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## Introduction

The current syllabus and assessment arrangements for Latin on the Standard Grade of the Scottish Certificate of Education were issued in August 1985, following consultation of interested bodies on proposals produced by a Joint Working Party of nominees of the Board and the Consultative Committee on the Curriculum.

In response to a substantial number of representations from teachers/lecturers that the Standard Grade assessment arrangements were unduly onerous, the Scottish Education Department published a report by the Standard Grade Review of Assessment Group (SGROAG): "Assessment in Standard Grade Courses: Proposals for Simplification". A Short Life Working Group (SLWG) was established in each Standard Grade subject to revise the assessment arrangements in line with the SGROAG recommendations. The Report of the SLWG on Latin was issued for comment in April 1987. The views submitted by interested bodies are gratefully acknowledged.

In preparing the Revised Arrangements, the Classics Panel, with the assistance of the SLWG, has taken account of observations received and has amended the proposals as appropriate.

Standard Grade examinations in Latin at Foundation, General and Credit Levels will be offered in and after 1989 on the basis of the Revised Arrangements detailed below.

## Rationale

The arrangements for Standard Grade Latin are based on the belief that the principal purpose in teaching Latin is to bring pupils to the stage of being able to read and translate Latin with some measure of competence, being able to apply skills of appreciation and criticism to the Latin they read, and being able to gain insights into the historical, social and cultural context within which the literature studies was produced. These considerations have led to the identification of three areas in the teaching of Latin, relating to translation, interpretation and investigation. These areas are not new to the teaching and learning of Latin; however, in this document the suggested approaches and assessment procedures attempt to move the learning process away from factual recall of content towards the application of skills and the exploration of concepts. The intention is that these skills will be retained by pupils and used again either in further study of Latin or Greek, or in other areas of the curriculum.

The implications of this new approach to Latin teaching are considerable, and therefore guidance will be provided for teachers/lecturers with regard to the planning of courses and methods to be employed in the classroom.

The assessment procedures for Latin incorporate current trends in assessment. There will be external papers for unseen translation and for interpretation of prescribed text, and external assessment of work done outwith the examination room for the investigation of Roman history and civilisation. Grade Related Criteria are supplied in order to define levels of performance required to obtain specific awards.

The arrangements are intended to provide all pupils who study Latin with challenges that are attainable and with opportunities to reach their highest levels of performance. In the formulation of the arrangements it has been accepted that Latin will be taught in classes where a range of ability will be found, covering different levels of performance. The position of the subject at this stage in the secondary curriculum is such that the provision of separate courses at different levels has been limited to a distinction in requirements between Foundation and the other Levels. The required differentiation will be observed in the examination papers set, which will reflect the requirements and the performance criteria for different Levels.

## Section 1

## The Aims and Structure of Standard Grade Latin

## 1 The Aims and Structure of Standard Grade Latin

11 This section

- discusses the definition of Latin as a subject for study in schools;
- relates Latin to the "modes of activity" proposed in the Munn Report;
- considers the particular contributions which a study of Latin can make to the general education of pupils;
- takes into account the restrictions imposed by the limited time made available in some schools for the study of Latin.


## 12 Definition of Latin

121 The principal areas of study in any Latin course have long been recognised as:

- Latin language,
- Latin literature,
- Roman history and civilisation.

A course which omits any of these areas would be unsatisfactory. Each, however, is of such vast intellectual proportions that some detailed delimitation is necessary in order to indicate what is practicable at any stage of the school curriculum. Moreover, the constituent parts overlap and interact to a considerable extent. This has implications for the system of assessment.

## 122 Latin Language

a) Each generation must interpret the relative importance of the three areas of study in the light of the currently predominant educational philosophies. On interpretation - an extreme one, from which the subject still suffers today - was common until the middle of the present century. The highest accolade was reserved for those who displayed dexterity in turning English passages into Latin, and to that end great emphasis was placed on mastering every last intricacy of Latin grammar. Literature was read almost exclusively for the linguistic points which could be wrung from it. History and civilisation, lest they distract from the main grammatical purpose, were simply ignored whenever possible. Such attitudes were condemned as long ago as 1947 ("Secondary Education" (SED, 1947), pp 79 ff), and yet it was not until 1971 that translation into Latin ceased to be a compulsory part of certificate examinations in Scotland.
b) Study of the Latin language is, naturally, of paramount importance; the subject cannot exist without it. But the language is not the end of the study: it is but the means to an end, namely the ability to read Latin literature in the original Latin. For pupils Latin can seem to be a difficult language. It is highly inflected; it favours a word order which is unfamiliar to them; and in syntax it commonly employs certain constructions which are equally unfamiliar. The normal patterns of word order are frequently broken, especially in poetry, to create a particular effect. Sentences can be much longer than is normal in modern literature. Because of these difficulties, careful consideration must be given to the amount of linguistic knowledge which can reasonably be expected at Standard Grade.
c) It is possible to learn a foreign language without formally practising the skill of translation. In the case of Latin, however, since speaking the language is of minimal importance, written translation is one of the best ways of ensuring that understanding has been achieved. For that purpose, if for no other, translation into English is an important activity in a Latin course.
d) In studying a foreign language, it is natural to compare it with the mother tongue and with any other language which may be known. The close relationship between Latin and English, especially in vocabulary, makes comparison particularly apposite. It is expected that Latin pupils, guided by their teacher/lecturer, will carry out such comparisons, and that in the process they will become increasingly aware of the main ways in which language can function, apart from gaining particular insights into etymology.
e) The study of any language - whether the native tongue or a foreign language - should be more than a linguistic discipline: since style and content of reading matter are inextricably linked, it is most desirable that pupils with the guidance of their teacher/lecturer should read beyond the surface meaning. For this purpose, skills of interpretation will require to be developed. In the case of Latin, the initial need to translate into English (see c) above) means that the development of skills of interpretation will be more modest than in the study of the mother tongue. Nevertheless, for the reasons stated, interpretation is an important activity in a Latin course.
f) What is involved in the interpretation of Latin will be outlined later. For the moment, it is pertinent to make the point that interpretation is a continuing and developing process: some interpretation is required when a passage is met for the first time; more penetrating interpretation becomes possible as a result of reflection and discussion. From this it can be seen that the linguistic skills being developed are more than simple decoding. They involve pupils in analysis and synthesis of ideas and concepts, in logical and sequential expression, in choice of vocabulary and in refinement and redrafting of what they have written. The interaction between translation and interpretation skills is continuous.

## 123 Latin Literature

a) In recent years, the emphasis has shifted away from detailed study of Latin grammar (for the purpose of translating from English into Latin) and towards the reading of Latin. The Working Party on the Curricula in Latin and Greek commented in its report in 1967:
"The first aim of classics teaching should be to bring pupils as quickly as possible to the stage where they can begin to read and enjoy in the original languages what has been written in Latin and Greek, and thereafter to organise a reading programme wide enough and varied enough to maintain their interest, extend their mastery of the language, and broaden their aesthetic experience."*

[^0]The principles enunciated in the 1967 report underlie the approach to Latin which has been taken throughout the 1970s and into the 1980s. In 1967, however, little mention was made of why pupils should read Latin literature. The first purpose (ie to maintain interest) of the reading programme might be interpreted as having more to do with the teacher's/lecturer's peace of mind than the educational development of the pupil; the second (ie to extend mastery of language) shows the influence of previous generations' preoccupation with grammar; the third (ie to broaden aesthetic experience) is a step in the right direction, but a hesitant first step only. These criticisms are not intended to imply that the 1967 statement is invalid. That literature ought to be chosen to maintain the pupils' interest, should be taken for granted; taken for granted, too, should be the extended mastery of the Latin language through reading. What is now required is an exposition of the contribution which a study of Latin literature can make towards achieving the aims of secondary education.
b) The Latin language is seen as a key to open the door of Latin literature (see 122 b ). Enthusiasm, of course, must be tempered with common sense. The linguistic difficulty and the sophistication which characterise much of Latin literature will place a great deal of it beyond the reach of Standard Grade pupils. Nevertheless, sufficient progress in the language can be made, and sufficient literature of a suitable linguistic level exists, for all Standard Grade pupils to have some first-hand experience of what the Romans themselves wrote: the key can be turned, and the door can be pushed ajar.
c) Just as it has been judged insufficient to study Latin language without using it to read Latin literature, so too the reading of the literature should not be seen as an end in itself. Reference has already been made to the opportunities it offers for developing skills of interpretation; through such skills, it is hoped, will be fostered a critical approach towards reading which will be of lasting value. The content of the reading matter can also illuminate the civilisation and the attitudes of the Romans, which in turn can lead to a wider understanding of contemporary society. In addition, there are prizes of aesthetic enrichment and simple enjoyment to be won. For all these reasons, the principal aim of Latin teaching is to equip pupils with an ability to read Latin literature in the original, and it is considered that, in a Standard Grade course, pupils should actually read some Latin literature.

## 124 Roman History and Civilisation

a) Despite the attitudes described in 122 a, the case for regarding Roman history and civilisation as an integral part of Latin studies has been made for a long time. The study of history and civilisation is not merely a branch of knowledge with its own intrinsic appeal, but is absolutely necessary if one is to read the literature of the Romans with understanding and appreciation. Nor is it enough for the teacher/lecturer merely to impart what incidental background knowledge is absolutely essential for the pupils' proper understanding of any given text; the business of the Classics teacher/lecturer must be not merely to introduce pupils to the Latin language and its literature, but to try to give them a systematic picture of one era of the ancient world which has played a large part in determining the shape and spirit of our own. A Latin course which does not give pupils some conception of how the Romans lived and what they achieved would tend to make the study of Latin somewhat arid and dull. Therefore the study of Roman history and civilisation must not be regarded as an optional, peripheral activity, but as a fundamental, constituent part of the teaching and learning of Latin.

In this connection it is not inappropriate to recall that the Scottish universities have long called Latin "Humanity". The claims made in this paragraph are well borne out by all the reports since 1947 which have dealt with the teaching of Latin in schools, eg "Secondary Education" (1947), p 83, "Classics in Secondary Schools" (1951), p 29, and "The Teaching of Classics in Schools" (1967), p 18.
b) It has long been the practice of the Classics teacher/lecturer to supplement the learning of the Latin language with some study of "background" or history. All of the course books which are commonly used in Scottish schools contain sections devoted to civilisation. A general introduction to Roman civilisation, therefore, is already a familiar, and necessary, part of the pupils' experience in Latin. This practice is endorsed, and it is expected that it will continue.

Considerations of time, however, and the wide range of the subject matter have conjoined to result in pupils being left at the end of their course with no more than a fragmentary and superficial understanding of life in Roman times. Moreover, despite exhortations to teachers/lecturers from the writers of course books and elsewhere to make more imaginative use of the opportunities presented in a study of Roman civilisation, it is suspected that for many pupils, this aspect of their Latin course has consisted merely in having to memorise such facts as they may be asked to recall in an examination.
c) There will continue to be limited time available for the study of Latin; it is therefore inevitable that any appreciation of Roman civilisation which Standard Grade pupils may have gained will be neither complete nor particularly deep. The teacher's/lecturer's role in this part of a Latin course, therefore, should be less to impart information about the Romans and their world than to encourage independent investigation and to develop the pupils' expertise in carrying it out.

## 125 Classical Studies

A recent innovation in classical education is seen in the emergence of Classical Studies as a subject for certification in its own right, both in schools and in universities. Current courses in Classical Studies require pupils to study ancient literature in translation, together with topics drawn from art, social life and history. The subject is justified on historical, aesthetic and moral grounds, for example - not to mention the fact that it is enjoyed by many pupils. This is not the place to expound the rationale of non-linguistic Classical Studies per se; but it is necessary to consider whether the existence of such a subject has any implications for developing courses in Latin. Some may argue, for instance, that a civilisation component in Latin merely duplicates what is available elsewhere. The argument would not be admissible. Apart from the fact that Classical Studies may be concerned with both Roman and Greek civilisations, its justification, as has just been hinted at, is far more wide-ranging than any claims which will be made for a civilisation content in Latin (see 124 b , c). That there may from time to time be some overlap of subject matter is indisputable: but it must be recognised that the sequence of topics, period allocations, curricular objectives and the teaching/learning process will all combine to produce a course which is quite different from the element being proposed for Latin. The current availability of Classical Studies as an examination subject does not prejudice the Investigation element in Latin.

