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**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2010 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

9788 LATIN

9788/04

Paper 4 (Prose Composition or Comprehension),
maximum raw mark 40

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Section A: Prose Composition

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| When . . . moment: | 8 |
| But . . . famine: | 7 |
| that . . . suffering: | 13 |
| However . . . this: | 7 |
| so . . . arise: | 5 |
| Suddenly . . . rostra: | 9 |
| which . . . magistrate: | 8 |
| to explain . . . wants: | 8 |
| When . . . clothes: | 10 |
| assisted . . . difficulty: | 6 |
| In . . . truth: | 4 |
| It . . . Italy: | 12 |
| are . . . city: | 8 |

= 105 divided by 3 = 35. Resulting marks with 1/3 should be rounded down, with 2/3 rounded up.

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When they heard these words the mob was quiet for a moment.|| But the people had
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suffered so long from *famine*|| that they refused to go home until the consul was forced
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to *relieve* their suffering.|| However, no one knew how to do this,|| so soon a murmur
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began to arise.|| Suddenly a voice was heard from the crowd, 'Let me mount the
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rostra'|| – which no one was permitted to do without leave from a magistrate –|| 'to
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explain what the people really wants.'|| When Metellus agreed, a man, weak with
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hunger and wearing *shabby* clothes,|| assisted by his friends, mounted the steps with
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great difficulty.|| In plain words he told the truth:|| 'It is your fault, Romans,' he said,
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'that we, who once cultivated the soil of Italy,|| are now crowded and starving in this
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wretched city.'

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Then, in consideration of the whole passage, five marks for style and fluency are awarded according to the following grid:

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| 5 | Comprehensively fluent and idiomatic. |
| 4 | Judicious recasting of the English with good choice of vocabulary in accordance with appropriate idiom. |
| 3 | Some attempt to move beyond the literal to an idiomatic rendering of the text through use of more complex grammatical structures. |
| 2 | Some evidence of use of idiom, e.g. connectives, word order. |
| 1 | Very literal translation with only occasional attempt to capture idiom. |
| 0 | Very literal translation with no attempt to capture idiom. |

[Total: 40]

Section B: Comprehension

(i) What reasons does Pliny give for his nervousness?

Speaking on such a matter/before the Emperor/in such an assembly/often spoke in the senate/nowhere heard in such a kindly fashion. [5]

(ii) How is the defendant's status described?

Once of consular rank/once held one of the priesthoods/now neither of these things i.e. fallen in status. [3]

(iii) Explain what Pliny feels is difficult about the prosecution.

Difficult to prosecute a man already condemned/as pity for earlier conviction/qualified the atrocity of his crime. [3]

(iv) How does Pliny describe the start of his speech?

The approval of the audience was no less than his anxiety. [2]

(v) For how long does Pliny speak?

Almost 5 hours. [1]

(vi) With respect to the Latin, identify and explain the two contrasts made in this sentence.

dura . . . adversa + *secunda*/harsh and adverse contrasted with favourable/*dicturo* + *dicenti*/future participle contrasted with present participle. [4]

(vii) How does the Emperor demonstrate his concern for Pliny?

More than once when he thought I was overstraining/more than my physique could endure/he suggested to my freedman/that I should be careful/with my voice and side (lungs?). [5]

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(viii) Until when was the court adjourned, and why?

The next day/too near night/to start whole new speech. [3]

(ix) What part of the verb is *imaginare*?

Imperative. [1]

(x) Find from the passage a present passive infinitive; a present participle in the genitive case.

audiri/audientium. [2]

(xi) Identify two comparative adverbs in the passage.

Two of *benignius/saepius/vehementius*. [2]

(xii) *ut libertum ... admoneret*: what sort of clause is this?

Result. [1]

(xiii) *consulerem*: what part of the verb is this, and why?

Imperfect subjunctive/Indirect command after *admoneret* [2]

(xiv) State and explain the cases of *sollicitudo*; *quae*; *voci*

Nominative – subject of the clause dependent on *imaginare*/accusative – object of *dixi*/dative after *consulo*. [3]

(xv) Explain why the following verbs are in the subjunctive: *putaret*; *posset*; *scinderetur*.

After *cum*/subordinate clause within indirect speech/result. [3]

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