

2003 Classical Studies

Intermediate 2

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Section A

Classical Drama – Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*

- 1 (a) suffering; any **three** of
- plague
 - ruined crops and pastures
 - unborn children
 - death of people
- 3**
- (b) The people have chosen Oedipus because he helped them before by solving the riddle of the Sphinx or simply because he is their king **any 1**
- (c) Oedipus has sent Creon to Delphi to consult the oracle of Apollo **1**
- 2 The servant goes on to describe how
- Jocasta has hanged herself
 - Oedipus was the son of Jocasta
 - Oedipus was the killer of Laius
 - Laius was the father of Oedipus
 - the children of Oedipus and Jocasta as the children of incest
 - Oedipus has blinded himself
- Any five of the above points or any other relevant point **5**
- 3 Creon may rightly laugh at/blame because
- they had been trusting friends and Oedipus betrayed their friendship by insulting Creon
 - Oedipus rejected Creon's suggestions to heed the words of Teiresias
 - Oedipus accused Creon of plotting to take the throne
 - Oedipus refused to listen when Creon denied this
 - Creon may feel vindicated by the downfall of Oedipus
- Creon may not be right to laugh at/blame because
- no man knows what the gods or fate have in store for him
 - Oedipus suffered his fate unwittingly
 - Oedipus acknowledged the truth and accepted his destiny in the end
 - Oedipus was sorry for his treatment of Creon et al
 - Oedipus had lost everything – this should evoke sympathy, not scorn
 - Creon was the friend and relative of Oedipus
- Any five of the above points or any other reasonable point **5**

Roman Archaeology and Civilisation

- 4 (a) description of how mosaics were made (eg using small pieces of coloured clay, arranged to make a picture or design) **3 max**
- (b) explanation of how the subject matter has helped historians – eg scenes of gladiators, food, clothing, portraits, hunting etc **2 max**
- overall max 5**
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- this indicated that most people were indifferent to who ruled them
 - this indicated that most people thought that the Romans were good rulers who brought benefits eg sanitation, public entertainment
 - this indicated most people thought that life was an improvement from the system of tribal rule and warfare
 - this indicated that resistance to Roman rule was hopeless – eg superior Roman military might, savage reprisals Romans took on rebels etc
 - candidates should be given credit for challenging question and by using evidence such as Boudicca's rebellion, huge military establishment needed by Romans etc
- any point well argued should be awarded up to 3 marks **overall max 5**
- 6 Reference to the rooms of a bathhouse (eg apodyterium, caldarium etc) **max 3**
- Items
Items found – sandals, oil flasks, scrapers etc **max 3**
- overall max 5**

Classical Mythology

- 7 Any 5 of the following points;
- Zeus was angry with men because they tried to feed him human flesh when he visited earth disguised as a beggar
 - Zeus was punishing men with a flood for their bad behaviour
 - Prometheus warns his son Deucalion of flood so that he can survive
 - most life on earth perishes as a result of the flood but Deucalion and Pyrrha survive in a boat
 - Deucalion and Pyrrha receive message from gods – throw bones of your mother behind you
 - bones are the rocks on Mother Earth
 - rocks turn into a new race of men and women : the human race is reborn
- Any other reasonable point **5**

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- entrapment of Persephone
 - rejection of Ceres
 - judgement of Zeus
 - importance of pomegranate
 - compromise proposals
 - result of compromise on seasons

1 mark for each point

max 5

- 9
- character of Orpheus
 - marriage to Eurydice
 - death of Eurydice
 - journeys of Orpheus to the Underworld
 - decision of Hades
 - return from the Underworld
 - death of Orpheus

1 mark for each point

max 5

Section B

Classical Drama - Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*

1 Oedipus – victim or not

Victim

- leaves Corinth to avoid destiny of killing father, marrying mother
- kills Laius in self-defence
- does not know who Laius is
- wins Jocasta by solving riddle
- does not consider who Jocasta is, marries her unwittingly
- has children with Jocasta, ignorant of their true relationship
- rejects any suggestion from Teiresias or Creon that he may be the human pollution – unthinkable, his parents are in Corinth
- does not know he was adopted
- does not know true parentage
- fulfils fate by the very actions taken to avoid fate
- his own self-disgust and mutilation bear witness to his ignorance

Not Victim

- guilty of hubris in trying to avoid fate
- didn't attempt to find out identity of Laius after murdering him
- was aware of the prediction about his own destiny
- did not investigate murder of Laius on arrival in Thebes
- did not investigate Jocasta when marrying her
- carried away with his own success at solving riddle and his prize
- carried away with the prospect of becoming king of Thebes

Any other reasonable point.

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2 Importance of Jocasta and her part in play

- breaks up argument between Creon and Oedipus – a peacemaker
- reassures Oedipus with her rejection of divination
- reveals the oracle about the death of Laius at the hands of his son and her incestuous marriage
- reveals how child was exposed
- reveals how Laius was murdered by robbers
- reassures Oedipus of his innocence
- introduces messenger to Oedipus to break the news of his father's natural death
- advises Oedipus to give up investigation
- commits suicide to confirm the truth about the birth of Oedipus
- Jocasta has crucial role in unfolding the truth
- no story without her

Any other reasonable point.

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Roman Archaeology and Civilisation

3 Candidates should describe such beliefs as:

- Druids and sun worship
- orthodox religious beliefs of Romans
- Mystery Religions
- Emperor Worship

Candidates should be awarded 2 or 3 marks for a description of these and other relevant points. Candidates should mention such features as shrines, temples (eg of Claudius at Colchester), altar of Mithras, even Stonehenge. Candidates who fail to mention any archaeological features can score a maximum of 8 marks.

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4 Candidates should describe the uses of such techniques and machines as

- aircraft
- carbon dating
- x-ray machines
- resistivity meters
- DNA analysis
- geo-physics

2-3 marks for each of these or other relevant points well explained

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Classical Mythology

5 Compare classical myth on creation with creation theories of today.

Classical myth:

- Chaos, description
- appearance of Ge, Uranus and Pontus
- birth of Titans
- imprisonment of Titans
- Cronos kills Uranus, takes over
- marriage of Cronos and Rhea
- Cronos eating children, except Zeus
- Zeus fighting Cronos and Titans
- emergence of gods
- creation of men

Compares with following contemporary theories

- the big bang theory from chaos to order in the universe
- the theory of evolution gods/men evolve through time (Cronos)
- religious theories God made man/woman as did Prometheus/Zeus

Any other reasonable point

A detailed description of the classical myth and reference to contemporary theories required to secure a good pass.

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- traditional mythological views
- views of philosophy eg Stoic, Epicurean
- comparisons with today

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[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]