126 The conclusion to which the forgoing arguments lead is that the aims of a Latin course should be:

- to develop pupils' competence in Latin language which will enable them to read with understanding and translate Latin of an appropriate level of difficulty, and in the process to enable them to compare Latin with their own and other languages and to become aware of some of the ways in which language can function;
- by studying extracts from Latin authors, to increase pupils' understanding and appreciation of Latin literature, and in the process to develop their skills of interpretation;
- to help pupils to understand and gain an insight into the Roman world, the cultural context within which Latin literature was produced, and at the same time to develop their skills of investigation.

Although the study of Latin is described as a tripartite activity, the three parts are very closely interconnected. For example, a knowledge of the language is necessary in order to be able to read literature as it was actually written, while the reading of literature in the original tongue of the author contributes considerably to a fuller understanding of the language. Similarly the reading of literature opens up areas of study from historical and cultural aspects of the subject, just as some knowledge of Roman history and culture facilitates an understanding of Latin literature. This can be illustrated in diagrammatic form as follows.


## 13 Latin and Modes of Learning

131 The Munn Committee proposed that the curriculum should be conceived in terms of "modes of activity" rather than the traditional subjects. It identified modes as follows (Munn Report, 4.9 ff :

## 13 <br> (continued)

- Linguistic and Literary Studies;
- Mathematical Studies;
- Religious and Moral Studies (combined modes);
- Physical Activity and Leisure;
- Social Studies;
- Scientific Studies;
- Creative and Aesthetic Activities.

132 Latin, because it is a foreign language, is most obviously associated with the Linguistic and Literary Studies mode. In the Munn Report (4.11), the value of foreign language study is expressed almost exclusively in terms of the practical uses to which knowledge of a language may be put (eg "as an ancillary skill in a variety of occupations", as "a valuable tool in the further study of other disciplines"). It is possible to find occupations and disciplines in which a knowledge of Latin can actually be put to use, but such opportunities are rare and are unlikely to concern the great majority of pupils.

133 As for the educational uses of foreign languages, the Munn Committee chose to limit its comments to recognising "the value of a language other than English for the insights it can give into another culture" (Munn Report, 4.11). But it must be stated that foreign languages can contribute in other ways towards the achievement of the aims which the Committee set for secondary schools (Munn Report, 4.3-6), ie development of knowledge and understanding; development of skills; affective development; meeting the demands of society. The particular contributions which a study of Latin can make are detailed in 14 overleaf.

134 The emphasis which the Munn Committee laid on the practical purposes of language learning suggests a concern with modern rather than classical languages. It is of the utmost importance to distinguish between them. Unlike modern languages, classical languages are not studied primarily for purposes of productive communication. Aural and oral work, while they do have some value in the classroom, can never be the raison d'être of studying Latin; the same applies to the writing of Latin. Pupils' energies should be concentrated on the aspects of language learning which are relevant to Latin - mainly the development of complex reading skills. This is why it has been judged desirable to make the reading of some Latin literature a goal for Standard Grade pupils. The several linguistic skills associated with the learning of classical languages, namely lexical, reference, etymological, interpretative and analytical skills, have very considerable consequences for pupils' linguistic development: their advantages in giving to pupils insights into the structured communication of facts, ideas and concepts are invaluable, and are matched by no other subject in the current curriculum.

135 The inclusion of history and civilisation as legitimate components of a Latin course leads away from Linguistic and Literary Studies in the direction of other modes of learning. The modes are an attempt to classify human experience; they are applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the study of any society, past or present. As Latin literature may reflect any facet of Roman society, it will not be surprising if its content is liable to touch on matters which properly belong to any of the modes. No claim, of course, is being made for Latin to be regarded as the ideal subject; it is merely being suggested that by following a Latin course pupils may add something to their education in modes other than the one which is immediately obvious.

## 135 (continued)

In accepting that the modes "provide a curriculum framework which all schools should adopt", the Government recognised that "The modes should not be too narrowly identified with particular subjects" ("Framework for Decision", 9.1). Conversely, subjects should not be too narrowly identified with particular modes: "Individual subjects may contribute to more than one mode, depending on the methods and content of the particular course." (ibid 9.2). Latin, in the syllabus for Standard Grade, follows the latter rather than the former alternative, and in the syllabus the intention is to provide pupils with a broadly-based learning experience.

## 14 The Contribution of Latin to the General Education of Pupils

141 Many of the claims concerning the beneficial results of having studied Latin are made by those outside the subject. For instance, it has been said that those who have studied Latin are highly proficient in English. Claims of this kind are difficult either to prove or to disprove; certainly it is possible to achieve high standards of attainment in English without having studied Latin. The following paragraphs, therefore, should not be interpreted as asserting that all of the benefits listed will automatically follow from a study of Latin; the extent to which they do so will vary from pupil to pupil.

142 A knowledge of Latin and an ability to read it provide the means of direct contact with the Roman world, its people and its institutions. Some benefits (eg a sense of the past, the comparison of another society with one's own, an appreciation of roots of western civilisation, the development of a range of skills) can be gained through non-linguistic Classical Studies. What is added by a knowledge of the language - even at an elementary level - is the opportunity to gain a direct insight into the thought processes and precise concepts of the Romans.

143 The study of Latin affords the opportunity of seeing how thoughts and ideas are expressed in a different language and idiom from one's own, and produces a sensitivity to one's native tongue.

144 The study of Latin should contribute to the development of competence and facility in the use of the mother tongue, although the extent of this contribution is difficult to quantify. For instance, in the case of English, Latin is the largest single source of vocabulary and Latin phrases are still used in English.

145 The exacting nature of Latin and the complexity of its written structure should promote precision and clarity of thought and expression, as reading skills in the language are developed.

146 A knowledge of Latin should help those pupils who study a Romance language.
147 The study of Latin contributes to the development of sensitivity to language usage, narrative, arguments, imagery and style. This is as true of the reading matter in elementary course books as of the works of Roman authors. It leads to skills of interpretation and communication of meaning and purpose.

148 Translation from Latin is a test of global competence in basic knowledge and performance in several skills - such as ability to organise, analyse and synthesise, and select on the basis of evidence - all of which have wider educational values, particularly in investigation, analysis and exposition.

149 A knowledge of Latin provides the means of reading the literature of the Roman world. This literature can be read in translation with profit, but even the best translation cannot communicate the full sound, meaning, form or quality of the original. Much of this can be experienced even by pupils who do not continue the study of Latin beyond Standard Grade, with appropriate methods and preparation by teachers/lecturers.

## 15 Time Available for the Study of Latin

151 As they have been outlined in the preceding paragraphs, the claims which are made for Latin may seem ambitious. A school course cannot be more than an introduction to the subject, in Latin as in other disciplines, but it can set pupils on the right course and guide them some distance along it. The objectives set for attainment at Standard Grade are given later in this document.

152 Determining an appropriate level of attainment for a specific Grade is not an easy task when the courses are no longer of uniform duration. It is worth recalling that at the time of the 1967 report ("The Teaching of Classics in Schools") Latin was normally started in S1 in selective schools. With a normal allocation of five periods per week, the aggregated weekly time devoted to the subject in schools to the end of S4 was twenty periods. It was on the basis of this kind of provision that the SCE Ordinary Grade was planned.

Since then, most schools have been re-organised as six-year comprehensives, and the S1 Start for Latin is now rare. In many schools provision is made for pupils to opt to study Latin in S2 and an additional subject for enrichment; this is a practice which was endorsed by the Munn Committee (Munn Report, 67 ), and is strongly endorsed also by the Board's Classics Panel in these revised arrangements. Some other schools do not allow pupils the option of Latin until S3, and if in addition the recommended minimum time allocation of four periods per week, which is offered as a guide to course planning ("Framework for Decision", Annex B), is applied as a maximum, the aggregated weekly time is reduced from twenty periods to eight.

153 These considerations have been kept constantly in mind during the preparation of the revised arrangements. In accordance with the Government's statement ("Framework for Decision", 4.17) that "some 'content pruning' will be necessary", the present arrangements represent a decided shift of emphasis "away from factual recall of content covered to the learning of skills and processes, and the grasp of concepts" (ibid 4.15). Nevertheless, the Board's Classics Panel strongly recommends that when schools are planning their curricula, they will make such provision for Latin - for example an opportunity for pupils to study Latin before S3 - as enables pupils, without unnecessary haste of learning, and consequent difficulty, to derive the greatest possible benefit from their study of the subject, eg in the progression from Standard Grade to Higher Grade.

Section 2

## Assessment for Certification

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## 21 Assessable Elements

The three assessable elements will be: Translation, Interpretation and Investigation.

## 22 System of Assessment

Candidates will be assessed by a system common to all Levels.
The Certificate will record an overall award on a 7-point scale of grades, Grade 1 being the highest. The Certificate will also record attainment in each assessable element. The overall award will be derived from the mean of the element grades, weighted in the ratio 2:2:1 for Translation, Interpretation and Investigation respectively.

## 23 Form of Assessment

Assessment leading to a Certificate award will be wholly external, based on performance in written papers for Translation and Interpretation, and in a non-examination-room component consisting of a Report on an Individual Investigation.

## 24 Presentations

At the time of presentation, centres will be required to indicate the Level(s) of the external papers which each candidate will attempt, as follows:

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\begin{array}{cl} 
& \text { Foundation Level only, } \\
\text { or } & \text { Foundation and General Levels only, } \\
\text { or } & \text { General and Credit Levels only. }
\end{array}
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This presentation does not imply any restriction on grades available for Investigation.
Candidates presented at two Levels are not obliged to attempt the papers at both Levels but are strongly advised to do so, since, other than as a result of an appeal, candidates can only be awarded one of the grades assessed by the paper(s) attempted, or Grade 7.

The following table may be helpful as a guide to presentation.
Expected External Grade Presentation Level(s) Grades Assessed
7, 6
Foundation
6, 5
5, 4
Foundation and General
6, 5, 4, 3
3, 2, 1
General and Credit
4, 3, 2, 1
This arrangement allows in each case for a grade award higher or lower than expected (except at Grades 1 and 7 respectively). A candidate expected to achieve Grade 6 may choose to be presented for both the Foundation and the General papers; or a candidate expected to achieve Grade 3 may choose to be presented for the Foundation and General combination of papers, thereby accepting that Grade 2 or Grade 1 will not be possible.

Candidates who attempt papers at two Levels will be given the better of the two grades achieved on these papers. Performance at one Level will not be taken into account in grading at the other Level.

## 25 Assessment Requirements

251 The syllabus will be based on the three elements of Translation, Interpretation and Investigation.

## 252 Translation

Candidates will be expected to be familiar with the prescribed lists of vocabulary, accidence and syntax given in Appendices I, II and III. Copies of the vocabulary list are available free of charge from the Board on request.

Candidates will be required to translate into English a passage or passages of unseen Latin prose.

Before candidates can translate they have to acquire the following skills. They should be able:
a) to recognise vocabulary and recall its meaning, or discover its meaning by discriminating use of a word list;
b) to recognise the category of words (eg nouns, verbs);
c) to recognise the inflections of words;
d) to apply knowledge of accidence;
e) to apply knowledge of syntax;
f) to analyse relationships within a clause and between clauses;
g) to make an appropriate choice of English words;
h) to deduce and express overall meaning in the light of context and experience.

