



**2008 Classical Greek**

**Intermediate 2 – Interpretation**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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#### Interpretation

1. (a) The Thebans did not know how to get out of the city/it was dark and so they could not see how to get out. **1**
- (b) through the gate by which they had entered
- over the city wall
  - through an unguarded gate
- 1 mark for each point **3**
- (c) attempt through the gate by which they had entered unsuccessful as it had been closed
- over the city wall only slightly successful, as most were killed throwing themselves over
  - attempt through unguarded gate (though opened) only slightly successful as they were observed and only a few got away
- 1 mark for each point with explanation, up to 2 **2**
2. (a) Theban account:
- Plataeans would return prisoners if Thebans withdrew
  - Plataeans would kill prisoners if Thebans harmed Plataeans outside city
  - agreement ratified by oath
- Plataean account:
- Plataeans would return prisoners only after agreement was reached
  - denied existence of oath
- 1 mark for each point, up to 2 **2**
- (b) justified:
- Thebans at fault for entering Plataea without provocation
  - one of prisoners Eurymachus, co-plotter with pro-Theban party
- not justified:
- Plataeans broke promise to return prisoners if Thebans withdrew: they killed them
  - Thebans withdrew without doing any harm in any case
  - number of prisoners killed (180) high (well over half the total)
- 1 mark for each point, up to 2 **2**
3. Thucydides gives precise details
- gives a lot of facts
  - claims to be using his own experience
  - gives a balanced view/analysis of both sides
- Students should make more than 1 general point.
- 1 mark for each general point and 1 mark for each reference to the text, up to 5 **5**

4. (a) the Cyclops puts the huge stone back over the mouth of the cave  
 • just as if putting the lid on a quiver  
 1 mark for each point 2
- (b) effective: simile refers to a familiar article  
 • expressive: the lid is small and light compared to the huge stone  
 • neat and short: expresses the ease with which the Cyclops moves the stone  
 not effective: a quiver is not familiar to us now, so the simile is meaningless  
 any other valid point  
 1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
5. (a) so that the Cyclops knows what kind of drink is carried in Odysseus' ship  
 • as a drink-offering  
 • as a gift to soften the Cyclops' heart into letting them go free  
 1 mark for each point, up to 2 2
- (b) to get the Cyclops drunk and witless  
 • it does have the desired effect: the Cyclops does become drunk and witless  
 1 mark for each point 2
- (c) (ἤσατο δ' αἰνῶς) ἦδ' υ ποτον (πινων)  
 = [he rejoiced exceedingly in drinking] the sweet drink  
 (τοδ') ἀμβροσιης και νεκταρος (ἐστιν) ἀπορρωξ  
 = [this is] a flowing/rill of ambrosia and nectar  
 1 mark for word/phrase and 1 mark for explanation 2
6. on the whole the Cyclops is portrayed as a savage and disgusting monster but he is kind and tender to his flock and his lead ram  
 • pathetic because he is stupid and manipulated by Odysseus  
 • has some culture: he appreciates good wine  
 • his suffering is described: he is seen to be pitiful  
 • pathetic because the other Cyclopes do not believe him  
 Students should make more than 1 general point.  
 1 mark for each general point and 1 mark for each detailed reference to the text, up to 5 5

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