



Cambridge Pre-U

LATIN**9788/04**

Paper 4 Prose Composition or Comprehension

October/November 2020**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.
- In Question 1, write your translation on alternate lines.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Translate the following passage into Latin. Write your translation on **alternate** lines.

During the war against the Spartans the Athenians, on Alcibiades' advice, declared war on the Syracusans; to conduct this he himself was chosen as general along with two colleagues. While the journey was in preparation, and before the fleet sailed, it happened that on one night all the statues of Mercury in Athens were thrown down, except one. Since it appeared that this could not have been done without a conspiracy of many persons, great fear arose among the people, in case some sudden rebellion might break out in the city that might destroy their freedom. Alcibiades was particularly under suspicion, because he was considered more influential than any private person; for he had secured many supporters by his generosity, and had made still more his friends by assisting them in legal proceedings.

Spartans: *Lacedaemonii*, *-orum* (m pl)

Athenians: *Athenienses*, *-ium* (m pl)

Alcibiades: *Alcibiades*, *-is* (m)

Syracusans: *Syracusani*, *-orum* (m pl)

Mercury: *Mercurius*, *-i* (m)

Athens: *Athenae*, *-arum* (f pl)

[Translation: 52]

[Style and fluency: 8]

[Total: 60]

OR

2 Read the passage and answer the questions which follow:

Darius, king of Persia has built a bridge over the river Danube in order to invade first Scythia and then Europe, leaving in charge the Greek chiefs of his western empire, one of whom is Miltiades.

Miltiades, cum crebri afferrent nuntii male rem gerere Darium premique a Scythis, hortatus est pontis custodes, ne a fortuna datam occasionem liberandae Graeciae dimitterent. nam si cum iis copiis, quas secum transportarat, interiisset Darius, non solum Europam fore tutam, sed etiam eos, qui Asiam incolerent Graeci genere, liberos a Persarum futuros dominatione et periculo; id facile effici posse. ponte enim resciso regem vel hostium ferro vel inopia paucis diebus interiturum. ad hoc consilium cum plerique accederent, Histiaeus, ne res conficeretur, obstitit, dicens: non idem ipsis, qui summas imperii tenerent, expedire et multitudini, quod Darii regno ipsorum niteretur dominatio; quo extincto ipsos potestate expulsos civibus suis poenas daturus. itaque adeo se abhorrere a ceterorum consilio, ut nihil putet ipsis utilius quam confirmari regnum Persarum. huius cum sententiam plurimi essent secuti, Miltiades, non dubitans tam multis consciis ad regis aures consilia sua perventura, Chersonesum reliquit ac rursus Athenas demigravit. cuius ratio etsi non valuit, tamen magnopere est laudanda, cum amicior omnium libertati quam suae fuerit dominationi.

Nepos, *Miltiades* 3

intereo, interire: I die
rescindo, rescindere, rescidi, rescissum: I destroy
expedit, expedire (+ dat): it is advantageous
nitor, niti, nixus sum (+ abl): I depend on

Chersonesus, -i (f): the Chersonese (a peninsula in Thrace)

- (a) Line 1: what news about Darius is brought? [4]
- (b) Lines 2–3 (*hortatus ... dimitterent*): what did Miltiades urge the guards of the bridge not to do? [4]
- (c) Lines 3–5 (*nam si ... periculo*): what, according to Miltiades, would be the **two** consequences of Darius' death? [5]
- (d) Lines 5–6 (*ponte ... interiturum*): explain Miltiades' proposal and its purpose. [4]
- (e) Lines 6–7 (*ad hoc ... accederent*): what was the reaction of most of the leaders to Miltiades' proposal? [1]
- (f) Lines 8–9 (*non idem ... dominatio*): how did Histiaeus counter Miltiades' arguments? [6]
- (g) Lines 9–10 (*quo ... daturus*): how would the leaders suffer if Darius were to die, according to Histiaeus? [3]
- (h) Lines 10–11 (*ut nihil ... Persarum*): in Histiaeus' view what was the priority? [2]

- (i) Lines 11–12 (*huius ... secuti*): how did most people react? [2]
- (j) Lines 12–13 (*non dubitans ... demigravit*): why did Miltiades leave for Athens? [4]
- (k) Lines 13–15 (*cuius ... dominationi*): what does the author say about Miltiades' plan to destroy the bridge? [5]
- (l) Explain why the following verbs are in the subjunctive:
- (i) *afferrent* (line 1)
 - (ii) *incolerent* (line 4)
 - (iii) *conficeretur* (line 7)
 - (iv) *putet* (line 10) [4]
- (m) State and explain the case of the following:
- (i) *dominatione* (line 5)
 - (ii) *id* (line 5)
 - (iii) *paucis diebus* (line 6)
 - (iv) *huius* (line 11)
 - (v) *libertati* (line 14) [5]
- (n) Write down the 1st person singular of the present active of the following verbs:
- (i) *fore* (line 4)
 - (ii) *conficeretur* (line 7)
 - (iii) *valuit* (line 14) [3]
- (o) Identify:
- (i) a gerundive
 - (ii) an ablative absolute
 - (iii) a comparative adjective in the neuter
 - (iv) a future infinitive with *esse* omitted [4]
- (p) State the part of the verb of each of the following:
- (i) *premi* (line 1)
 - (ii) *transportarat* (line 3)
 - (iii) *expulsos* (line 9)
 - (iv) *fuerit* (line 15) [4]

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