It is recognised that global language competence is more than the sum of the constituent skills. Translation subsumes the skills listed above, but in the process of translating, these skills are not necessarily used in the order listed, and they may overlap. Many candidates, especially those more skilled in translating, may unconsciously bypass one or more of the operational phases. In addition, it is generally agreed among linguists that at some stage in the process of translating there occurs a conceptualisation of meaning which cannot be described with precision and certainty. Tests can be devised to assess each of the listed skills, but the sum of such tests does not indicate a global competence in language or translation. Tests of individual skills are useful in the learning process but are not appropriate to assessment for certification of Translation.

253 For General and Credit Levels, candidates will be expected to have studied the whole of the prescribed text, which will consist of both prose and verse, some in Latin, some in translation. Details of the prescribed text for the 1994 examination and until further notice have been issued to presenting centres. For Foundation Level, candidates will be expected to have studied the prescribed passages from Gellius and Augustine only.

For the study of the prescribed text during the course, any suitable editions may be used. It should be noted, however that the text provided in the examination will be the one issued by the Board. Copies of this plain text are available free of charge from the Board, on request.

Candidates will be required to answer interpretation questions on the prescribed text.
The skills of interpretation are defined as follows. The candidate should be able:
a) to extract information and explain content, ideas and themes;
b) to analyse and explain the author's technique (eg use of words, imagery, figures of speech);
c) to make a statement of personal response with justification and/or evaluation (eg commenting attitudes comparing passages with regard to points of similarity and difference).

## 254 Investigation

Each candidate will be expected to produce a Report resulting from an Individual Investigation of a topic of Roman history or civilisation. Candidates from the same centre may choose the same topic if they wish. The list of approved topics for 1989, 1990 and 1991 is given in Appendix V. Copies of this list are available free of charge from the Board on request. If the candidate chooses a topic from the list of approved topics, no further approval is required, but the presenting centre should inform the Board of the selected approved topic by October of the year preceding the year of the examination. If the candidate chooses a topic which is not included in the list, the topic should be submitted to the Board for approval by October of the year preceding the year of the examination. The Board reserves the right to reject or amend any topic which it considers unsuitable.

The Individual Investigation seeks to meet the aims of giving the candidate the opportunity to study in some depth one aspect of Roman life, culture, history or achievement, and developing the candidate's skills of enquiry and study in a subject chosen by the candidate.

The skills to be developed in the Individual Investigation are defined as follows. The candidate should be able:
a) to show knowledge and understanding of a specific aspect of the Roman world, by identifying sources of information and by interpreting the evidence;
b) to draw comparisons and reach conclusions;
c) to communicate findings and present results (making, where appropriate, a personal response, for example in commenting on values and attitudes).

261 At each Level, there will be two examination papers as follows.
Paper I (45 minutes) - Interpretation
Questions will be set on interpretation of the prescribed text. Answers should generally be in continuous prose, except where a single word or phrase is clearly sufficient. The prescribed text, Latin and English, will be issued to candidates for this paper. (See Appendix IV for the prescribed text for 1989, 1990 and 1991.)

Paper II (45 minutes) - Translation
A passage or passages of Latin (unseen prose) will be set for translation into English. It is intended that no sentence in any passage will be too complicated; and that in each passage there will be as reasonable a representation of syntactical structures as possible. The passage(s) will have an explanatory introduction and, if appropriate, linking sections in English. For General and Credit Levels, the passages will total 100-130 Latin words; for Foundation Level, the passage will total 70-90 Latin words. Passages will conform to the prescribed lists of accidence and syntax (see Appendices II and III), as appropriate to the Level concerned. The prescribed vocabulary list (see Appendix I) will be issued to candidates for this paper; words not on this list, with the possible exception of proper names, will be glossed. Other assistance may be given as appropriate to the Level concerned.

262 There will also be an Individual Investigation.
This is a non-examination-room component, externally assessed. The candidate is required to submit a Report resulting from an Individual Investigation of a topic of Roman history or civilisation.

Each candidate must produce for submission to the Board, by 26 March of the year of the examination, a Report resulting from the Individual Investigation. The Report should be approximately 1000 words in length, and may be accompanied by appropriate illustrative material. In the case of a Report which includes a large amount of illustrative material, the written section may be shorter, but should be not less than 500 words. The Report should be written neatly and legibly or typewritten. Both margins should be left clear, only one side of the paper should be used and the pages should be numbered and firmly fastened together. All books consulted should be listed in a bibliography at the end. Submission should be on A4 paper, or folded to A4 size. In the case of three-dimensional works, photographs and not originals should be submitted.

Material for the Individual Investigation submitted to the Board will not be returnable.

## $27 \quad$ Grade 7 and No Overall Award

For any element, Grade 7 will indicate that the candidate has, in the element concerned, completed the course but has not demonstrated achievement of any specified level of performance as defined by the Grade Related Criteria. Grade 7 in an element will not be available to external candidates.

The Board will regard submission of an estimate grade for an externally assessed element as evidence that the course has been completed in that element.

Candidates who have not complied with the assessment requirements in any element (eg due to unauthorised absence from the external examination or failure to submit an Individual Investigation Report) will be deemed not to have completed the course, in that element. Such candidates will not receive a grade for that element and hence will not receive an overall award for the subject. In such cases, however, grade(s) for the other element(s) will be recorded on the Certificate.

## 28 Marking

The following procedure will apply to marking by the Board.
Assessment of interpretation of the prescribed text will be positive, with reference to the Grade Related Criteria. Detailed instructions with examples of acceptable answers will be given to Board Markers. Mark allocations for questions will not be applicable; instead, for each question, two points will be awarded to an answer which is at the upper grade within the Level concerned, and one point to an answer which is at the lower grade. Cut-off scores will then be applied to totals of points, to determine element grades.

Assessment of unseen translation will be positive, with reference to the Grade Related Criteria. Detailed instructions to Markers will show how the passage(s) will be divided into blocks. For each block, two points will be awarded to a translation which is of a high standard, and one point to a translation which is satisfactory. Cut-off scores will then be applied to totals of points, to determine element grades.

The two grades associated with each Level will be distinguished by setting two cut-off scores for each Level. The lower score will reflect a satisfactory overall standard of performance, the upper score a high overall standard of performance.

Assessment of the Individual Investigation will be positive, by direct grading with reference to the Grade Related Criteria.

Estimates

Presenting centres must submit to the Board, by 26 March of the year of the examination, an estimate grade for each candidate for each of the three elements (Translation, Interpretation, Investigation). The teacher/lecturer should determine the estimate grades on the basis of each candidate's work. Estimates may be used by the Board for its internal procedures, including such cases as absence from external examinations, adverse circumstances and appeal. Evidence in support of these estimates should be retained by centres for submission to the Board if required.

Section 3

## Grade Related Criteria

## $3 \quad$ Grade Related Criteria

## 31 <br> Definition

Grade Related Criteria (GRC) are positive descriptions of performance against which a candidate's achievement is measured. Direct comparisons are not made between the performance of one candidate and that of another.

## 32 Application of GRC

GRC are defined at three levels of performance: Foundation, General and Credit.
Awards will be reported on six grades, two grades being distinguished at each Level. The upper of the two grades at a given level will be awarded to candidates who meet the stated criteria demonstrating a high standard of performance; the lower grade to those who demonstrate a lower, but still satisfactory, standard of performance.

There will be a seventh grade for candidates who complete the course but fail to meet the criteria for any Level.

## 33 Types of GRC

Summary GRC are broad descriptions of performance. They are published as an aid to the interpretation of the profile of attainment by candidates, parents, employers and other users of the Certificate.

Extended GRC are more detailed descriptions of performance. They are intended to assist teachers/lecturers in making their assessments for each element, and to be used by examiners when conducting external assessment.

## 34 Translation - Summary GRC

Foundation Level (Grades 6, 5)
Given a list of the vocabulary used, and assistance with some parts of the translation, the candidate has demonstrated ability to translate into English the remainder of a passage of straightforward Latin prose which the candidate has not previously prepared.

## General Level (Grades 4, 3)

Given a list of the vocabulary used, and other assistance as appropriate, the candidate has demonstrated ability to translate into English most of a passage of straightforward Latin prose which the candidate has not previously prepared.

Credit Level (Grades 2, 1)
Given a list of the vocabulary used, but little or no other assistance, the candidate has demonstrated ability to translate into English a passage of straightforward Latin prose which the candidate has not previously prepared.

## Foundation Level (Grades 6, 5)

The candidate has demonstrated limited ability to interpret a prescribed Latin text by showing restricted understanding and appreciation of the content, the style and the effect created by the author.

## General Level (Grades 4, 3)

The candidate has demonstrated moderate ability to interpret a prescribed Latin text by showing some understanding and appreciation of the content, the style and the effect created by the author.

## Credit Level (Grades 2, 1)

The candidate has demonstrated considerable ability to interpret a prescribed Latin text by showing good understanding and appreciation of the content, the style and the effect created by the author.

## 36 Investigation - Summary GRC

Foundation Level (Grades 6, 5)
In conducting an investigation into an aspect of the Roman world, the candidate has demonstrated limited ability to use source materials, draw conclusions and present results.

## General Level (Grades 4, 3)

In conducting an investigation into an aspect of the Roman world, the candidate has demonstrated moderate ability to use source materials, draw conclusions and present results.

Credit Level (Grades 2, 1)
In conducting an investigation into an aspect of the Roman world, the candidate has demonstrated considerable ability to use source materials, draw conclusions and present results.

## 37 Description of Grades

These describe performance within Levels. They apply to each element.
Grade 6 The candidate has met the criteria for Foundation Level, demonstrating a satisfactory overall standard of performance.

Grade 5 The candidate has met the criteria for Foundation Level, demonstrating a high overall standard of performance.

Grade 4 The candidate has met the criteria for General Level, demonstrating a satisfactory overall standard of performance.

Grade 3 The candidate has met the criteria for General Level, demonstrating a high overall standard of performance.

Grade 2 The candidate has met the criteria for Credit Level, demonstrating a satisfactory overall standard of performance.

Grade 1 The candidate has met the criteria for Credit Level, demonstrating a high overall standard of performance.

## 38 Translation - Extended GRC

These GRC apply to unseen translation of Latin prose. Candidates are expected to be familiar with the prescribed lists of vocabulary, accidence and syntax.

## Foundation Level

(Grades 6, 5)

General Level
(Grades 4, 3)

Credit Level
(Grades 2, 1)

## Vocabulary

The candidate shows ability to give basic meanings of words, either by recall or by using a word list.

The candidate shows ability to give meanings of words, either by recall or by using a word list; the candidate sometimes goes beyond the information given, as appropriate to the context.

The candidate shows a moderate knowledge and understanding of Latin accidence, and needs moderate assistance to avoid errors and omissions.

The candidate shows a moderate knowledge and understanding of Latin syntax, and needs moderate assistance.

The candidate shows ability to give meanings of words, either by recall or by using a word list; the candidate goes beyond the information given, and shows awareness of the range of meanings which words can have in different contexts.

The candidate shows a sound knowledge and understanding of Latin accidence, making few errors and needing little or no assistance.

The candidate shows a sound knowledge and understanding of Latin syntax, making few errors and needing little or no assistance.

These GRC apply to interpretation of prescribed Latin text (prose for Foundation Level, both prose and verse for General and Credit Levels).

The grade awarded for this element depends on the extent to which the candidate meets the criteria overall; weakness in one aspect may be balanced by above average performance in some other aspect.

| Foundation Level | General Level | Credit Level |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $($ Grades 6,5$)$ | (Grades 4, 3) | (Grades 2, 1) |

## Extracting information and explaining content, ideas and themes

The candidate can extract one or two individual items of information, make a straightforward statement about items of content and state simply a main idea or theme of a text, supporting this with a simple illustration from the text.

The candidate can extract some information, make a moderately detailed statement in explanation of items of content and express the main ideas or themes of the text, referring to the text in support of statements.

The candidate can extract detailed information, make a detailed statement in explanation of items of content and express in detail the main ideas and themes of the text and their relationship to one another, illustrating all statements fully from the text.

