



2009 Classical Greek

Intermediate 2 - Interpretation

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Thucydides

1. (a)
 - they sent too small a force to capture Plataea
 - they did not follow the advice of their allies within Plataea
 - they offered terms that were too easy
 - they did not take account of the fact that Plataea was allied to Athens
 - they did not take account of the fact that only part of the population was pro Theban

1 mark for each point, up to 3 3
- (b)
 - they were mistaken about the Plataeans wanting to leave the alliance with Athens
 - they were ignorant of the layout of the city in the dark
 - they had chosen a moonless night

1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
2. (a)
 - they received news of what had happened in Plataea
 - it had rained, so their march was hindered
 - they found it difficult to cross the swollen River Asopus

1 mark for each point 3
- (b) bad luck: rain impeding their march
hindered by difficulty in crossing Asopus
- bad planning: they had not taken account of the distance
they had left too late
but they did hurry when they received news of affairs in Plataea
- 1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
3.
 - he homes in on individuals or groups of individuals
 - he arouses sympathy for people's plight
 - he describes social and emotional effects of the plague
 - he includes vivid scenes with graphic details: you think you were there
 - he includes lots of specific detail: you think you were there
 - he admits to having had the plague himself
 - any other valid point

1 mark for each general observation and for each detailed reference to the text (reference must be made to both Greek and English passages), up to 5 5

Homer

4. (a) he chooses them by lot
1 mark for the point 1
- (b)
 - it was fairer/less invidious
 - it saved the agony of deciding who should carry out the plan
 - it allowed chance or the gods to decide
1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
- (c) yes: it is fairer/less invidious
it absolves me of responsibility for the choice
it leaves the decision in the lap of fate or God
no: I can choose the men most suitable for the job
I think a leader should take responsibility for his actions
Any other valid reason

1 mark for the reason 1
5. (a)
 - he takes the initiative
 - he puts the pole into the fire and takes it out
 - he encourages his men to stand firm and help
 - he directs the drilling
1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
- (b)
 - Odysseus and his men whirl the pole in the Cyclops' eye
 - as when a man drills a ship's beam with a drill
 - and his fellow workers below keep it spinning
1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
- (c) effective: graphic ship-building scene
scene from ordinary life, so accessible
size of Cyclops emphasised
hard work/drilling emphasised
not effective: scene unfamiliar to modern reader
any other valid comment

1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
6.
 - he provides violence and a savage monster
 - contest between a clever human being and a monster intrinsically exciting
 - there is suspense: will Odysseus get away with it?
 - the escape is neither easy nor straightforward
 - graphic imagery and similes make us feel we are there
1 mark for each general observation and for each detailed reference to the text
(reference must be made to both passages; and the whole essay should not be
restricted to stylistic points), up to 5 5

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