

Principal Assessor Report 2002

Assessment Panel:

Latin and Classical Greek

Qualification area

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

Classical Greek Advanced Higher

Statistical information: update

Number of entries in 2001	
Pre appeal	
Post appeal	0

Number of entries in 2002	
Pre appeal	3
Post appeal	

General comments re entry numbers

This was the first year when there were candidates for Advanced Higher.

General comments

The candidates were of the same very good quality as in previous years at CSYS.

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

A	70%
B	60%
C	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

The overall performance of the candidates was of a high standard which indicated that they had been well prepared for the examination.

Areas of external assessment in which candidates performed well

Translation paper and dissertation. In general the candidates did very well in the Translation paper, particularly in the verse passages. They also produced dissertations of a very good standard into which they had put considerable effort. These were well presented.

Areas of external assessment in which candidates had difficulty

In questions on the prescribed texts in Interpretation, the candidates did not perform as well as might have been hoped. They produced good answers and did well in this paper but showed a little less detailed knowledge than they might have.

Areas of common misunderstanding

The candidates had a little difficulty with some of the words in one of the prose Translation passages (Thucydides) but not with the passages in general. The Thucydides passage was quite difficult in places but in general the candidates coped well with it.

Recommendations

Feedback to centres

Interpretation

- Candidates should display detailed knowledge of the text.
- Candidates should try to quote from the texts, whenever possible, as is appropriate at AH level.

Translation

- Candidates should read the headings carefully before attempting the passages.

Dissertation

- Candidates should aim for development and analysis in their chosen topic.
- Sources should be relevant to the topic.
- Candidates should ensure that they observe the terms of the dissertation topic and that the area chosen is not too wide.