Analysing and explaining the author's technique (eg use of words, imagery, figures of speech)

The candidate can make simple, relevant comment on the author's technique.

The candidate can identify aspects of the author's technique, and can justify statements made.

The candidate can comment on aspects of the author's technique, give some account of their effect or intention, and offer some critical evaluation of them.

## Making a statement of personal response with justification and/or evaluation

 (eg commenting on attitudes, comparing passages with regard to points of similarity and difference)The candidate can make a simple statement of personal response to an aspect of the text, and can give a simple justification of the personal response made.

The candidate can show and justify personal response to one or more than one aspect of the text.

The candidate can make an extended statement of personal response to aspects of the text, with reasons. There is evidence of some analysis.

Descriptions of grades are given in $\mathbf{3} 7$.

The grade awarded for this element depends on the extent to which the candidate meets the criteria overall; weakness in one aspect may be balanced by above average performance in some other aspect.

Foundation Level
(Grades 6, 5)

## Knowledge and understanding

The candidate can:
use a restricted number of source materials;
use a restricted range of source materials;
show a basic understanding of the source materials used.

## Comparisons and conclusions

The candidate can:
make simple comparisons with another culture or period;
draw simple conclusions from the source materials used;
give a simple personal response to or evaluation of the topic.

## Communication and presentation

The candidate can:
communicate information with a basic degree of clarity;
present material in a reasonably orderly manner;
present the topic as a whole in an adequately effective manner.

General Level
(Grades 4, 3)
Credit Level
(Grades 2, 1)

The candidate can:
use a reasonable number of source materials;
use a reasonable range of source materials;
show a moderate understanding of the source materials used.

The candidate can:
make fairly detailed comparisons with another culture or period;
draw fairly detailed conclusions from the source materials used;
give a fairly detailed personal response to or evaluation of the topic.

The candidate can:
communicate information with a moderate degree of clarity;
present material in a reasonably logical and sequential manner;
present the topic as a whole in a reasonably effective manner.

The candidate can:
use an extensive number of source materials;
use an extensive range of source materials;
show a good understanding of the source materials used.

The candidate can:
make reasoned and detailed comparisons with another culture or period;
draw reasoned and detailed conclusions from the source materials used;
give a reasoned and detailed personal response to or evaluation of the topic.

The candidate can:
communicate information with a good degree of clarity;
present material in a unified, logical and clear manner;
present the topic as a whole in a very effective manner.

Descriptions of grades are given in 37.

