusticus non Agrippinae sed Neroni cupitum
id memorat eiusdemque libertae astu disiectum.
sed quae Cluvius eadem ceteri quoque auctores
prodidere, et fama huc inclinat, seu concepit animo
tantum immanitatis Agrippina, seu credibilior novae
libidinis meditatio in ea visa est quae puellaribus
annis stuprum cum Lepido spe dominationis
admiserat, pari cupidine usque ad libita Pallantis
provoluta et exercita ad omne flagitium patrui
nuptiis. 10

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Tacitus, *Annals XIV* 2

(a) What makes this such a powerful and memorable passage?

MARKS ARE AWARDED FOR THE QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN YOUR ANSWER. [25]

adiebat crima longius repetita, quod consortium imperii iuraturasque in feminae verba praetorias cohortes idemque dedecus senatus et populi speravisset, ac postquam frustra habita sit, infensa militi patribusque et plebi dissuasisset donativum et congiarium periculaque viris inlustribus struxisset. quanto suo labore perpetratum ne inrumperet curiam, ne gentibus externis responsa daret. temporum quoque Claudianorum obliqua insectatione cuncta eius dominationis flagitia in matrem transtulit, publica fortuna exstinctam referens. namque et naufragium narrabat: quod fortuitum fuisse quis adeo hebes inveniretur ut crederet? aut a muliere naufraga missum cum telo unum qui cohortes et classes imperatoris perfringeret? ergo non iam Nero, cuius immanitas omnium questus antibat, sed Seneca adverso rumore erat quod oratione tali confessionem scripsisset.

miro tamen certamine procerum decernuntur supplicationes apud omnia pulvinaria, utque Quinquatus quibus apertae insidiae essent ludis annuis celebrarentur; aureum Minervae simulacrum in curia et iuxta principis imago statuerentur; dies natalis Agrippinae inter nefastos esset.

Tacitus, *Annals XIV 11–12.1*

- (b) In what ways does Tacitus' language create negative impressions of Agrippina, Nero and the senators?

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[Section A Total: 50 marks]

**DO NOT ANSWER QUESTION 2 IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED
QUESTION 1.**

2 Read BOTH passages and answer the questions.

inde consedit et nominibus in urnam coniectis
citari quod primum sorte nomen excidit ipsumque e
curia produci iussit. ubi auditum est nomen, malum
et improbum pro se quisque clamare et suppicio
dignum. tum Pacuvius: ‘video quae de hoc sententia 5
sit; date igitur pro malo atque improbo bonum
senatorem et iustum.’ primo silentium erat inopia
potioris subiciundi; deinde cum aliquis omissa
verecundia quempiam nominasset, multo maior
extemplo clamor oriebatur, cum alii negarent nosse, 10
alii nunc probra, nunc humilitatem sordidamque
inopiam et pudendae artis aut quaestus genus
obicerent. hoc multo magis in secundo ac tertio citato
senatore est factum, ut ipsius paenitere homines
appareret, quem autem in eius substituerent locum 15
deesse, quia nec eosdem nominari attinebat, nihil
aliud quam ad audienda probra nominatos, et multo
humiliores obscurioresque ceteri erant eis qui primi
memoriae occurribant. ita dilabi homines, notissimum
quodque malum maxime tolerabile dicentes esse 20
iubentesque senatum ex custodia dimitti.

Livy, XXIII 3.7–14

- (a) How does Livy make the most of this dramatic episode?

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COMMUNICATION IN YOUR ANSWER. [25]**

'adicite ad haec, quod foedus aequum deditis,
quod leges vestras, quod ad extremum, id quod
ante Cannensem certe cladem maximum fuit,
civitatem nostram magnae parti vestrum dedimus
communicavimusque vobiscum. itaque communem 5
vos hanc cladem quae accepta est credere, Campani,
oportet, communem patriam tuendam arbitrari esse.
non cum Samnite aut Etrusco res est, ut quod a
nobis ablatum sit in Italia tamen imperium maneat;
Poenus hostis ne Africæ quidem indigenam ab 10
ultimis terrarum oris, freto Oceani Herculisque
columnis, expertem omnis iuris et condicionis
et linguae prope humanae militem trahit. hunc
natura et moribus immitem ferumque insuper dux
ipse efferavit, pontibus ac molibus ex humanorum 15
corporum strue faciendis et, quod proloqui etiam
piget, vesci corporibus humanis docendo. his
infandis pastos epulis, quos contingere etiam nefas
sit, videre atque habere dominos et ex Africa et a
Carthagine iura petere et Italiam Numidarum ac 20
Maurorum pati provinciam esse, cui non, genito
modo in Italia, detestabile sit? pulchrum erit,
Campani, prolapsum clade Romanum imperium
vestra fide, vestris viribus retentum ac reciperatum
esse.' 25

Livy, XXIII 5.9–14

(b) How does Livy make this passage persuasive?

