RADLEY COLLEGE Entrance Scholarships



LATIN II

Thursday 10th March 2005 Time allowed: 90 minutes Complete section A and either B or C

SECTION A

Translate the following passage into English:

The Carthaginian leader Hannibal deals cleverly with resistance shown by the Gauls around the river Rhone.

deinde Hannibal in agros *Volcarum* venit. hi milites fortes sunt, qui circa *utramque* ripam *Rhodani* habitant, sed omnia sua bona trans *Rhodanum* iam *traiecerant* et *ulteriorem* ripam armis tenebant, ut flumen *pro munimento* haberent. Hannibal tamen aliis incolis eius regionis donis persuasit ut multas naves exercitui suo *praeberent*. *Galli* et ipsi milites etiam aliquas novas naves ex ingentibus arboribus *cavabant*.

interea *Hannonem* cum parte copiarum *adverso flumine* iter unius diei ire iussit. ibi flumen magna cum difficultate transierunt. postridie fumo ostenderunt se *haud procul* abesse. tum Hannibal signum dedit ut *traicerent*. *Galli* tanta vi navium cum ingenti clamore nautarum militumque statim territi sunt: mox tamen *tumultus* maior *a tergo* factus est; nam castra ab *Hannone* capta sunt. nunc *Gallos anceps* terror circumstabat: alii milites e navibus oppugnabant, alii *a tergo premebant*. cum *Galli* in sua oppida effugissent, Hannibal castra posuit.

(50 marks)

SECTION B

Answer either this Section or Section C

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

The Spartans have occupied the citadel at Thebes, put pro-Athenian magistrates in charge of the government, and exiled their Theban opponents. Some of the exiles re-enter Thebes and catch the magistrates off their guard.

exules, Thebis expulsi, Athenas confugerunt. in animo tamen habebant ad	1
patriam redire ut eam liberarent. itaque cum tempus visum est idoneum	2
esse, eum diem delegerunt quo maximi magistratus Thebanorum simul	3
cenare solebant.	4

numquam tanta res a tam paucis facta est. nam duodecim adulescentes,5quorum dux erat *Pelopidas*, Athenis prima luce profecti sunt ut nocte6appropinquante *Thebas* pervenire possent; cum canibus *venaticis* ierunt,7*retia* ferentes, vestimenta hominum *agrestium* gerentes. nam minore8suspicione iter facere volebant.9

quam periculosa saepe est nimia fiducia! nuntius enim ad aures	10
magistratuum Thebanorum statim advenit exules in urbem venisse. illi	11
tamen tot vini et tantam cenam consumpserant ut adventum exulum	12
contemnerent; ne de tanta re quidem putabant. missa est etiam epistula	13
Athenis ad eum, qui tum princeps magistratuum Thebanorum erat. in illa	14
omnia de profectione eorum scripta erant. sed cum haec epistula ei iam	15
cenanti data esset, sub pulvinum subiciens 'in crastinum diem', inquit,	16
'res graves differo.' at illi omnes, cum iam nox processisset, vinolenti	17
ab exulibus duce Pelopida interfecti sunt. postridie, cives Thebani,	18
ad arma libertatemque vocati, in arcem concurrerunt ut praesidium	19
Lacedaemoniorum expellerent.	20