## Appendices

## Appendix I - Vocabulary

a, ab (+ ablative) - by, from, away from
abesse - to be away, be distant from
abire - to go away, leave
accidit - it happens
accipere - to receive, get, suffer, take
accusare - to accuse
acer - fierce, bitter
acies - line of battle, battle
acriter - fiercely
ad (+ accusative) - at, near, to, towards, for addere - to add
adeo (adverb) - to such a degree
adesse - to be here, be present, be near, attend
adimere - to take away (from)
adire - to go to, approach
aditus - approach
adiuvare - to help
adulescens - young man, youth
advenire - to reach, arrive, come to
adversus (+ accusative) - against
aedificare - to build
aedificium - building
aedilis - aedile
aeger - sick, ill
aegre - with difficulty
aequus - equal
aestas - summer
aeternus - everlasting
age! agite! - come! come on! come now!
ager - district, field, territory
agere - to do, carry on, spend (time), drive, perform (plays)
gratias agere - to give thanks, thank
aggredi - to attack
agmen - column (of men)
agricola - farmer
albus - white
alienus - belonging to another, someone else's, foreign
alius - other, another, different
alii . . . alii . . . - some . . . others . . .
Alpes - the Alps
alter - the one, the other, the second
alter . . . alter . . . - the one . . . the other . . .
altus - deep, high
amare - to love, like, fall in love
ambulare - to walk
amicus (adjective) - friendly
amicus (noun) - friend
amittere - to lose
amor-love
amplius - more, further
angustus - narrow
anima - soul
animal - animal
animus - mind, attitude, spirit, will, desire, temper
in animo habere - to intend
annus - year
ante (+ accusative) - before, in front of
antea - before, previously, formerly
antequam - before
antiquus - ancient, old
aperire - to open
apparere - to appear
appellare - to call
appropinquare - to approach
aptus - suitable
apud (+ accusative) - at, on, with, at the house of, among
aqua - water
aquila - eagle, standard
ara - altar, tombstone
arbor - tree
arcessere - to send for, summon
ardere - to burn, be on fire
argentum - silver
arma - weapons, arms
armatus - armed
ars - art
ascendere - to climb, get up
at - but
Athenae - Athens
atque - and
atrium - atrium, main room
auctoriatas - influence
audacia - boldness, daring
audax - daring, bold
audere - to dare
audire - to hear, listen to
aurum - gold
aut . . . aut . . . - either . . . or . . .
autem - but, now, moreover
auxilium - help, assistance
avaritia - greed
avis - bird
avus - grandfather
barbarus - barbarian
bellum - war
bellum gerere - to wage war
bene - well, fine!
beneficium - kindness
bibere - to drink
bis - twice
bona - goods, belongings
bonus - good
bos - ox, cow
brevis - short
Britannia - Britain
cadere - to fall
caedere - to kill, cut down, strike out at
caedes - slaughter, murder
caelum - sky
campus - field, plain, level ground
canere - to sing
canis - dog
capere - to catch, take, seize, capture
captivus - prisoner
caput - head
carcer - prison
carmen - song, poem
Carthago - Carthage
carus - dear
castra - camp
causa (noun) - cause, reason, excuse
causa (+ genitive) - for the sake (of)
cedere - to go away, yield
celare - to hide
celer - swift, fast
celeritas - speed
celeriter - quickly
cena - dinner, meal
centum - hundred
centurio - centurion
certus - certain, definite
ceteri - the rest, the others
cibus - food
cinis - ash
circiter - about
circum (+ accusative) - round, around
civis - citizen
civitas - state, city
clades - disaster, defeat
clamare - to shout, cry, call
clamor - shout, shouting, noise
clarus - famous, distinguished
classis - fleet
claudere - to close, shut (in), block, enclose
coepisse - to have begun
cogere - to compel, force
cogitare - to think, ponder over
cognoscere - to find out, learn
collis - hill
collocare - to station, place, situate
comes - companion, comrade
comparare - to get ready, obtain, get together
complere - to fill, complete
complures - several
comprehendere - to seize, arrest
conari - to try
concedere - to grant
concurrere - to run together, rush up
condicio - term(s)
conficere - to complete, exhaust
confidere - to trust
conicere - to throw, guess
consilium - plan, resourcefulness, advice
consilium capere - to form a plan
consistere - to stand, stop, take up position
conspicere - to catch sight of, notice
constantia - bravery, resoluteness
constituere - to decide, draw up
consul - consul
contendere - to compete, hurry
continere - to confine, hold
contra (+ accusative) - against, opposite, in front of
convenire - to meet, assemble, gather, be acceptable
copia - supply, quantity
copiae - forces
cornu - horn, wing of an army
corpus - body
cotidie - every day
cras - tomorrow
creare - to create, bear, give birth to
creber - frequent
credere - to believe, entrust
crudelis - cruel
culpa - blame
culpare - to blame
cum (+ ablative) - with
cum (conjunction) - when, whenever, since, although
cuncti - all
cupere - to want, wish, be anxious to
cupidus - eager
cur? - why?
cura - care, worry
curare - to look after, tend
curia - senate-house
currere - to run
cursus - course
custodire - to guard
custos - guard
damnare - to condemn
dare - to give
poenas dare - to be punished
de ( + ablative) - about, down from
dea - goddess
debere - to have to, ought
decem - ten
decimus - tenth
dedere - to hand over
deducere - to show into, bring, escort
defendere - to defend, keep safe
defessus - tired
deinde - then, next
delere - to destroy
deligere - to choose
demonstrare - to show
deponere - to lay down, put aside
descendere - to go down, climb down
deserere - to desert
desiderare - to long for, miss
desistere - to stop
desperare - to despair
destruere - to demolish
deus - god
dexter - right
dextra - right hand
di - gods
dicere - to say, tell, speak
dictator - dictator
dies - day, daylight
difficilis - difficult
difficultas - difficulty
dignus - worthy (of)
diligenter - carefully, hard
diligentia - attention to duty, industry, diligence
diligere - to love
dimittere - to send away, let go, lose
discedere - to go away, leave
discere - to learn
diu - for a long time
diutius - for a longer time, longer
dives - rich
dividere - to divide
divinus - divine
divitiae - riches, wealth
docere - to teach
doctus - learned
dolere - to grieve, mourn, feel pain
dolor - grief, pain
domina - mistress
dominus - master
domus - house, home
domi - at home
domum - home, homewards
donum - gift
dormire - to sleep
dubitare - to doubt, hesitate
dubium - doubt
dubius - doubtful, uncertain
ducere - to lead, take, marry
dulcis - sweet
dum - while
duo - two
durus - harsh, hard
dux - leader, general
e (+ ablative) - out of, from, of
ecce! - see! look!
edere - to eat
efficere - complete, finish, bring about
effugere - to escape
ego - I
egredi - to got out, leave, emerge
emere - to buy
enim - for
eo (adverb) - there, to that place
epistola-letter
eques - horseman
equites - horsemen, cavalry
equitatus - cavalry
equus - horse
errare - to be wrong, be mistaken, wander
erumpere - to burst out, break out
esse - to be
et - and, also
et . . . et . . . - both . . . and . . .
etiam - also, even
etsi - although
ex (+ ablative) - out of, from, of
excitare - to stir, rouse, wake
exemplum - example
exercere - to exercise, train
exercitus - army
exire - to go out, leave
existimare - to think
expeditus - lightly armed
expellere - to drive out, expel
experiri - to try, test
exspectare - to wait for, expect
extra (+ accusative) - outside
extremus - edge of
exul-exile
fabula - story, tale, play
facere - to do, make, construct, ensure
facile - easily, without difficulty
facilis - easy
facinus - deed
factum - action, deed
facultas - opportunity, chance
fallere - to deceive
falsus - false
fama - rumour
fames - hunger
familia - family, household
fas - right
fatum - fate
favere - to favour
felix - happy, lucky, fortunate
femina - woman
fere - almost
ferox - fierce
ferre - to carry, bring, bear
ferrum - iron, axe, sword
fessus - tired
festinare - to hurry
fidelis - faithful
fides - faith, good faith, trust, reliability, safekeeping
fidus - faithful, loyal
fieri - to become, happen, take place, be done
filia - daughter
filius - son
fines - territory
finis - end
firmus - firm
flamma - flame
flos - flower
fluctus - wave
flumen - river
fluere - to flow
forma - form
fortasse - perhaps
forte - as it happened, by chance
fortis - brave, strong
fortiter - bravely
fortuna - luck, fortune, good fortune
forum - market-place, forum
fossa - ditch
frangere - to break, wreck
frater - brother
frigidus - cold
frigus - cold
frumentum - corn, grain
frustra - in vain, to no purpose
fuga - flight
fugare - to put to flight
fugere - to flee, run away, escape
fundere - to pour
furor - madness, frenzy, excitement
Gallia - Gaul
Gallus - a Gaul
gaudere - to be glad, happy, pleased
gaudium - joy
gens - race
genus - kind, race, family
gerere - to carry on, wear, wage (war)
gladius - sword
gloria - glory, fame
Graecia - Greece
Graecus - Greek
gratia - for the purpose (of)
gratias agere - to thank
gravis - heavy, serious, severe
habere - to have, consider, keep
habitare - to live, live in
hasta - spear
haud - not
heri - yesterday
hic - here
hic, haec, hoc - this; he, she, it
hiems - winter
hinc - from here, on this side
Hispania - Spain
hodie - today
homo - man, (pl.) people
honos - honour
hora - hour
hortari - to encourage, urge
hortus - garden
hospes - friend, guest, stranger
hostis - enemy
huc - (to) here, to this place
huc illuc - here and there, this way and that
humanus - human
iacere (2) - to lie, be situated
iacere (3) - to throw
iam - now, already, by this time
non iam - no longer
ibi - there
idem - the same
idoneus - suitable
igitur - therefore, then
ignarus - not knowing
ignavus - lazy, cowardly
ignis - fire
ignotus - unknown, strange
ille - that, he
illuc - there, to that place
imago - likeness
immortalis - immortal
impedire - to hinder
imperare - to order
imperator - general
imperium - command, empire, power
impetus - attack, advance
in (+ ablative) - in, on, among
in (+ accusative) - into, to, towards, on, against
incendere - to burn, set on fire
incendium - fire
incertus - strange, uncertain, unknown
incipere - to begin
incitare - to drive on, rouse
incola - inhabitant
incolumis - safe, safely, in safety
inde - from there
inermis - unarmed
infelix - unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky
infirmus - weak
ingenium - ability, good sense, ingenuity, intelligence
ingens - huge, great
inimicus - enemy, rival
inire - to enter, go into, adopt (a plan)
initium - beginning
iniuria - injury, wrong
inopia - lack, scarcity
inquit - (he, she) says, said
insidiae - ambush
insignis - outstanding, distinguished
instruere - to set up, draw up
insula - island, tenement
intellegere - to realise, understand
inter (+ accusative) - among, between, during
interea - meanwhile
interficere - to kill
interim - meanwhile
intra (+ accusative) - inside, within
intrare - to enter, come in, go in
invadere - to attack, invade, make for
invenire - to come upon, find
invictus - undefeated
invidia - envy
invitare - to invite
invitus - unwilling(ly)
ipse--self
ira - anger
iratus - angry, angrily
ire - to go
irrumpere - to attack, burst into, rush into
is - this, that; he
ita - in this (that) way, so, in such a way, yes, as follows
Italia - Italy
itaque - and so, therefore
iter - journey, march, route
iter facere - to journey, march, travel
iterum - again, a second time
iubere - to order, tell, bid
iudex - judge
iudicare - to declare, judge
iudicium - judgement
iungere - to join
Iuppiter - Jupiter
iurare - to swear, take an oath
ius - law
iustus - just, fair
iuvare - to help
iuvenis - young man
labor - work, task, difficulty, trial
laborare - to work, be in difficulties
lacrima - tear
lacrimare - to weep, cry
lacus - lake, swamp
laedere - to damage, harm, injure
laetus - glad, happy
lapis - stone, milestone
latus (adjective) - broad, wide
latus (noun) - side
laudare - to praise, make a speech praising
laus - praise, honour
legatus - ambassador, officer
legere - to read
legio - legion
lente - slowly
leo - lion
levis - light
libenter - gladly, willingly
liber (adjective) - free
liber (noun) - book
liberare - to set free
liberi - children
libertus - freedman
licet - it is allowed
lingua - tongue
littera - letter (of alphabet)
litus - shore
locare - to place
locus - place, position
longe - far, a long way
longus - long
loqui - to talk, speak, say
ludere - to play
ludi - games
ludus - school, game
lumen - light, lamp
luna - moon
lupus - wolf
lux - light
prima lux - dawn
magis - more
magister - schoolmaster
magistratus - magistrate, officer of state
magnitudo - size
magnopere - greatly
magnus - big, great, loud
maior - bigger
male - badly
malle - to prefer
malus - bad, wicked, disastrous
mandare - to command, entrust
mane - in the morning
manere - to remain
manus - hand
mare - sea
mater - mother
maximus - largest, very big
medius - mid-, middle of
melior - better
memor - mindful
memoria - memory
mens - mind
mensa - table
mensis - month
mercator - merchant
mereri - to merit, deserve
metus - fear
meus - my
miles - soldier
milia - thousands
mille - one thousand
mille passus - mile
minimus - smallest
minari - to threaten
minor (adjective) - smaller, less
mirari - to wonder
mirus - wonderful, strange
miscere - to mix
miser - unhappy
mittere - to send, let go, throw
modo - only, just
modus - way, means, manner
moenia - city walls
monere - to advise, warn
mons - mountain, hill
mora - delay
morari - to delay, loiter
morbus - disease
mori - to die
mors - death
mortalis - mortal
mortuus - dead
mos - custom
movere - to move
mox - soon, later
mulier - woman
multi - many
multitudo - crowd, large number, throng
multum - much
multus - much, ( $p l$. ) many
munire - to fortify, build
munitio - fortification
munus - service, gift, gladitorial show
murus - wall
mutare - to change
nam - for
narrare - to tell
nasci - to be born
natio - tribe
natura - nature
natus - born, of age, old
nauta - sailor
navigare - to sail
navis - ship
ne (+ subjunctive) - in case, to prevent, not to
nec - and . . . not
necare - to kill
necessarius - necessary
necesse - necessary
nefas - wrong, crime
negare - to refuse, deny
negotium - business
nemo - no one, no
neque - and . . . not
neque . . . neque . . . - neither . . . nor . . .
nescire - not to know
niger - black, dark
nihil - nothing
nisi - unless, if not, except
nobilis - noble
nocere - to harm
noli - do not
nolle - not to wish, to refuse, be unwilling
nomen - name
non - not
non iam - no longer
nondum - not yet
nonne? - surely?
nonus - ninth
nos - we, us
noster - our
nostri - our men
novem - nine
novus - new, strange, fresh
nox - night
nubes - cloud
nudus - naked, bare
nullus - no
num? - whether, if, surely . . . not?
numerus - number
numquam - never
nunc - now
nuntiare - to announce, inform, tell
nuntius - messenger
nuper - recently
oblivisci - to forget
obscurus - dark
obses - hostage
obsidere - to besiege
obviam ire - to go to meet
occasio - opportunity, chance
occidere - to kill
occupare - to seize
occurrere - to meet
octavus - eighth
octo - eight
oculus - eye
odisse - to hate
officium - ceremony, duty
olim - once, some day, one day
omnis - all, every, whole
omnino - entirely
onus - load
opes - wealth
opinio - opinion
oppidum - town
opprimere - to crush, overwhelm
oppugnare - to attack
optare - to wish
optimus - very good, excellent
opus - work
opus est - there is need of
ora - coast
orare - to beg, plead
oratio - speech
orbis - circle
ordo - rank
oriri - to rise, arise
ornare - to decorate, equip
os, oris - mouth, face
os, ossis - bone
ostendere - to show, point out, indicate
otium - leisure, ease
ovis - sheep
paene - almost
palus - piece of wood, post, pole
panis - bread
par - equal, same
parare - to prepare, get ready
parcere - to spare
parere - to obey
pars - part, direction, number
parvus - small
pater - father
pati - to suffer, allow
patria - native land, country
pauci - few
paulum - a little, little
pauper - poor
pax - peace
pectus - chest, breast
pecunia - money, sum of money
pedes - foot-soldier
pellere - to drive, push back, beat
per (+ accusative) - through, throughout, along, over
perdere - to lose, destroy
periculum - danger, peril
perire - to perish, die
persuadere - to persuade
perterritus - terrified
perturbare - to throw into confusion
pervenire - to arrive (at), reach
pes - foot
pessimus - very bad
petere - to seek, make for, ask (for), attack, look for
pilum - javelin
placere - to please, delight
plebs - common people
plenus - full
plerique - most
plures - more
plurimus - very much, most
plus - more
poena - penalty, punishment
poenas dare - to be punished
Poenus - Carthaginian
poeta - poet
polliceri - to promise
ponere - to place, put, pitch, lay to rest
pons - bridge
populus - people
porta - gate
portare - to carry, convey, bring
portus - harbour
poscere - to ask for, demand
posse - to be able
post (+ accusative) - after, behind
postea - afterwards, later, again
posterus - next, following
postquam - after, when
postremo - finally, lastly
postridie - on the next day
postulare - to demand
potens - powerful
potius - rather
praebere - to show, display, provide
praeda - booty
praemium - reward, prize, bribe
praesens - present
praesidium - garrison, protection
praetor - praetor
preces - prayers
premere - to press, trouble, pursue
pretium - price
primum (adverb) - first
primus (adjective) - first
prima lux - dawn, daylight
princeps - emperor, leading citizen
prior - first, earlier, sooner
prius - before, previously, sooner
priusquam - before
pro (+ ablative) - in front of, on behalf of
procedere - to advance, go forward, go on
procul - far
prodere - to betray, hand down
proelium - battle
proficisci - to set out
progredi - to advance, go forward, make one's way to
prohibere - to prevent
promittere - to promise
prope (+ accusative) - near
prope - nearby, almost
propinquus - near
propter (+ accusative) - on account of, because of, for
providere - to take precautions
provincia - province
proximus - next, last, neighbouring, nearest
prudens - wise, sensible
publicus - public
puella - girl
puer - boy
pugna - battle, fight
pugnare - to fight
pulcher - beautiful, handsome, attractive
punire - to punish
putare - to think
quaerere - to ask, look for
quaestor - quaestor
qualis - what kind of? what sort of? of the kind
quam! - how!
quam? - how?
quam - than
quamquam - although
quando? - when?
quantus? - how big? how great? how much? what a great . . .!
quartus - fourth
quattuor - four
-que - and
qui, quae, quod - who, which
quia - because
quid? - what? why?
quidam - a, a certain, (pl.) some
quidem - indeed
quinque - five
quintus - fifth
quis? - who? which? what?
quo? - where to? to this place, there
quod - which; because
quomodo? - how?
quoniam - since
quoque - also
quot? - how many?
rapere - to snatch, seize
recipere - to receive, take in, take back
reddere - to return, give back, restore, deliver
redire - to return
reditus - return
reducere - to lead back, take back
regere - to rule
regina - queen
regio - region, district, land
regnum - kingdom, kingship, kingly power
relinquere - to leave, abandon
reliquus - remaining, rest of
reliqui - the rest, the others
reperire - to find
res - thing, matter, affair, observation, experience, situation
resistere - to resist
respondere - to answer, reply
responsum - reply, answer
respublica - state
retinere - to hold back, catch, keep, hold on to, restrain
rex - king
ridere - to laugh
ripa - bank
rogare - to ask
Roma - Rome
Romanus - Roman
ruere - to rush, fall down
ruina - ruin, falling down, collapse
rumpere - to break
rursus - again
rus - country
sacer - sacred, holy
sacerdos - priest, priestess
saepe - often
saevus - savage, fierce
salus - safety
sanguis - blood
sanus - sound, healthy
sapiens - wise
sapientia - wisdom
satis - enough, sufficient, quite
saxum - stone, rock
scelus - crime
scire - to know
scribere - to write
scutum - shield
se - himself, herself, themselves, itself, him, her, it
secum - with him, her, them
secundus - second, favourable
sed - but
sedere - to sit
sedes - seat
semper - always
senator - senator
senatus - senate
senex - old man
sentire - to feel, realise
septem - seven
septimus - seventh
sequi - to follow
sermo - conversation, talk, (pl.) topics of conversation
sero - late
servare - to save, keep
servus - slave
severus - strict, stern
sex-six
sextus - sixth
si - if
sic - in this way, so, in such a way
Sicilia - Sicily
signum - standard, signal
silentium - silence
silva - wood
similis - like
simul - at the same time
simulare - to pretend
simulatque - as soon as
sine ( + ablative ) - without
sinere - to allow
sinister - left
socius - companion, accomplice, ally
sol - sun
solere - to be used to, be in the habit of, usually do
solum - alone, only
solus - alone
solvere - to loosen
somnus - sleep
sonare - to sound, roar
sonitus - sound
soror - sister
spatium - space, distance
spectare - to look at, watch
sperare - to hope
spes - hope
stare - to stand
statim - immediately, at once
studere - to study
studium - study, enthusiasm
stultus - stupid, foolish
sub (+ ablative) - under
subito - suddenly
succurrere - to help
sumere - to take, pick up, assume
summus - highest, greatest, the top of . . . utmost
super (+ accusative) - above
superare - to pass, overcome, defeat, cross
supra - earlier, above
surgere - to rise, get up
suscipere - to undertake
sustinere - to hold off, sustain (a defeat)
suus - his, her, its, their
tacere - to be silent
tacitus - silent, silently
talis - such, of such a kind, like this
tam - so, as much, so much
tamen - but, however, nevertheless, yet
tandem - at last
tangere - to touch
tantus - so great, such, so loud
telum - weapon, spear
tempestas - storm
templum - temple
tempus - time
tenere - to hold, keep, confine
tergum - back
terra - earth, land
terrere - to terrify
territus - terrified
terror - terror
tertius - third
Tiberis - River Tiber
timere - to be afraid, fear
timor - fear
toga - toga
tollere - to raise, remove, kill
tot - so many
totus - whole of
tradere - to hand over
trahere - to drag
trans (+ accusative) - across
transire - to pass through, cross
tres - three
tribunus - tribune, officer
tristis - sad
Troia - Troy
Troianus - Trojan
tu - you
tum - then, at that time
tunica - tunic
turba - crowd
turris - tower
tutus - safe
tuus - your
tyrannus - tyrant
ubi? - where?
ubi - when, where
ubique - everywhere
ullus - any
ultimus - last, farthest
umbra - shadow
umquam - ever
unda - wave
unde? - whence? where . . . from?
undique - from every quarter, on all sides
unus - one, alone
urbs - city
ut (+ indicative) - as, when
ut (+ subjunctive) - so that, to
uter? - which (of two)?
uterque - each (of two), both
uti - to use
utilis - useful
utrum . . . an . . . - whether . . . or . . .
uxor - wife
valere - to be strong, be powerful
validus - strong
vallum - rampart
varius - different, various, varied
vastare - to destroy
vehere - to carry
vehi - to ride, sail, travel
vel - or
velle - to wish, want
vendere - to sell
venire - to come, come about, happen
ventus - wind
ver - spring
verbum - word, verb
vero - indeed, but
vertere - to turn
verus - true
vesper - evening
vester - your
vestis - clothing
vetare - to forbid, tell not to
vetus - old
via - road, roadway, street
vicinus - neighbouring
victor - victor
victoria - victory
videre - to see
videri - to seem
vigilare - to stay awake
viginti - twenty
villa - country house, house, farm
vincere - to defeat, conquer, overcome
vinum - wine
vir - man, husband
vires - strength
virgo - maiden, girl
virtus - courage, (act of) bravery, excellence
vis - force, violence, might
vita - life
vitare - to avoid
vivere - to live, be alive
vivus - alive, living
vix - scarcely, with difficulty
vocare - to call, invite
vos - you (pl.)
vox - voice, sound
vulnerare - to wound
vulnus - wound
vultus - face, expression

