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Introduction

GCE in Greek, Unit 2 consists of three sections:

Section A: Reading

Section B: Translation

Section C: Essays on chosen topic(s) and/or text(s)

A fair number of candidates produced excellent responses. They demonstrated familiarity with the topics and texts, good language awareness and the linguistic competences that allowed them to apply knowledge in order to transfer meaning, answer comprehension questions clearly and succinctly and develop a cohesive, coherent argument. In Sections A and B, many candidates provided answers that captured meaning, detail and nuance and translated correctly from English into Greek, while adhering to the conventions of grammar and syntax.

In 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 choose question 6 on cinema, with good results. This year also, we saw evidence of good knowledge of these popular topics and satisfactory skills of analysis supported by factual substantiation.

Students are required to demonstrate advanced level skills in Greek reading and in the transfer of meaning from English into Greek. To promote research and a greater knowledge and understanding of Greek culture and/or society, students must produce two Greeklanguage essays in response to questions related to their chosen topic(s) and/or text(s).

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. It was a very welcome change to see so many candidates writing responses that targeted facts succinctly and clearly, without resorting to lengthy narratives.

Questions 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) and 1(f) were answered very well by the majority of candidates, although a small number missed one or two pieces of information required in 1(a).

Question 1(d) gave rise to some responses which lacked the necessary clarity to convey intended meaning. The question asked Πώς διέφερε η παλιά Κορομηλιά από τη σημερινή», sometimes yielded answers that failed to identify whether the candidate was referring to the past or the present, making it difficult to attribute a description such as e.g. « Πολύς κόσμος στο δρόμο και σπίτια κατοικημένα », to a specific period in time. Regarding questions (e) and (f), a small number of candidates failed to notice the guidance given in the rubric about copying whole phrases from the source text and answered by providing whole sentences and sometimes paragraphs from the text, without any evidence of manipulation. A frequent response to (e) was a phrase taken from the text verbatim, « ιδιαίτερα τους νέους », whereas a frequent response to 1(f) was « Για να διασκεδάσεις να βρεις δουλειά και να σπουδάσεις, πρέπει να πας σε μια μεγαλουπολη », also taken from the text without any manipulation.

This type of responses were marked as incorrect. Candidates are advised to pay attention to the structure of the question, including syntax and tense, in order to respond appropriately, in their own words and in line with the conventions of grammar. It is accepted that some words from the text will be used (e.g. $\Pi \dot{a} \sigma \chi a$, $\mu \eta \tau \dot{\epsilon} \rho a$, $\epsilon \pi a \rho \chi \dot{a} a$) but the sentence or phrase must be the candidate's construct.

A frequent pattern that cost some students one mark related to the omission of a significant detail in 1 (g), that asked candidates to identify "where" things had got worse.

This is an excellent response that has earned full marks (14).

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Αποί που μετακινούνται πολύ είναι οι νέοι	
(f) Ποια σημαντικά πράγματα δεν υπάρχουν στην επαρχία, σύμφωνα με τον αφηγητή; Δώσε δύο λεπτομέρειες.	
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Αντίθετα με τις πόλεις, στην επαρχία δεν έχεις πολλές επιλο	-
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The candidate has identified the required information clearly and in appropriate detail.



This is a good example of a response that relies on the candidate's own words and does not copy whole phrases from the source text. It is clear that the candidate has used words from the text but has made a considerable effort to rephrase. This response has scored 6 out of a possible 14 marks.

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The candidate starts well, albeit with some omissions, but ends in an unsatisfactory manner, either because the information is not clearly identified or because the structure of some sentences is rather weak and obscures meaning.



It is important to respect the conventions of grammar in order to formulate sentences which clearly identify the relationship between the various parts of speech - subjects and objects in particular.

Where two marks are available, it is an indication that two pieces of information are required.

Question 2

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

Some candidates, however, lacked the language skills needed to grasp more than the basic sense of the passage, whereas many inadvertently left out some of the more challenging words or, at times, whole phrases.

A surprisingly large number of responses failed to translate the following correctly, either because of inadequate knowledge of grammar or limited knowledge of vocabulary:

"Translator": this was often left out or rendered as «δημοσιογράφος», «συγγραφέας» or «διερμηνέας», instead of the correct «μεταφραστής». "Whose mother tongue is Greek": this caused some confusion to less able candidates, either because they could not form the genitive of the relative pronoun or because they were not familiar with the term "mother tongue".