(a)	What did the exiles do after being expelled from Thebes? [1]			
(b)	What did they intend to do, and why? [2			
(c)	itaque cum solebant (lines 2-4): what did they decide would be			
	the best day to carry out their intention? [5]			
(d)	(i) numquam facta est (line 5): what does the author think is			
	remarkable about the incident he is describing? [4]			
	(ii) Pick out and translate the two words in this sentence which give			
	particular emphasis to the point the author wishes to make. [2]			
(e)	At what time did the exiles leave Athens? Why did they choose to			
	leave at that particular time? [1+3]			
(f)	cum canibus volebant (lines 7-9): explain fully and clearly how the			
	exiles tried to avoid suspicion on the journey. [4]			
(g)	What lesson does the author think can be learnt from the Theban			
	magistrates' behaviour? [2]			
(h)	How were the magistrates occupied when they were first told the			
	news of the exiles' arrival? How did they react to it? [2+2]			
(i)	missa est scripta erant (lines 13-15): what information was			
	contained in the letter received by the leading Theban magistrate? [2]			
(j)	When did he receive this letter? [1]			
(k)	What did this man do to the letter, and what did he say about it? [2+2]			
(1)	at illi interfecti sunt (lines 17-18): describe what happened in the			
	middle of the night. [3]			
(m)	postridie, cives Thebani concurrerunt: what happened the next day? [3]			
(n)	<i>ut expellerent</i> (lines 19-20): what was the aim of the Thebans? [2]			
(0)	Write down (with the correct line reference) an example of each of the			
	following, taken from this passage:			
	(i) present participle (ii) imperfect subjunctive			
	(iii) comparative adjective (iv) perfect passive verb			
	(v) preposition + ablative [5]			

(50 marks)

SECTION C

Translate into Latin.

Hannibal was a very brave and very *clever* general. After he had crossed the river Rhone, he journeyed as quickly as possible towards the *Alps*, in order that he might arrive into Italy *without delay*. This journey was extremely dangerous, both for himself and for his soldiers, but he was able to defeat the natives who tried to block his way and he was so brave that he was able to *endure* the *cold*. When he had marched into Italy, he defeated the armies of the Romans in many battles, of which the greatest was at *Cannae*. However, because Hannibal did not immediately attack the city of Rome after this battle, the Romans were able to defend their city. Hannibal was forced to go back to Africa and he was finally defeated by the general Scipio. Many believe that Hannibal was the greatest general, even though he *suffered this defeat*.

(50 marks)

clever	callidus, -a, -um
Alps	Alpes, (f.pl.)
without delay	sine mora
endure	fero, ferre, tuli, latum
cold	frigus, -oris, (n)
Cannae	Cannae, -arum, (f.pl.)
suffer a defeat	cladem accipio, accipere, accepi, acceptum

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SECTION A

<i>Volcae, –arum (</i> m.pl. <i>)</i>	the Volcae (a Gallic tribe)
uterque, utraque, utrumque	each
<i>Rhodanus, -i</i> (m.)	the river Rhone
traicio, traicere, traieci	I take across, cross over
ulterior, - oris	farther
pro munimento	as a line of defence
praebeo, -ere	I provide, supply
Galli, -orum (m.pl.)	the Gauls
cavo, cavare, cavavi, cavatum	I carve out, I hollow out
Hanno, -nis (m.)	Hanno (a Carthaginian officer)
adverso flumine	upstream
haud procul	not far
<i>tumultus, -us</i> (m.)	row, confusion
a tergo	in the rear, from the rear
anceps, ancipitis	double
premo, -ere	to press, put under pressure

SECTION B

<i>exul, -ulis</i> (m.)	exile
<i>Thebae, -arum</i> (f.pl.)	Thebes
Athenae, -arum (f.pl.)	Athens
idoneus, -a, -um	suitable
deligo, -ere, -egi	I choose
Pelopidas, -ae ($abla$) (m.)	Pelopidas
venaticus, -a, -um	hunting
<i>rete, -is</i> (n.)	net
agrestis, -is, -e	countryside, of the country
<i>nimia fiducia</i> (f.)	overconfidence
ne quidem	not even
<i>Thebani, -orum</i> (m.pl.)	Thebans
profectio, -onis (f.)	departure, setting out
<i>pulvinus, -i</i> (m.)	pillow, cushion
<i>crastinus dies</i> (m.)	tomorrow
differo, -ferre	I delay, put off
vinolentus, -a, -um	drunk
<i>praesidium, -i</i> (n.)	garrison
Lacedaemonii, -orum (m.pl.)	Spartans