



2012 Classical Greek

Intermediate 2 – Interpretation

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Thucydides

1. (a)
- they fought back
 - they fought back successfully 3 times
 - they were attacked by women and slaves from the rooftops also
 - fighting was difficult in the rain and mud
 - fighting was difficult in the moonless darkness
 - they fled eventually
 - they did not know which way to go
 - most of them perished
- 1 mark for each point, up to 3 **3**
- (b)
- vivid scene of uproar with men attacking, women and slaves yelling and throwing down stones and tiles from the rooftops
 - picture of the wretched circumstances the Thebans were in: flight in the rain, mud and darkness, arousing sympathy in the reader
- 1 mark for each point or 2 for a well developed point **2**
2. (a)
- Thebans withdrew from Plataean territory
 - they did no harm
 - Plataeans killed all their prisoners (180)
 - the Plataeans/pro-Athenian party in Plataea were the winners
- 1 mark for each point, up to 2. Both sides need to be mentioned **2**
- (b)
- not honourably: Plataeans broke their promise to return the captives if the Thebans withdrew from their territory
 - as had been ratified by oath
 - Thebans withdrew without doing any harm but the Plataeans killed the captives
 - number of captives killed very high (over half the invading force)
 - not entirely dishonourably: Plataeans claimed no oath was sworn
 - Thebans had entered Plataea without provocation
 - one of the captives was Eurymachus, who had plotted with the pro-Theban party in Plataea
 - Plataeans had promised to return captives only after negotiation
- 1 mark for each point, up to 3 **3**

3. • homes in on individuals and groups
 • arouses sympathy for people's plight
 • describes social and emotional effects of the plague
 • includes vivid scenes with graphic details: you think you were there
 • includes lots of specific detail: you think you were there
 • admits to having had the plague himself
 • any other valid point
- 1 mark for each point and each detailed reference to the text, up to 5 **5**
4. (a) • Cyclops shown as orderly and efficient
 • shown as caring for ewes and lambs
 • shown as happy to be going out to the hills
- 1 mark for each point, up to 2 **2**
- (b) • Cyclops puts a huge stone over the mouth of the cave, as if putting a lid on a quiver
 • effective: well expresses Cyclops' superhuman strength
 refers to a familiar article
 neat and short: symbolises ease with which he moves the stone
 • not effective: quiver and lid nothing like cave and stone
 quiver not familiar to us now, so simile is meaningless
 any other valid point
- 1 mark for each point, up to 3 **3**
5. • this was a normal method at the time
 • fairer and less invidious
 • absolves Odysseus of responsibility for the choice
 • leaves the decision in the lap of fate/the gods
- 1 mark for each point, up to 2 **2**
6. • sympathy: pitiful picture of Cyclops crying out and pulling the stake from his eye
 Cyclops so distressed that he calls on fellow Cyclopes for help
 other Cyclopes are unsympathetic and unhelpful
 • no sympathy: Odysseus' men are afraid of the terrifying, maddened ogre
 other Cyclopes merely like irritated neighbours
 Cyclops stupid with regard to Odysseus' name Nobody
 whole scene laughable
- 1 mark for each point, up to 3 **3**

- 7.
- clever: clever overall plan concerning pole
clever at getting Cyclops drunk
brilliant idea to call himself Nobody
clever plan of escape by means of the rams
any other valid comment
 - not so clever: foolhardy at times, risking men's lives
aggressive and boastful, risking men's lives
getting into the situation in the first place
any other valid point

1 mark for each general point and 1 for each detailed reference to the text,
up to 5

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