"He spends time": this was often rendered inappropriately as «σπαταλά», which suggests "wasting" time. In some responses the tense of the last paragraph was changed and the Aorist or the Imperfect were used, instead of the Present tense. This is clearly a case whereby use of the wrong tense (even if this "wrong" tense is formed correctly) alters the meaning of the sentence. According to the source text, the translator is still in the habit of adopting a certain approach on studying languages and a sentence that uses the Aorist suggest that he no longer follows this practice.

Quite a large number of translations failed to identify the European country of Belgium as «

Bέλγιο». In general however, the majority of candidates produced competent translations. Despite occasional grammatical slips and wrong use of vocabulary, the language was well communicated and there was evidence of linguistic achievement.

This is an excellent translation that earned 10 out of 10 marks.

SECTION B: TRANSLATION

Δεύτερο κείμενο

Ερώτηση 2

Μετάφρασε το κείμενο στα Ελληνικά

Many people are able to speak two languages fluently or maybe three or even four. However, loannis Ikonomou is comfortable speaking thirty or so.

In a telephone interview with a Greek newspaper from his office in Belgium, the translator says he began learning English, his first foreign language, at the age of six.

"I liked it so much, nothing could stop me," says Ikonomou, whose mother tongue is Greek.

When he learns a new language, Ikonomou says he lives and breathes everything connected to it. He spends time studying the language, of course, but also the people who speak it and the food they eat.

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The candidate has produced an excellent translation demonstrating knowledge of the conventions and rules of Greek grammar and syntax.

The language reads well and contains a variety of correctly used structures, vocabulary and idiom. Some errors at the lower end of the scale do not detract from the overall impression of an excellently translated text. 10 marks.



Even if one lacks the obvious linguistic skills of this candidate, it is important to pay attention to generic rules of orthography, as some valuable marks are to be gained when correct spelling as well as consistent indication of the position of the stress are present.

This an example of an unsatisfactory response that only earned 3 out of 10 marks.

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The translation starts well but it soon becomes clear that the candidate has an insufficient range of vocabulary and knowledge of linguistic structures to be able to transfer the meaning of the source text correctly.



It is important to pay attention to the tense which identifies the time the narrative refers to; beware of switching between the present and the past and creating confusion.

Question 3(a)(x)

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

Some answers focused on the politics of the period but not in direct relation to the role of the monarchy. They demonstrated good knowledge of the general topic and presented factually correct information which, however, was not always relevant.

Question 3 (b) (x)

A good number of candidates who studied the History of Greece chose to respond to this question, which asked them to comment on the statement that claimed that the 60s were the most turbulent period in the history of post-War Greece. There were many pertinent responses that aptly highlighted the political instability of the period and, in addition to significant political events, mentioned issues of social and economic change (migration, in particular) that affected modern Greek society dramatically. There were a few answers which focused solely on the events of the Polytechnic in 1973 or the 1974 invasion of Cyprus. Sadly, these events, as important as they were, were outside of the time frame that the question stipulated and were not considered appropriate, as the candidates addressed the general topic area but not the specific question.

Question 4 (a) (x)

Question 4a yielded satisfactory responses which did well on analysis regarding the significance and impact of the London Zurich agreements but occasionally veered into detailed references that were outside the framework of the question and delved, to an unnecessary extent, into events preceding it. There was evidence of satisfactory factual knowledge, albeit with some inconsistencies regarding dates, names of the various stakeholders and the articles of the agreement.

Question 4 (b) (x)

The relationship of the Church of Cyprus with the colonial government was the most popular question in this topic. Many answers provided relevant details and correct factual support in order to back up the main arguments and painted a vivid picture of a troubled relationship which became even more strained as a result of the support that the church of Cyprus extended to the demands for Enosis.

This is a reponse that earned 25 out of the possible 28 marks.

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The candidate shows very good knowledge of the topic, despite some omissions and slips in the development of the argument. There is evidence of critical ability as the information is interpreted in direct relation to the requirements of the question.



It is important to avoid unnecessarily lengthy and generic introductions about the topic and to state the main thesis of the response in the opening paragraph. A strong conclusion sums up succinctly the main points of the argument and reinforces a positive impression about the essay's organisation and development.

Put a cross in the box indicating the first question you have chosen to answer .

If you change your mind, put a line through the box .

and then indicate your new question with a cross ...

You will be asked to indicate your second question choice on page 12.

Chosen Question Number:

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Συμπτραστικά, οι σχέσης είχαν αλλησία πολύ, που η εμκλησία ήταν ανάγκη να πει σε συξήτηση με την αποιμιοτραπική μυβέριηση.



The candidate shows limited knowledge of the topic and efforts to address the question are not very successful as communication is hampered by limited language skills and is only achieved at basic level.