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COMMUNICATION IN YOUR ANSWER. [25]**

[Section A Total: 50 marks]

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SECTION B: LANGUAGE

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

UNPREPARED TRANSLATION AND COMPREHENSION

3 Read the passage and answer all the questions.

Caesar finds the forces of his enemy Afranius concentrated below the hill town of Ilerda. Caesar pitches camp between two rivers, with bridges built by his lieutenant, Fabius, providing access to supplies.

Floods now made life very difficult for Caesar.

interea accidit maximum incommodum.¹ tanta
enim tempestas orta est ut numquam illis locis
maiores aquas fuisse constaret:² haec tempestas
ex omnibus montibus nivem³ solvit ac summas
ripas fluminis superavit pontesque ambos quos 5
Fabius fecerat uno die interrupt. quae res magnas
difficultates exercitui Caesaris attulit. cum enim
castra essent inter flumina duo, quorum neutrum
transiri poterat, necessario omnes hoc spatio
angusto continebantur. neque civitates, quae 10
ad amicitiam Caesaris accesserant, frumentum
supportare, neque ei qui pabulandi⁴ causa longius
progressi erant interclusi fluminibus reverti
poterant.

Afranius' forces, by contrast, are easily supplied because they have access to a river bridge not destroyed by the floods.

at exercitus Afrani omnium rerum abundabat copia. 15
multum erat frumentum provisum et convectum
superioribus temporibus, multum ex omni provincia

comportabatur; magna copia pabuli⁵ erat. harum omnium rerum facultates sine ullo periculo pons Ilerdae praebebat et loca trans flumen integra, quo omnino Caesar adire non poterat. hae permanserunt aquae dies complures. conatus est Caesar reficere pontes; sed nec magnitudo fluminis permittebat, neque ad ripam dispositae cohortes adversariorum perfici patiebantur.

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Caesar, *Civil War I* 48–50 (adapted)

NAMES

Fabius, -i m.

Fabius

Afranius, -i (m)

Afranius

Ilerda -i (f)

Ilerda (a town)

WORDS

¹*incommodum, -i* (n)

setback

²*constat, -are*

it is agreed

³*nix, nivis* (f)

snow

⁴*pabulor, -ari*

I seek supplies of fodder

⁵*pabulum, -i* (n)

fodder

- (a) Translate the first paragraph (*interea ... poterant*, lines 1–14) into English.
Remember that extra credit will be given for good English.
Please write your translation on ALTERNATE LINES. [30]
- (b) *at exercitus ... poterat* (lines 15–21): show how Caesar emphasises the advantages that Afranius had in terms of supplies.
- Make THREE points and refer closely to the Latin in your answer. You should consider not only what he says but also how he says it. [6]
- (c) *conatus est ... patiebantur* (lines 22–25): what prevented Caesar from rebuilding the bridges? [4]
- (d) State and explain the case of:
- (i) *facultates* (line 19) [2]
 - (ii) *dies* (line 22) [2]
 - (iii) *fluminis* (line 23) [2]
- (e) Give an idiomatic translation of:
- (i) *superioribus temporibus* (line 17) [1]
 - (ii) *aquae* (line 22) [1]

(f) Give the first person singular present indicative active of these verbs:

(i) *provisum* (line 16) [1]

(ii) *dispositae* (line 24) [1]

[Section B Total: 50 marks]

[Paper Total: 100 marks]

DO NOT ANSWER QUESTION 4 IF YOU HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED QUESTION 3.

PROSE COMPOSITION

- 4 Translate the following passage into Latin prose.
PLEASE WRITE YOUR TRANSLATION ON ALTERNATE LINES.** You are reminded that marks will be awarded for the style of your translation.

Spartacus and about thirty men escaped from a gladiatorial school¹. They summoned other slaves to join them and soon had gathered ten thousand armed men. These were angry because they had been mistreated, and set out to punish the Romans. They seized Mount Vesuvius, where they were quickly surrounded by the army of the consul. After Spartacus told his men to climb down from the mountain, the Romans were so off their guard that their camp was quickly captured. Spartacus fought for two years until finally Crassus defeated him in a famous battle. When Crassus asked the captured slaves which of them was Spartacus, they unanimously shouted “I am Spartacus.” His comrades were crucified² and everyone believed that they had been punished as they deserved.

¹ gladiatorial school

ludus, -i (m)

² crucify

cruci adfigo –figere, -fixi, -fixus

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[Section B Total: 50 marks]

[Paper Total: 100 marks]

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