## Appendix II - Accidence

A Nouns : Declensions 1 to 5

B Adjectives : regular adjectives (positive, comparative and superlative);
the following irregular adjectives (positive, comparative and superlative) bonus, malus, parvus, magnus, multus, multi.

C Adverbs : regular adverbs (positive, comparative and superlative);
the following irregular adverbs (positive, comparative and superlative) bene, male, paulum, magnopere, multum.

D Pronouns : ego, nos, $t u$, vos, se (and possessive adjectives); hic, ille, is, and idem; qui and quis.

E Numerals : Cardinals 1-10 (also centum and mille). Ordinals 1-10.

F Verbs
(Regular) : Indicative - all Active Tenses except Future Perfect.
Subjunctive - Present, Imperfect and Pluperfect only.
(N.B. in the above moods, candidates may expect to meet Deponent verbs and the Passive Voice of Active verbs only in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ person, singular and plural.)

Imperative - Active only.
Infinitive $-\underset{\text { Deponent }}{\text { Active }}\}$ Present, Perfect, Future.
Passive - Perfect only.
Participles - Present and Perfect, including Deponent, and Future.
(Irregular) : The following irregular verbs: sum, possum, volo, nolo, eo, fero.

## Appendix III - Syntax

Use of Participles, including the Ablative Absolute.

Use of Relative Pronoun (with the Indicative only).
Purpose Clauses (ut and ne with the Subjunctive).

Result Clauses (ut with the Subjunctive).

Indirect Statement.

Direct Command.

Indirect Command.

Direct Question.

Indirect Question.

Causal Clauses (quod, quia with the Indicative) and cum with the Subjunctive.

Temporal Clauses (cum, ubi, ut, postquam, antequam with the Indicative, cum with the Subjunctive,
dum with the Indicative = "while"; simulatque).
Conditional Sentences (Indicative only).
Concessive Clauses (quamquam with the Indicative).

## Appendix IV - Prescribed Text

Prescription for specimen question papers and for 1989, 1990 and 1991 examinations.

Latin
Pliny, extracts from Epistulae III.14, VII.27, IX.33.
Catullus, LI (lines 1-12), II (lines 1-6, 9-10), V, CIX, LXX, VIII, XII, CI.
Ovid, Metamorphoses VIII, lines 183-189, 193-235.

English
Pliny, Epistulae X.15, X.16, X.31, X.32, X.33, X. 34.
Catullus, III, VII, XCII, LXXII, LXXVI (lines 13-26), XIII.

## PLINY

rem atrocem nec tantum epistula dignam Larcius Macedo, vir praetorius, a servis suis passus est, superbus dominus et saevus. lavabatur in villa Formiana. repente eum servi circumsistunt. alius fauces invadit, alius os verberat, alius pectus et ventrem contundit; et cum exanimem putarent, abiciunt in fervens pavimentum, ut experirentur an viveret. ille sive quia non sentiebat, sive quia se non sentire simulabat, immobilis et extentus fidem peractae mortis implevit. tum demum quasi aestu solutus effertur; excipiunt servi fideliores, concubinae cum ululatu et clamore concurrunt. ita et vocibus excitatus et recreatus loci frigore sublatis oculis agitatoque corpore vivere se (et iam tutum erat) confitetur. diffugiunt servi; quorum magna pars comprehensa est, ceteri requiruntur. ipse paucis diebus aegre focilatus non sine ultionis solacio decessit. vides quot periculis, quot contumeliis, quot ludibriis simus obnoxii; nec est quod quisquam possit esse securus, quia sit remissus et mitis; non enim iudicio sed scelere domini perimuntur.
VII. 27
erat Athenis spatiosa et capax domus, sed infamis et pestilens. per silentium noctis sonus ferri, et si attenderes acrius, strepitus vinculorum longius primo, deinde e proximo reddebatur: mox adparebat idolon, senex macie et squalore confectus, promissa barba, horrenti capillo; cruribus compedes, manibus catenas gerebat quatiebatque. inde inhabitantibus tristes diraeque noctes per metum vigilabantur; vigiliam morbus et crescente formidine mors sequebatur. nam interdiu quoque, quamquam abscesserat imago, memoria imaginis oculis inerrabat, longiorque causis timoris timor erat. deserta inde domus, totaque illi monstro relicta; proscribebatur tamen, seu quis emere, seu quis conducere ignarus tanti mali vellet. venit Athenas philosophus Athenodorus, legit titulum auditoque pretio, quia suspecta vilitas, percunctatus omnia docetur ac nihilo minus, immo tanto magis conducit. ubi coepit advesperascere, poscit pugillares, stilum, lumen; suos omnes in interiora dimittit; ipse ad scribendum animum, oculos, manum intendit, ne vacua mens inanes sibi metus fingeret. initio, quale ubique, silentium noctis; dein concuti ferrum, vincula moveri. ille non tollere oculos, non remittere stilum. tum crebrescere fragor, adventare, et iam ut in limine, iam ut intra limen audiri. respicit, videt agnoscitque narratam sibi effigiem. stabat innuebatque digito. hic contra ut paulum exspectaret manu significat, rursusque ceris et stilo incumbit. illa scribentis capiti catenis insonabat. respicit rursus innuentem, nec moratus tollit lumen et sequitur. ibat illa lento gradu, quasi gravis vinculis. postquam deflexit in aream domus, repente dilapsa deserit comitem. desertus herbas et folia concerpta signum loco ponit. postero die adit magistratus, monet ut illum locum effodi iubeant. inveniuntur ossa inserta catenis et implicita, quae corpus aevo terraque putrefactum nuda et vinculis exesa reliquerat; collecta publice sepeliuntur. domus postea rite conditis manibus caruit.
IX. 33
est in Africa Hipponensis colonia mari proxima. adiacet navigabile stagnum; ex hoc in modum fluminis aestuarium emergit, quod nunc infertur mari, nunc redditur stagno. omnis hic aetas piscandi, navigandi atque etiam natandi studio tenetur, maxime pueri, quos otium lususque sollicitat. his gloria et virtus altissime provehi: victor ille, qui longissime ut litus ita simul natantes reliquit. hoc certamine puer quidam audentior ceteris in ulteriora tendebat. delphinus occurrit, et nunc praecedere puerum, nunc sequi, nunc circumire, postremo subire, deponere, iterum subire, trepidantemque perferre primum in altum, mox flectit ad litus, redditque terrae. serpit per coloniam fama; concurrere omnes, ipsum puerum tamquam miraculum adspicere, interrogare, audire, narrare. postero die obsident litus, prospectant mare. natant pueri, inter hos ille, sed cautius. delphinus rursus ad tempus, rursus ad puerum. fugit ille cum ceteris. delphinus, quasi invitet et revocet, exsilit, mergitur, variosque orbes implicat expeditque. hoc altero die, hoc tertio, hoc pluribus. accedunt et adludunt et adpellant, tangunt etiam. crescit audacia experimento. maxime puer, qui primus expertus est, adnatat, insilit tergo,
fertur referturque, se amari putat, amat ipse; neuter timet, neuter timetur; huius fiducia, mansuetudo illius augetur. nec non alii pueri dextra laevaque simul eunt hortantes monentesque. ibat una (id quoque mirum) delphinus alius, tantum spectator et comes. nihil enim simile aut faciebat aut patiebatur, sed alterum illum ducebat reducebat, ut puerum ceteri pueri. incredibile, tam verum tamen quam priora, delphinum in terram quoque extrahi solitum, harenisque siccatum, ubi incaluisset in mare revolvi. confluebant omnes ad spectaculum magistratus, quorum adventu res publica novis sumptibus atterebatur. postremo locus ipse quietem suam secretumque perdebat: placuit occulte interfici, ad quod coibatur.

## X. 15

## Pliny to the Emperor Trajan

I am sure that this is of interest to you, sir. I can report that I was held back by contrary winds, but I have sailed round Cape Malea and reached Ephesus with my entire staff. My intention now is to proceed to my province, partly by coastal boats and partly by road transport. The intense heat makes it impossible to go overland all the way, and the prevailing winds prevent me from travelling entirely by sea.
X. 16

## Trajan to Pliny

You were right to send me your report, my dear Pliny. I am interested to learn about the kind of journey you are having to your province. It is a sensible decision of yours sometimes to use boats and sometimes to use carriages, as the local conditions demand.

## X. 31

## Pliny to the Emperor Trajan

There is no threat to your greatness, sir, in having to lower yourself to listen to my problems, since you have given me the right to refer to you when in doubt. In several cities, especially Nicomedia and Nicaea, there are people who were sentenced to do public works, or to serve in the arena, or to undergo similar punishments. But now there are carrying out the duties and functions of public slaves, and like public slaves they are actually receiving an annual salary. When I heard this, I thought long and hard about what I should do. Most of them are elderly by now and, by all accounts, leading decent, honest lives, so I thought it was too harsh to send them back to their sentences after such a long time; on the other hand, I did not think it altogether right to keep criminals in public service. Again, I judged it pointless for these people to be fed by the state without doing any work, but I also thought that there could be a risk in not feeding them. Therefore, I have been forced to leave the entire question in suspense until I could consult you.