Question 5(a)(x)

Very few candidates picked this question. Most of those who did provided rather unsatisfactory responses and relied on generic descriptions which included basic and often irrelevant details. Many of the answers did not identify a specific geographical region and focused on broadly sketched differences between country and city, touching upon topics such as transportation, employment and educational opportunities or lifestyle. Very few answers focused on the required information, which targeted the differences in cultural development and practices between specific villages and cities included in the specification's prescribed geographical regions.

Question 5(b)(x)

There were some essays which demonstrated good knowledge of the topic but did not always describe and argue in relation to the specific question. A small number of successful answers focused on the island of Crete and substantiated their argument with clear, 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 the area, especially in relation to climate and natural beauty, which was not within the purview of the question. Question 5(b) targeted the reasons that influence the production and distribution of agricultural produce and not the general economic welfare of the region.

Question 6(a)(x)

Question 6 (a) yielded some very good responses, which showed evidence of independent thinking, excellent organisational skills, effective development of ideas and solid knowledgeof the films. In most cases the quality of language was excellent.

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 theme of difficult goodbyes and separation running through them. Occasionally, students addressed the question with a little more detail than necessary, especially as this detail was about plot development that was not necessarily pertinent to the thesis of the essay or the requirements of the question. Occasionally there were all inclusive summaries of the films that took up valuable word count; this ought to have been devoted to description and commentary on incidents of separation and their impact on the characters' lives.

This response earned 17 marks, despite evidence of promise in the beginning of the essay.

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The candidate knows the films but does not organise knowledge in a clear and logical way. Many details are unnecessary, the narrative is often all inclusive rather than in response to the question and the candidate barely manages to delve into the second film by the time the word limit has been exhausted.



Attention to rubric is paramount and good knowledge of the topics cannot be properly rewarded if violations occur. When it comes to topics and texts that require examples from three primary sources (films, poems or short stories) there needs to be a balance in the space/amount of words and length of description alloted to each example.

It is also of primary importance to indicate consistently the position of the stress.

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The essay provides several relevant and substantiated points in response to the question, with the response focusing on "Peppermint" being the least well articulated and formulated.



It is important to pay attention to the constituent parts of each question, which invariably invite candidates to demonstrate familiarity with the topic and the content of the question by describing and citing examples. However, it is also important to interpret and analyse this information, relating it to the requirements of the question. This essay does just that in a pertinent introduction that is followed by succinct and relevant details.

Question 6(b)(x)

Question 6(b) was handled very well by many candidates who seemed familiar with the question and were able to focus on the distinguishing, relevant details that defined attitudes to the events in the characters' lives. Occasionally, but not too often, there was a pattern of incomplete responses. These responses singled out the traumatic or significant events that occurred but did not discuss them in terms of differences in treatment. Instead, they focused solely on the way the children responded to them, omitting the required comparisons.

The two films that provided the most compelling material for discussion and formed the basis of the most successful arguments were "Hard Goodbyes: My father" and "A song is not enough".

Question 7 (a) (x)

As has been the case for the last few years, 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 this question 7(a). Many responses confused a challenging situation for a dilemma, and described the difficulties, changes of fortune or surprises that characters experienced in poems such as "Ιγνάτιου Τάφος», «Βασιλεύς Δημήτριος», «Το πρώτο σκαλί», «Η διορία του Νέρωνος» and « Ιθάκη» as poems about dilemmas and characters torn between two conflicting tendencies. These essays brought in details extraneous to the poems themselves and tried to force them into a thematic framework that was not really relevant or of primary significance to an overriding theme of dilemmas. Often, the responses focused on dilemmas, not as experienced by the characters in the poetry, but as they would have been experienced by the candidates themselves or people in general. These lines of argument, especially if they occur at the expense of the actual content of the poem, as well as an abundance of biographical details, are inappropriate for any discussion of poetry questions. Sadly, a common occurrence in the Cavafy questions is a lengthy, standard introduction that begins with « Ο Καβάφης είναι ένας διεθνούς φήμης αναγνωρισμένος ποιητής, του οποίου η ιδιομορφία ...κλπ κλπ». These introductions, identical to one another from one essay to the next, do not add anything to the discussion in hand and take away valuable word count that could have been used more productively to address the question head on.

This response earned 25 out of the available 28 marks.

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This is an excellent example of a pertinent response that uses some of the most appropriate poems to back up a well expressed argument.



Choosing the examples that are the most appropriate to back up an argument is a very important aspect of the successful response. Some of the responses to these question, unlike this example, failed to indicate convincing instances of dilemmas, as these were experienced by the characters in the poems. This was a less satisfactory response which earned the candidate 12 out of 28 marks.

