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**Prose Literature
(Higher Tier)**

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DURATION: 45 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- You should answer this paper only if you have entered for the Higher Tier.
- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer EITHER Section A OR Section B.
- Do not translate the passages of Latin unless you are specifically asked to do so.

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 40.

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**Answer all the questions in EITHER Section A
OR Section B.**

SECTION A

Prose Selections from the Cambridge Latin Anthology

- 1 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**

**1 Druides rebus divinis intersunt, sacrificia
publica ac privata procurant, religiones
3 interpretantur: ad hos magnus numerus
4 adulescentium discendi causa concurrit,
5 magnoque hi sunt apud eos honore. nam fere
de omnibus controversiis publicis privatisque
7 constituunt, et, si quod facinus admissum est,
si caedes facta, si de hereditate, de finibus
9 controversia est, Druides rem decernunt,
10 praemia poenasque constituunt. si quis aut
privatus aut publicus eorum decreto non stetit,
12 sacrificiis interdicunt: haec poena apud eos
13 est gravissima. ei quibus ita interdictum est
14 numero impiorum ac scelestorum habentur, eis
15 omnes decedunt, aditum sermonemque fugiunt,
ne quid ex contagione incommodi accipiant;
neque eis petentibus ius redditur neque honos
18 ullus datur.**

(CAESAR: *Druides*)

- (a) *Druides ... interpretantur* (lines 1–3): give the TWO religious duties of the Druids. [4]
- (b) *ad hos ... concurrit* (lines 3–4): why did young men flock to the Druids? [1]
- (c) *magnoque hi sunt apud eos honore* (line 5): explain in your own words what Caesar is saying in this sentence. [2]
- (d) *si quod ... decernunt* (lines 7–9): on what matters did the Druids make decisions? Give THREE. [3]
- (e) *si quis ... gravissima* (lines 10–13):
- (i) to whom was *haec poena* given? [2]
 - (ii) what was *haec poena*? [2]
- (f) *haec poena ... datur* (lines 12–18):
- (i) Give FOUR examples of how everyone treated those who were punished by the Druids. [4]
 - (ii) How does Caesar emphasise this treatment? Give TWO examples and quote the relevant LATIN for each. [2]

[Total: 20 marks]

2 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

1 ac primum legio gradu immota et angustiis
2 loci defensa, postquam in appropinquantes
3 hostes certo iactu tela exhauserat, tamquam
cuneo erupit. auxiliares quoque impetum
5 faciunt; et equites protentis hastis perfringunt
6 quod obvium et validum erat. ceteri terga
praebuerunt, difficili effugio, quia circumiecta
8 plaustra saepserant abitus. et milites ne
feminis quidem parcebant, confixaque telis
10 etiam iumenta corporum cumulum auxerant.
11 eo die milites laudem claram et parem antiquis
12 victoriis pepererunt.

(TACITUS: *Boudica's rebellion*)

(a) *ac primum ... defensa* (lines 1–2):

- (i) why was the position of the legion a good one? [2]**
- (ii) which Roman legion took part in this battle? [1]**

(b) *postquam ... exhauserat* (lines 2–3):

- (i) with what weapon did the legion attack the approaching enemy? [1]**
- (ii) quote and translate the TWO LATIN words which show that this attack was successful. [2]**

(c) *et equites ... erat* (lines 5–6): how did the cavalry help the legion? [2]

- (d) *ceteri ... abitus* (lines 6–8): why did the rest of the Britons find it difficult to escape? [3]
- (e) *et milites ... auxerant* (lines 8–10): how does Tacitus, by his choice of words, emphasise the brutality of the Roman soldiers? Make THREE points and quote the relevant LATIN for each. [3]
- (f) *eo die ... pepererunt* (lines 11–12): what does Tacitus say about the soldiers here? Make TWO points. [2]
- (g) Why did the Romans, although outnumbered by the Britons, win this battle?
Make FOUR points, referring to BOTH the preparations for the battle AND the battle itself. [4]

[Total: 20 marks]

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SECTION B

Do NOT answer this section if you have already answered Section A.