Perhaps you may wonder how it came about that they were released from the sentences which were passed on them. I wondered, too, but I have found no satisfactory explanation which I can report to you. Records of their sentences were produced, but there were no papers which could prove their release. However, some people have stated on their behalf that they were released on the instructions of previous governors or officials. This is probably true, for it is unlikely that anyone would have dared to release them without authorisation.

## Trajan to Pliny

Let us remember that you were sent to your province for the very reason that many changes clearly had to be made there. This more than anything else will have to be put right - convicted criminals, according to your letter, not just being released but actually being reinstated as honest officials. Those who were sentenced within the last ten years and were released without any proper authority will have to serve out their sentences. As for any more elderly men who were sentenced over ten years ago, they can be assigned to duties which are not far removed from a sentence of hard labour. People like this are usually employed in the public baths, in cleaning sewers, or in repairing streets and highways.

## X. 33

## Pliny to the Emperor Trajan

85 While I was travelling round a different part of the province, there was a huge fire at Nicomedia. It destroyed many private houses and two public buildings (the Elder Citizens' Club and the Temple of Isis), although there is a street lying between them. It spread quite far to begin with because of the strong wind, but then it spread farther thanks to the apathy of the people. The general opinion is that they stood about doing nothing and making no move to help, just watching the disaster. In any case, there is not a single fire engine anywhere in the town, not a fire-bucket nor any piece of equipment for putting out fires. I have now given instructions for these to be provided.

I wonder, sir, if you would consider whether a company of firemen should be started, no more than 150 men. I shall make sure that only genuine firemen are admitted and that they do not use any privilege they may be granted for another purpose. It will not be difficult to keep an eye on such small numbers.
X. 34

## Trajan to Pliny

You have had the idea of following the example of several other cities and thinking it possible for a company of firemen to be set up at Nicomedia. But let us not forget that there have been disturbances in your province - and especially in the towns - because of societies like this. It does not matter what name we give them or what their reason - if people assemble for a common purpose, it does not take them long to turn into a political club. It is a better idea, therefore, to provide the equipment which can help to put out fires, to train property owners to control fires themselves, and to make general use of the people only if the situation demands it.

## CATULLUS

## LI

ille mi par esse deo videtur, ille, si fas est, superare divos, qui sedens adversus identidem te spectat et audit
dulce ridentem, misero quod omnes eripit sensus mihi: nam simul te, Lesbia, aspexi, nihil est super mi vocis in ore.
lingua sed torpet, tenuis sub artus flamma demanat, sonitu suopte tintinant aures, gemina teguntur lumina nocte.

## II

passer, deliciae meae puellae, quicum ludere, quem in sinu tenere, cui primum digitum dare appetenti et acres solet incitare morsus, cum desiderio meo nitenti carum nescio quid lubet iocari: tecum ludere, sicut ipsa, possem et tristes animi levare curas!

## V

vivamus, mea Lesbia, atque amemus, rumoresque senum severiorum omnes unius aestimemus assis! soles occidere et redire possunt:
oum semel occidit brevis lux, nox est perpetua una dormienda. da mi basia mille, deinde centum, dein mille altera, dein secunda centum, deinde usque altera mille, deinde centum. dein, cum milia multa fecerimus, contarbabimus illa, ne sciamus, aut ne quis malus invidere possit, cum tantum sciat esse basiorum.

O goddesses and gods of love,
And all you mortals who above The common herd love lovely love, Put mourning on:
5 Sparrow is dead - my girl's;
Sparrow, the pet - my girl's;
The one she loved (and you know her)
More than here own dear famous eyes. For
It was her honey, and as well
10 As a girl knows here mother it knew Herself
And from her lap it never moved away, But hopping around about, now here, now there,
Ever it chirped its song
To mistress alone;
15 And now it goes by the shadowed way That way from which they say
No one returns.
And you, may evil come to you,
You evil shades of Orcus, who
20 Devour all pretty things:
So pretty it was, I say,
The sparrow you took away.
O the wicked thing to do!
O wretched little sparrow! You
Are why just now those eyes -
25 My girl's - are swollen, reddening as she cries.
(Poor little eyes!)

VII

You ask how many kisses, Lesbia,
Are enough and more than enough for me to give you.
As many as the grains of Libyan sand That lie in silphium-rich Cyrenaica,
5 Between the oracle of sultry Jove
And ancient Battus' sacred sepulchre;
Or as many as the stars, in silent night,
That look upon the secret loves of mortals:
So many are the kisses that would be
10 Enough and more than enough for mad
Catullus
To kiss you with; neither could busybodies
Count them, nor wicked tongue cast spells on them.

## IX

iucundum, mea vita, mihi proponis amorem hunc nostrum inter nos perpetuumque fore.
di magni, facite ut vere promittere possit, atque id sincere dicat et ex animo,

## LXX

nulli se dicit mulier mea nubere malle quam mihi, non si se Iuppiter ipse petat.
dicit: sed mulier cupido quod dicit amanti, in vento et rapida scribere oportet aqua.

## VIII

miser Catulle, desinas ineptire, et quod vides perisse perditum ducas. fulsere quondam candidi tibi soles, cum ventitabas quo puella ducebat
ut liceat nobis tota perducere vita aeterum hoc sanctae foedus amicitiae.
amata nobis quantum amabitur nulla. ibi illa multa cum iocosa fiebant, quae tu volebas nec puella nolebat, fulsere vere candidi tibi soles. nunc iam illa non vult: tu quoque inpotens noli,
nec quae fugit sectare, nec miser vive, sed obstinata mente perfer, obdura. vale, puella. iam Catullus obdurat, nec te requiret nec rogabit invitam. at tu dolebis, cum rogaberis nulla. scelesta, vae te, quae tibi manet vita? quis nunc te adibit? cui videberis bella? quem nunc amabis? cuius esse diceris? quem basiabis? cui labella mordebis? at tu, Catulle, destinatus obdura.

## XCII

Lesbia's always speaking ill
Of me and never stops
Speaking of me:
Ruin take me
5 If Lesbia doesn't love me.
My evidence? Because it's just
The same with me:
My prayer, Constantly,
10 Is to be rid of her, But ruin take me If I don't love her.

## LXXII

According to the tale that once you told, Catullus was the only one you knew, Lesbia, and before me you would hold Not even Jove. At that time, I loved you
5 Not just as common lovers love a lass, But also with the love a father has
For sons and sons-in-law. Now I know you: Therefore I burn still more obsessively, Yet you are much more cheap and light to me.
10 "How so?" you say. Because such wrongs compel
The lover to love more, but wish less well.

## LXXVI

Instant recovery from a chronic love Is difficult, but this is what you must Somehow achieve: this is the only way Of getting better; you must get the better
5 Of this, once and for all; you must do this, Whether it can be done or cannot be. O gods, if it is in your power to pity, Of if to any you have ever brought Help at the last, even at death's very door,
10 Look upon me in all my wretchedness, And, if in my past life I have kept faith, Tear out of me this plague and pestilence Which, creeping like a numbness deep inside My limbs, has cast out joy from my whole heart.
15 No longer do I ask, as once I did, That she should love me with an answering love; Nor do I ask for the impossible That she should wish to have no other love. My prayer is for myself: my health and strength
20 Recovery from this sickness that I loathe. O gods, grant this to me for my devotion.

## XII

Marrucine Asini, manu sinistra non belle uteris: in ioco atque vino tollis lintea neglegentiorum. hoc salsum esse putas? fugit te, inepte: quamvis sordida res et invenusta est. non credis mihi? crede Pollioni fratri, qui tua furta vel talento mutari velit: est enim leporum differtus puer ac facetiarum. quare aut hendecasyllabos trecentos exspecta, aut mihi linteum remitte, quod me non movet aestimatione, verum est mnemosynum mei sodalis. nam sudaria Saetaba ex Hiberis miserunt mihi muneri Fabullus et Veranius: haec amem necesse est ut Veraniolum meum et Fabullum.

XIII
You'll dine wall at my house, my dear Fabullus, If the gods favour you, in a few days, If along with yourself you bring as well A good big dinner, and a fair girl too, 5 And wine and salt and laughs of every kind. If you bring these, I say, my charming friend, You'll dine well; for your friend Catullus'
purse
Is full of cobwebs. But you will receive Affection undiluted in return,
10 Or something sweeter and more elegant: For I'll provide a fragrance, which my girl Was given by goddesses and gods of love; When you catch scent of it, you'll beg the gods
To transform you, Fabullus, into all Nose.

## CI

multas per gentes et multa per aequora vectus advenio has miseras, frater, ad inferias,
ut te postremo donarem munere mortis et mutam nequiquam alloquerer cinerem.
quandoquidem fortuna mihi tete abstulit ipsum, heu miser indigne frater adempte mihi, nunc tamen interea haec, prisco quae more parentum tradita sunt tristi munere ad inferias, accipe fraterno multum manantia fletu, atque in perpetuum, frater, ave atque vale.

## OVID

Daedalus interea Creten longumque perosus exilium, tactusque loci natalis amore, clausus erat pelago. "terras licet" inquit "et undas obstruat, at caelum certe patet; ibimus illac: omnia possideat, non possidet aera Minos." dixit, et ignotas animum dimittit in artes naturamque novat. nam ponit in ordine pennas. tum lino medias et ceris alligat imas atque ita compositas parvo curvamine flectit ut veras imitetur aves. puer Icarus una stabat et, ignarus sua se tractare pericla, ore renidenti modo quas vaga moverat aura captabat plumas, flavam modo pollice ceram mollibat, lusuque suo mirabile patris impediebat opus. postquam manus ultima coepto imposita est, geminas opifex libravit in alas ipse suum corpus, motaque pependit in aura.
instruit et natum, "medio" que "ut limite curras, Icare," ait "moneo, ne, si demissior ibis, unda gravet pennas, si celsior, ignis adurat. inter utrumque vola! nec te spectare Booten aut Helicen iubeo strictumque Orionis ensem: me duce carpe viam!" pariter praecepta volandi tradit et ignotas umeris accommodat alas. inter opus monitusque genae maduere seniles, et patriae tremuere manus. dedit oscula nato non iterum repetenda suo, pennisque levatus ante volat comitique timet, velut ales, ab alto quae teneram prolem produxit in aera nido, hortaturque sequi, damnosasque erudit artes, et movet ipse suas et nati respicit alas. hos aliquis tremula dum captat harundine pisces, aut pastor baculo stivave innixus arator vidit et obstipuit, quique aethera carpere possent credidit esse deos. et iam Iunonia laeva parte Samos (fuerant Delosque Parosque relictae), dextra Lebinthos erat fecundaque melle Calymne, cum puer audaci coepit gaudere volatu deseruitque ducem, caelique cupidine tactus altius egit iter. rapidi vicinia solis mollit odoratas, pennarum vincula, ceras: tabuerant cerae; nudos quatit ille lacertos remigioque carens non ullas percipit auras, oraque caerulea patrium clamantia nomen excipiuntur aqua, quae nomen traxit ab illo.
at pater infelix, nec iam pater, "Icare," dixit, "Icare," dixit "ubi es? qua te regione requiram?" "Icare" dicebat: pennas aspexit in undis, devovitque suas artes, corpusque sepulcro condidit, et tellus a nomine dicta sepulti.
(Ovid, Metamorphoses VIII, lines 183-189, 193-235)

## Appendix V - List of Approved Topics for Individual Investigation

## 1989, 1990 and 1991 Examinations

Any topic not included in this list must be submitted to the Board for approval. The list indicates the type of topic considered suitable.

## LINGUISTIC/LITERARY

Roman comedy or letter-writing or narrative poetry or love poetry or oratory or Livy and the legends of early Rome

## HISTORICAL

Hannibal or Julius Caesar or life on Hadrian's Wall or on the Antonine Wall or Agricola, governor of Britain

## AESTHETIC

Roman wall painting or mosaics or architecture or sculpture

## SOCIAL/POLITICAL

Roman education or spectator sports or slavery or housing or the Forum Romanum

## MORAL/PHILOSOPHICAL

Roman beliefs in life after death or superstitions or state religion

## SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL

Roman aqueducts or road-building or medicine

Note A topic might be treated under a different heading from the one given above; for example, the Forum Romanum might be treated as a social or aesthetic topic.

