RADLEY COLLEGE Entrance Scholarships



LATIN II

Thursday 4th March 2004 Time allowed: 90 minutes Complete section A and either B or C

SECTION A

Translate the following passage into English:

Caesar attempts to lure the German commander Ariovistus into fighting a pitched battle. But the nature of the German tactics means that the Romans are not able to dictate matters.

eodem die Ariovistus castra promovit et milibus passuum sex a castris Caesaris prope montem constitit. postridie praeter castra Caesaris suas copias traduxit et milibus passuum duobus ultra eum castra posuit, ut Caesarem frumento commeatuque qui ex gentibus vicinis portaretur facile intercluderet. itaque dies continuos quinque Caesar pro castris suas copias produxit ut, acie instructa, occasionem proelii Ariovisto daret. sed Ariovistus, quamquam equestri proelio cotidie contendit, his omnibus diebus maiorem partem exercitus in castris continuit. nam Germani Ariovisto duce hoc genus pugnae malebant. iamque sex milia equites erant et quinque milia pedites velocissimi ac fortissimi, qui cum equitibus in proelio semper manebant. tanta erat celeritas equitum, tanta fortitudo peditum ut Romani mox intellexerint se in maximo periculo esse.

CAESAR (adapted)

(50 marks)

SECTION B

Answer either this Section or Section C

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

Two men who have been shipwrecked in a storm have been washed up on shore. One of them tells the story of their survival. They find their lost companion Lichas and lament his death

nos duo, cum e tantis periculis evasissemus, tandem tristes ad casam piscatoriam pervenimus. iamque tristissimam noctem egimus quod 2 nullum cibum invenire poteramus. postero die, cum consilium caperemus, repente corpus humanum vidi undis circumiactum ad litus deferri. magno 4 dolore igitur affectus "hunc virum" exclamavi "in alia parte terrarum uxor 5 exspectat. hunc virum filius et pater, ignari tempestatis, exspectant; hic 6 vir eam reliquit, cui proficiscens osculum dedit; eos reliquit, cui 'valete! mox reveniam!' inquit." in litore stantes et in mare prospicientes multis lacrimis amicum nostrum 9 deflebamus; cum tandem unda corpus inviolatum in terram convertisset, 10 Licham meis paene pedibus subiectum agnovimus. lacrimas igitur 11 effundens pectus iterum atque iterum percussi et exclamavi " cur tu tam 12 brevem vitam egisti? cur tu qui audacissimus et fortissimus nauta fuisti 13 in undas expositus es? cur tu, qui heri vires tuas iactabas, de tam magna 14

nave naufragus sine tabula mortuus es? o me miserum! vita mortalis

semper *nimis* brevis est."

PETRONIUS (adapted)

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1.	e tantis periculis (line 1): according to the narrator,	
	from what had the pair escaped	[2]
2.	Pick out and translate the word in line 2 which indicates	
	their state of mind on their arrival at the island.	[2]
3.	What factor led them to spend a particularly miserable	
	first night ashore?	[3]
4.	What were the pair in the process of doing when they saw	
	the dead body in the sea?	[2]
5.	What details do we learn in line 4 about the location and	
	movement of the dead body?	[4]
6.	What emotion came over the narrator on seeing the dead body?	[2]
7.	The narrator's first concern is for the dead man's wife:	
	explain clearly how he voices this concern.	[4]
8.	The narrator's next concern is for the dead man's father and	
	son: explain how the words ignari tempestatis (line 6) help to	
	deepen the sense of pity that we have for these two relatives.	[4]
9.	The narrator goes on to describe the dead man's actions	
	before his departure: explain clearly (i) what he did to his	
	wife as he left, (ii) what he said to his father and son.	[2+2]
10.	in litore deflebamus (lines 9-10): what were the two survivors	
	doing as they wept for their dead friend?	[2+2]
11.	Pick out and translate the word in line 10 which describes	
	the state of the dead man's body when it arrived at the shore.	[2]
12.	meis paene pedibus (line 11): translate this phrase into good	
	English.	[3]
13.	lacrimas igitur percussi (lines 11-12): two traditional features o	\mathbf{f}
	ancient mourning are referred to here: what are they?	[1+2]
14.	cur tu qui audacissimus mortuus es (lines 13-15): without	
	<u>translating</u> summarise the feelings that the narrator voices	
	here concerning the death of his friend.	[4]
15.	Explain how the opening and closing statements of the	
	narrator's final speech relate to each other.	[2]
16.	Write down an example of each of the following verb forms	
	from this passage:	
	(i) superlative adjective	
	(ii) present participle	
	(iii) present infinitive passive	
	(iv) deponent verb	
	(v) pluperfect subjunctive active	[5]

(50 marks)

SECTION C

Translate into Latin.

When the *Carthaginians* had been defeated, *Antiochus*, the king of *Syria* welcomed Hannibal in his home. He showed to him the troops which he had collected in order to fight against the Roman people. Hannibal was able to see soldiers, chariots, horses and even elephants, and all were splendidly decorated with golden armour. Then the king, who was greatly delighted by the sight of such a great army, looked at Hannibal and said "do you think that this army is enough for the Romans?" Hannibal, who believed that the army of the king was cowardly and despised their precious armour, replied: "I think that this is enough for the Romans, even if they are very greedy."

The king had asked *Hannibal* about the number of the army, but *Hannibal* had replied about *plunder*.

(50 marks)

Carthaginians Poeni -orum (m.pl.)

Antiochus - i (m)

Syria -ae (f)

welcome excipio -ere -excepi

Hannibal -alis (m)

show ostendo -ere ostendi

chariot currus -us (m)

elephant elephantus -i (m)

delighted delectatus -a -um

sight visus -us (m)

despise contemno -ere - contempsi

greedy avarus -a -um

plunder praeda -ae (f)

Latin II 2004 Vocabulary sheet

SECTION A

promoveo - ere to move forward

mille passuum (n) a mile

plural = *milia passuum*

praeter + acc. past, beyond

ultra + acc. on the other side of

commeatus, -us (m) supplies

intercludo –ere + acc + dat to separate someone from something

continuus -a -um continuous, in a row

occasio -onis (f)opportunitymalo, malleto prefervelox -ocisswift, quickfortitudo -inis (f)bravery

SECTION B

evado -ere to escape

casa piscatoria (f) fisherman's cottage

repente suddenly cirumiactus -a -um surrounded

osculum -i (n) kiss

defleo -ere to weep for

subiectus -a -umlyingvires (f.pl.)strengthiacto -areto boast

naufragus -i (m) shipwrecked man tabula -ae (f) plank of wood

nimis too