Selections from Pliny's Letters

- 3 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**

iam dies alibi, illic nox

2 omnibus noctibus nigrior densiorque; quam
3 tamen faces multae variaque lumina solvebant.
4 placuit egredi in litus, et ex proximo adspicere,
5 ecquid iam mare admitteret; quod adhuc
6 vastum et adversum permanebat. ibi super
abiectum linteum recubans semel atque iterum
frigidam aquam poposcit hausitque. deinde
flammae flammarumque praenuntius odor
10 sulphuris alios in fugam vertunt, excitant illum.
11 innitens servolis duobus adsurrexit et statim
12 concidit, ut ego colligo, crassiore caligine
13 spiritu obstructo, clausoque stomacho qui
illi natura invalidus et angustus et frequenter
15 aestuans erat.

(PLINY: *Letters* VI.16)

- (a) *iam dies ... densiorque* (lines 1–2):
- (i) what contrast is Pliny making here? [2]
 - (ii) how does Pliny, by his choice of words AND use of language, emphasise the darkness? Make THREE points and quote the relevant LATIN for each. [3]
- (b) *quam ... solvebant* (lines 2–3): what TWO different things relieved the darkness? [2]
- (c) *placuit ... permanebat* (lines 4–6):
- (i) why did Pliny's uncle go down to the shore? [2]
 - (ii) what did he find when he got to the shore? [2]
- (d) *alios ... illum* (line 10): how does Pliny, by his use of language, contrast the behaviour of Pliny's uncle and other people? Make TWO points and quote the relevant LATIN for each. [2]
- (e) *crassiore ... erat* (lines 12–15): what physical weaknesses did Pliny's uncle suffer from? Make THREE points. [3]
- (f) How would you describe Pliny's uncle's character? Make TWO points and give an example to support each. You may refer to any part of the letter. [4]

[Total: 20 marks]

- 4 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

C. PLINIUS TRAIANO IMPERATORI

- 1 intuenti mihi et fortunae tuae et animi
magnitudinem convenientissimum videtur
demonstrari opera non minus aeternitate tua
quam gloria digna, quantumque pulchritudinis
5 tantum utilitatis habitura. est in Nicomedensium
6 finibus amplissimus lacus. per hunc marmora
fructus ligna materiae et sumptu modico et
labore usque ad viam navibus, inde magno
labore maiore impendio vehiculis ad mare
10 devehuntur ... hoc opus multas manus poscit.
11 at eae porro non desunt. nam et in agris magna
copia est hominum et maxima in civitate,
certaque spes omnes libentissime adgressuros
14 opus omnibus fructuosum. superest ut tu
15 libratores vel architectos si tibi videbitur
mittas, qui diligenter exploret, sitne lacus altior
17 mari, quem artifices regionis huius quadraginta
cubitis altiores esse contendunt.

(PLINY: *Letters* X.41)

- (a) *intuenti ... habitura* (lines 1–5): how does Pliny flatter the emperor Trajan in this sentence? Give TWO examples. [2]
- (b) *lacus* (line 6): in which province was this lake? [1]
- (c) *per hunc ... devehuntur* (lines 6–10):
- (i) what goods were transported across the lake? Give THREE. [3]
 - (ii) How does Pliny, by his choice of words AND his style of writing, show the contrast between land and water transport? Make FOUR points and quote the relevant LATIN for each. [4]
- (d) *hoc opus* (line 10): what engineering project is Pliny suggesting? [1]
- (e) *nam et ... fructuosum* (lines 11–14): what arguments does Pliny use to justify his project to Trajan? Give TWO. [2]
- (f) *superest ... mari* (lines 14–17): for what purpose does Pliny request the help of a surveyor or architect? [3]
- (g) What do you think Pliny would have thought of Trajan's reply? Make FOUR points. [4]

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