## Appendix VI - Translation: Principles of Differentiation

In an assessment system which seeks to reward achievement rather than penalise failure, it is desirable that all candidates should eventually gain an understanding of the Latin which they are asked to translate. This is unlikely to happen if the task is made equally demanding for all: all may have studied the same syllabus, but mastery of it will vary from candidate to candidate. To resolve this difficulty, there must be some kind of differentiation of papers.

At first sight, it seems an attractive idea to grade Latin passages by degree of difficulty. This idea is rejected, since it is fraught with problems, the principal one being that of predicting with certainty what candidates will find difficult.

Since the Standard Grade Latin course is a unitary one and candidates at all Levels are expected to be familiar with all the items listed in Appendices I, II and III, all the passages set for unseen translation will be similarly demanding in length and difficulty, as far as this is practicable.

Accordingly, it has been decided that the most satisfactory basis for differentiation is the amount of assistance given to the candidates. There are still difficulties in predicting what kind of assistance is required, but the following system has been prepared with a view to achieving some measure of consistency. It may be modified as experience of its use is gained.

Given that vocabulary difficulties should have been largely eliminated by the provision of a word list and by glossing, the most important remaining skills are the ability to recognise an item of accidence or syntax in its context, the ability to apply the appropriate rules and the ability to analyse relationships within a clause and between clauses. The basic principle of the system is to reduce or eliminate, for some candidates, these difficulties.

Credit Level: the Latin will be printed as a continuous passage, broken if necessary by linking passages in English.

Any items of vocabulary, accidence or syntas not included in Appendices I, II or III will be glossed.

General Level: as for Credit Level.
In addition, phrases or groups of words likely to cause difficulty for candidates will also be glossed.

Foundation Level: the passage will be divided into clauses, phrases or units of sense: anything not included in Appendices I, II or III, plus units of sense likely to cause difficulty, will be glossed: candidates will also be given "pointers" to correct translation, for example:

- subject of a verb (where there is possible ambiguity);
- prepositional help with cases of nouns;
- introduction to subordinate clauses.

Approximately a third of the passage will be given in translation.
The above principles have been used in the preparation of the specimen papers.

# Specimen Question Papers 

## Note

In the Interpretation papers, the questions refer to the prescribed text.

## STANDARD GRADE

## LATIN

## FOUNDATION, GENERAL AND CREDIT LEVELS

IN AND AFTER 1989

## SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPERS BASED ON REVISED ARRANGEMENTS

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# STANDARD GRADE 

## LATIN

FOUNDATION LEVEL

PAPER I

INTERPRETATION

TIME - 45 MINUTES

## Answer all questions.

## 1 PLINY

In letter X.34, Trajan rejects Pliny's request for the setting up of a company of firemen in his province.
a) State one reason why he rejects Pliny's request. Write down one of the things he tells Pliny to do instead.
b) Do you think Trajan's reply is a satisfactory one? Give a reason for your answer.
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2 CATULLUS
a) In poem II, line 1, Catullus refers to Lesbia as "mea puella". Write down and translate another Latin phrase from the same poem which proves that he is in love with Lesbia.
b) What is the object referred to by the word "assis" in line 3 of poem V?
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c) Read lines 12-19 of poem VIII and write down what you think Catullus thinks of Lesbia here. Give a reason for your answer, quoting from the text.
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3 OVID
a) State one of the reasons given in lines 1-3 which made Daedalus want to escape from Crete.
b) In line 10, Ovid refers to Icarus as "puer". Write down and translate another Latin phrase occurring in lines $14-15$ which shows that Icarus is a "puer". What feeling about Icarus do these words arouse?
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c) Read lines 28-29.
(i) To what does Ovid compare Daedalus?
(ii) To what does Ovid compare Icarus?

# STANDARD GRADE 

## LATIN

GENERAL LEVEL

PAPER I

INTERPRETATION

TIME - 45 MINUTES

## Answer all questions.

1 PLINY
a) In the first passage (III.14), lines 3-4 ("alius fauces ... contundit"), in what ways did the slaves attack Macedo?

After these attacks they finally threw him on to the hot paved flooring. Write down and translate the Latin which shows why they did this.
b) In the second passage (VII.27), line 25, we are told that Athenodorus "poscit pugillares, stilum, lumen". Describe the objects referred to by the words "pugillares" and "stilum" and say how they were used.
a) What are the main ideas expressed in poem V? Support your answer by referring to the text.
b) In poem V, Catullus uses the words "lux" (line 5) and "nox" (line 6).
(i) What are the usual meanings of these words?
(ii) What are they intended to refer to in this poem?
(iii) Why do you think Catullus uses them in this way in these lines? Quote from the poem to support your answer.
c) What similar points does Catullus make in poems VIII and LXXVI?
(END OF QUESTION PAPER)

# STANDARD GRADE 

## LATIN

CREDIT LEVEL

PAPER I

INTERPRETATION

TIME - 45 MINUTES

## Answer all questions.

1 PLINY
Pliny includes the story told in the second passage in a letter to a friend and asks him whether or not he believes in ghosts.

What aspects of the ghost story suggest to you that ghosts could exist? Are there any aspects which you find unconvincing? Support your answers with reference to the text.

2 OVID
a) In line 10, Ovid refers to Icarus as "puer". Write down and translate another Latin phrase occurring in lines $14-15$ which shows that Icarus is a "puer". What different feelings about Icarus is Ovid trying to arouse by the use of these words? Why do you think he does this?
b) Read lines 28-29.
(i) To what does Ovid compare Daedalus?
(ii) To what does Ovid compare Icarus?
(iii) How does this comparison help to make clear the feelings Daedalus had on this occasion? Refer to the text to support your answer.
c) In telling this story, does Ovid show greater sympathy for Daedalus than for Icarus, or does he show equal sympathy for both? Give reasons for your answer.
(END OF QUESTION PAPER)

# STANDARD GRADE 

## LATIN

FOUNDATION LEVEL

PAPER II

TRANSLATION

TIME - 45 MINUTES

Translate into English the Latin passage printed below. Write your translation on the lines drawn opposite each word or group of words. Some of the Latin (underlined) has been translated for you.

A king, near to death, left his son a magic ring which enabled the wearer to get anything he desired. After the death of the king, his widow gave the ring to her son, along with some wise advice.
anulo dato, mater "mi fili," inquit "noli mulieribus confidere ne anulum amittas."
iuvenis, cum anulum libenter accepisset,
domo discessit.
haud multo post puellae pulcherrimae in via occurrit et captus eius amore
eam secum duxit. semper anulo utebatur et omnia accipiebat quae ab aliis petebat.
puella mirabatur quod tam bene vivebat quamquam nulla pecunia ei erat. cui iuvenis dixit se propter amorem omnia de anulo narraturum esse.
at puella respondit se anulum domi custodire velle. iuvenis igitur ei anulum tradidit sed postea, cum anulum propter paupertatem repeteret,
illa magna voce clamavit
fures eum abstulisse. statim ad matrem suam rediit et
dixit
anulum amissum esse.

After giving him the ring,
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"don't $\qquad$
in case $\qquad$
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when $\qquad$
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Not long afterwards
he met $\qquad$
and falling in love with her
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He $\qquad$
$\qquad$ everything
which $\qquad$
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because he $\qquad$
although he had no money.
The young man said to her
he $\qquad$ because of his love.
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she $\qquad$
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when he asked for the ring back because he was now poor,
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that thieves had stolen it.
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(END OF QUESTION PAPER)

# STANDARD GRADE 

## LATIN

GENERAL LEVEL

PAPER II

TRANSLATION

TIME - 45 MINUTES

## Translate into English:

Psyche, a very beautiful mortal girl, offended Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, because men worshipped her instead of Venus, calling her "a new Venus". Venus decided to punish Psyche.

Psyche's sisters had already found husbands, but no prince offered to marry Psyche. Her worried father consulted the god Apollo, who gave the following answer: "Place Psyche on a mountain top in funeral robes. Her husband will be a savage winged monster who conquers all with arrows of fire."
rex tristis, cum domum rediisset, uxori iussa dei nuntiavit. ..... 1
multos dies lacrimabant parentes, lacrimabant omnes cives. sed, ..... 2
cum necesse esset iussis divinis parere, Psyche mox ad sollemnia ..... 3
ducta est. ..... 4
sollemnibus igitur completis, toto populo sequente, lacrimosa ..... 5
Psyche non ad nuptias, sed ad exsequias suas venit. atque dum ..... 6
tristes parentes hoc nefas facere morantur, ipsa filia eos talibus ..... 7
verbis hortatur: ..... 8
"cur lacrimis inutilibus ora vestra foedatis? cum homines me 'novam ..... 9
Venerem' vocarent, illo tempore dolere debuistis. iam sentio, iam video ..... 10
me propter invidiam Veneris perire. ducite me et in summo monte ponite, ..... 11
nam volo felicies nuptias obire, volo maritum meum videre." ..... 12
line

| 3 | iussis divinis parere | - | to obey the god's orders |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | sollemnia, sollemnium (n. pl.) | - | solemn rites |
| 5 | lacrimosus, -a, -um | - | weeping |
| 6 | nuptiae, -arum (f. pl.) | - | wedding |
|  | exsequiae, -arum (f. pl.) | - | funeral |
| 7 | morari | - | to hesitate to |
| 9 | lacrimis inutilibus ora-from os, oris foedare-to stain | - | with useless tears |
| 10 | dolere debuistis | - | you ought to have been sorry |
| 11 | invidia, -ae (f.) | - | envy, jealousy |
| 12 | obire | - | to enter upon |
|  | maritus, -i (m.) | - | husband |

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# STANDARD GRADE 

## LATIN

## CREDIT LEVEL

PAPER II

TRANSLATION

TIME - $\mathbf{4 5}$ MINUTES

## Translate into English:

The enemy had surrounded the Roman camp for a week. When a wind arose, they threw red-hot missiles into the camp. Once it caught fire, they hoped to enter by bringing up a tower and ladders.
line
septimo die, maximo vento orto, hostes ferventia tela in casas ..... 1
iacere coeperunt. hae celeriter ignem comprehenderunt et vento ..... 2
in omnem partem castrorum distulerunt. ..... 3
hostes maximo clamore turrem agere et scalis vallum ascendere ..... 4
coeperunt. nostri autem undique flamma et multitudine telorum ..... 5
terrebantur; sua omnia arma atque omnes fortunas ardere ..... 6
intellegebant. sed tanta fuit virtus eorum ut nemo de vallo ..... 7
cederet atque tum omnes acerrime fortissimeque pugnarent. ..... 8
hic dies nostris gravissimus fuit; sed tamen hunc finem habuit, ..... 9
ut eo die maximus numerus hostium vulneraretur atque interficeretur. ..... 10
illi enim densi sub ipso vallo cogebantur, recessumque primis ultimi ..... 11
non dabant. quorum nemo progredi ausus est. tum ex omni parte ..... 12
pulsi sunt, turrisque incensa est. ..... 13
line
1 fervens, ferventis - red-hot
casa, -ae (f.) ..... - hut
2 comprehendere - to catch
3 differre - to spread
4 turris, turris (f.) - tower
scala, -ae (f.) - ladder
11 densus, -a, -um - thick(ly)recessus, -us (m.) - chance to retreat
(END OF QUESTION PAPER)

## ANALYSIS OF SKILLS ASSESSED IN PAPER I (INTERPRETATION) OF SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPERS

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| 1(b) |  |
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| 2(b)(iii) | ) |
| 2(c) |  |




[^0]:    * "The Teaching of Classics in Schools" (SED; p 9)

[^1]:    (END OF QUESTION PAPER)

