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PAPER 2 Verse Literature

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Specimen Questions

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Examiners should consult the Principal Examiner about other appropriate answers which should receive marks

- 1 (a) Menelaus' wife has run off (1) with (Trojan) Paris (1) [2]
- (b) **Either** - - / u - / - - / u - / - - / u x = 16 elements
9-12 correct elements = 1 mark, 13-16 = 2 marks
- Or** Contrast of *ἄλλους* and *ἄμὲ* (1), starting each half of the line (1);
repetition of *ὄλεϊ* and *διολέσαντ'* (1) - tense variation (1);
assonance of *ἄλλους ὄλεϊ* at the beginning (1). Any 2 [2]
- (c) (i) Ask what was stopping him (1) from despatching the army (1) [2]
(ii) Asks where the Phrygians (1) are said to live (1) [2]
(iii) Surprised – not expecting her to ignore Agamemnon's statement. [2]
Frustrated – had expected this statement to lead to revelations about the future. [2]
Relieved – moment of dreadful truth postponed. [2]
Accept any other suitable suggestion properly supported.
- (d) Agamemnon: we will meet again in the afterlife.
Iphigenia: we will meet again after you return home from war.
Sense of line (1). Different interpretations (2). [3]
- (e) Wistfulness in wanting to sail with her father (line 9), though knowing it impossible (1)
πλοῦς reminder of voyage across river of death (1)
Repetition in *μόνη* (twice), *μονωθεῖς* (1)
Separation from both parents emphasised (12) (1)
Word 'father' used 4 times in 9-13, in vocative – her source of destruction (1)
Any other acceptable point.
Good discussion of 2 or 3 points or 4 less detailed. [5]
- (f) *ἔασον...κόρας* 3
σπεῦδι...πάτερ 4
θύσαι...ἐνθάδε 3 [3]
10 ÷ 2 = [5]
- (g) It is proper to give attention (1) to what is holy with sacred rites (1) [2]
- (h) Iphigenia sees herself leading the pre-sacrifice dance round the altar (1),
whereas she will be the victim on the altar (1) [2]
- (i) Sorry for himself (line 20) – envying her; cowardly in allowing Iphigenia to continue unaware
of the situation, making vague hints (lines 2, 4, 16 etc), but unwilling to face up to reality
(line 14). [3]
1 point with good discussion or 2 less detailed.
Any other acceptable point. [30 marks]
- 2 Answers to questions on a similar passage. [30 marks]

[Total: 60 marks]

- 3 (a) (i) In the grove of Athena (1) at a distance of a shout from the city (1) [2]
 (ii) When he thinks Nausicaa has got home (1) he should go to the Phaeacians' city (1) and ask for her father's palace (1) [3]
- (b) Easily recognisable (1), the Phaeacians' houses are not built like it (1) it is the house of a hero (1) a small child could take you there (implying it is conspicuous) (1). Any 2 [2]
- (c) Diagram a good idea (see facing p.13 of text) – n.b. megaron only (not courtyard etc.); four pillars forming a square (1), with a hearth in the centre (1), and a hole in the roof (light, smoke outlet) (1), throne (1). Allow some mention of activities there (1 max). Any 3 [3]
- (d) (i) Arete (1), (ii) Queen (1) [2]
- (e) Told exactly where she is – leaning against pillar/by hearth (1), illuminated by fire (1), her activity – spinning (1), introduction of colour *ἀλιπόρφυρα* (1), comment – *θαῦμα ἰδέσθαι* – enhances her (1), handmaids behind her – group picture, her importance emphasised (1). Any 3 or other point properly supported. [3]
- (f) τὸν...ἡμετέρης 4
 ἵνα...ἔσσι 6 10 ÷ 2 = [5]
- (g) **Either** - - / - - / - u u / - u u / - u u / - x = 19 elements
 10-14 correct elements = 1 mark, 15-19 = 2 marks
- Or** *ἐνκτίμενον, σῆν, πατρίδα* (1) enclosing feature of *οἶκον...γαίαν* (1) [2]
- (h) (i) Ithaca (1) (ii) hopes to obtain a ship (1) from King Alcinous (1) [3]
- (i) Arete – a queen emphasised by her seat and the handmaids (1) but knows how to do everyday tasks such as spinning (1) Alcinous compared to an immortal – made very grand (1) perhaps affection between them, as thrones side by side (1) discussion of the significance of Arete being approached for a safe homecoming rather than Alcinous (2), Alcinous referred to as *μεγαλήτορος* – great-hearted (1) *ἥρωος* (1)
 Any other suitable point properly supported. [5]
 Maximum (2) for reference to the text (2+) for some attempt at interpretation. [5]
 [30 marks]

4 Answers to questions on a similar passage. [30 marks]

[Total: 60 marks]

