

Principal Assessor Report 2002

Assessment Panel:

Latin and Classical Greek

Qualification area

**Subject(s) and Level(s)
included in this report**

Latin Intermediate 1 and 2

Statistical information: update

Number of entries in 2001	Int. 1	Int.2
Pre appeal		
Post appeal	4	23

Number of entries in 2002	Int. 1	Int.2
Pre appeal	16	46
Post appeal		

General comments re entry numbers

Numbers show a significant rise, especially at Intermediate 2.

Grade boundaries at C, B and A for each subject area included in the report

	Int. 1	Int. 2
A	70 %	70 %
B	60 %	60 %
C	50 %	50 %

General commentary on grade boundaries

Notional percentage cut-offs for each grade

Question papers and their associated marking schemes are designed to be of the required standard and to meet the assessment specification for the subject/level concerned.

For National courses the examination paper(s) are set in order that a score of approximately 50% of the total marks for all components merits a grade C (based on the grade descriptions for that grade), and similarly a score of 70 % for a grade A. The lowest mark for a grade B is set by the computer software as half way between the C and A grade boundaries.

Comments on candidate performance

General comments

Interpretation

Candidates were generally well prepared and were able to quote or refer to the text accurately.

Translation

Generally papers were fairly well done.

Areas of external assessment in which candidates had difficulty

Interpretation

- Int.1 6(a) Candidates tended to concentrate on one aspect of Daedalus' instructions.
- Int.2 1(a) Candidates sometimes failed to understand what was wanted (list of Verres' crimes, shortcomings as a governor) and treated it as a rhetorical technique question.
- 3(a) Candidates did not focus significantly on "terribles visu" when answering.

Translation

- Int.1 line 4: names (Veturiam, matrem Coriolani) caused confusion.
lines 6-7: "orarent... lacrimisque"
line 8: "Coriolano nuntiatum est"
lines 12-13: "cum matrem... esset"
line 15: "complexu... fractus"
- Int.2 lines 2-3: "duces... volebant" (taken as singular)
lines 3-4: "Camillus imperator" ("General Camillus")
lines 8-9: generally confused
line 12: "urbem in potestate" ("power in the city")
line 15: "arma ferimus" (as an imperative)
lines 17-18: generally confused