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WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL
1.00 PM – 3.00 PM

CLASSICAL
STUDIES
INTERMEDIATE 2

Answer Section A **and** Section B.

75 marks are allocated to this paper.



SECTION A

Answer any seven questions from Section A.

Each question is allocated 5 marks

Classical Drama—Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*

1. Oedipus: “I am concerned for you, my children. I know that you suffer.”
In what ways did Oedipus show concern for the people of Thebes? (5)
2. Jocasta: “Why, Oedipus. What is the matter?”
In what ways did Oedipus and Jocasta have a good marriage? (5)
3. Oedipus: “I believe that blinding myself was the best thing I could have done.”
Why does Oedipus blind himself towards the end of the play? (5)

Roman Archaeology and Civilisation

4. “Mosaics were a form of Roman decoration.”
Why do you think the Romans used mosaics as floor decoration? (5)
5. “Boudicca was the most famous woman in Roman Britain.”
Do you think Boudicca was a heroine? Give reasons to support your answer. (5)
6. “Gladiator fights and animal hunts were bloodthirsty forms of entertainment.”
In what ways do you think the Romans justified these forms of entertainment? (5)

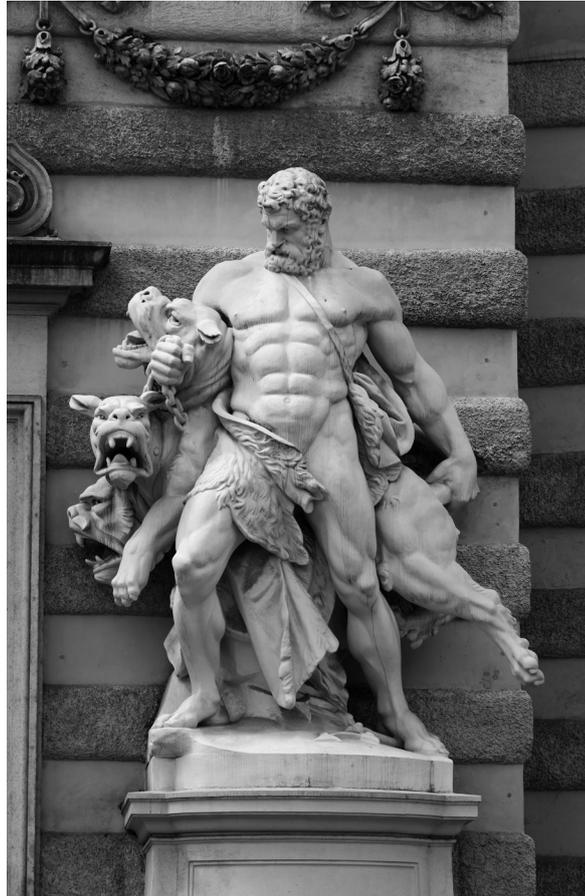
Classical Mythology

7. “Cronos became so afraid of his children that he decided to swallow them one by one.”
Give more details of the myth from which this extract comes. (5)

SECTION A (continued)

8. What was the importance of the River Styx and the River Lethe in the Underworld? (5)

9. Study the picture below. It shows the hero, Hercules.



Give details of the myth shown in the picture.

(5)

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SECTION B

Answer four questions from Section B—one from each topic and one other from any topic.

Each question is allocated 10 marks.

Classical Drama—Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*

1. Describe the ways in which the relationship between Oedipus and Creon changed throughout the play. (10)
2. “Oracles and prophecy influence the actions of Oedipus the king.”
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with reference to the play. (10)

Roman Archaeology and Civilisation

3. What information would an archaeologist use to reconstruct a temple or other building? (10)
4. Describe the evidence we have of the Roman occupation of Scotland. (10)

Classical Mythology

5. Classical mythology contains several stories which explain how humans were created.
In what ways does classical mythology explain the creation of human beings? (10)
6. Do you think Sisyphus and Orpheus deserved what happened to them? Give reasons for your answer. (10)

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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