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The response demonstrates limited knowledge of the topic. There is some basic factual information about the poems in the beginning but this is not employed convincingly to build an argument and is rather sketchy in its details. The factual information about the third poem is inaccurate and leads to incoherence.



A good essay begins with an introduction that gives the main points that constitute the thesis and is supported by a series of paragraphs with examples that substantiate these points.

The concluding remarks should be based on these previously substantiated points and be the end result of clear and effective organisation of relevant material. If the main thesis of the essay has not been previously supported with well integrated examples that show close knowledge of the poems, the conclusion sounds generic and unconvincing.

Question 7 (b) (y)

This is an excellent essay that earned 27 out of 28 marks.

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This is an essay that shows very good knowledge of the poems and argues purposefully in direct relationship to the question asked. The candidate makes several points that highlight the treatment of old age and how the characters are affected by it. The marginalisation that comes with growing old, the loss of strength and opportunity for love, the memory of desire, as well as the role of art in alleviating some of the pain of aging, are illustrated succinctly and with relevant material. The conclusive remarks are the crowning glory of the essay and make references to even more relevant material.



Detailed summing up of poems is not essential for a good response. In view of the word limit imposed, it is advised to focus on the aspects that serve a pertinent argument.

This essay earned 15 out of 28 marks.

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The candidate shows some knowledge of the text but virtually ignores the rubric that asks for information and analysis with regard to the portrayal of old age and how the characters in the poem deal with it. The selection of poems mentioned is unsuitable and makes the information irrelevant, even though it is factually correct.



It is important to discuss the poems in relation to the question. Close knowledge of all of Cavafy's recommended poems, rather than a handful, will enable candidates to answer questions in a pertinent and inclusive manner.

Question 8 (a) (x)

Question 8 was a very popular but tended to yield somewhat lengthy responses that went over the word limit, before the writer had the opportunity to discuss a third and sometimes even a second story. It was very clear that the vast majority of candidates had very solid knowledge of the short stories and quite a few were able to identify historical coordinates such as the Asia Minor Disaster, the Second World War and the Greek Civil War, and the way these affected the lives of the main characters. Many produced detailed and sophisticated responses, testament to the students' hard work itself but also to the fact that they had been taught very well. Out of the 17 stories in the collection, there was obvious preference for the following, which also happened to be very apt for any substantiation of the main argument:

«Τα σκυλιά του Σέιχ-Σου», «Ψηλά στο Εσκί Ντελίκ», «Βουγγάρι» «Το μέντιουμ» «Τα λεμόνια ήταν ακριβά».

A small number of candidates failed to notice that the question required reference to the historical coordinates of the stories and focused instead on instances of social strife, death, or loss, without trying to attribute any of these to the events that unfolded during the characters' lives. There also seemed to be a number of pre-learnt essays which discussed the treatment of "Death" without even a cursory reference to the question. These indicated minimal understanding of the question and could not earn the higher marks.

Question 8(b)(x)

Candidates who answered this question did very well with regard to identifying how the title is firmly grounded in the themes of several short stories. The discussion drew material from several short stories but mainly from

"Η μόνη κληρονομιά", "Ο λογαριασμός", "Η ομίχλη" "Στου Κεμάλ το σπίτι", "Η Ευτυχούλα" and "Το μαγνητόφωνο της ταβέρνας". This was the question that yielded the most sophisticated responses, with evidence of independent thought and all factual information appropriately integrated into the essay. It was refreshing to see so many answers that tackled the theme of "the only inheritance" from so many different angles. Many talked about the stories themselves as the only thing that is bequeathed by the author to his fellow citizens, others talked about characters having inherited the fate, histories, values and conventions of their era, to the detriment of their happiness and independence, whereas others focused on the material aspect of "inheritance", especially in stories such as "Το μαγνητόφωνο της ταβέρνας" and talked eloquently and compellingly about a generation of people who, truth be told, inherited hardly anything of any material value.

Paper Summary

Based on their performance in this series, candidates are offered the following advice:

- Read each question carefully before you begin your answer; keep your answer focused and succinct; full answers are not necessarily lengthy, especially in question 1
- A question which carries 2 marks (especially question 1) is asking you to provide two
 pieces of information or two details
- When translating from English into Greek, pay attention to grammar conventions, spelling and the position of stress
- Avoid providing alternatives in the translation; the examiner will only mark the first word/phrase
- You should respect the word limit in section C to avoid self-penalising
- In section C take care to answer the question that is written, rather than writing an allinclusive essay on the topic since access to the higher mark bands is likely to be limited if the answer is not specific.

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