

Markscheme

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Latin

Higher level

Paper 1

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The translation is assessed in its basic units of clause and sentence. To this end, the original text is chunked in a fixed number of sections (or “sense units”), 15 at SL and 30 at HL. Every section is awarded two separate marks according to the two descriptors outlined below.

Each section is awarded 0 to 3 marks for descriptor A (Meaning) and 0 to 3 marks for descriptor B (Vocabulary & Grammar).

The range of marks for each section is therefore 0 to 6, while the maximum number of marks for the whole text is 180 at HL (30 sections × 6 marks).

Criterion A (Meaning) assesses how well the meaning of each sense unit has been communicated.

Criterion B (Vocabulary & Grammar) assesses how correctly vocabulary and grammar have been rendered in relation to each sense unit. The term ‘grammar’ here includes syntax and accidence.

As a guideline, criterion A tends to look at the translation as a whole (eg stylistic, literal and idiomatic meanings conveyed), while criterion B tends to assess the conformity of the single section with the original text (eg grammatical accuracy of translation, apparent understanding of source language syntax and vocabulary).

While it may not always be possible to give the full range of marks for a single sense unit, the range of marks necessary for differentiation is present over the whole exam.

By way of example, the marking of different translations of the sense unit *omnia tela totius accusationis in Oppianicum coniciebantur*, found in an Ovid passage (HL specimen papers), would be as follows:

- “The entire force of the whole accusation was hurled against Oppianicus”: A=3, B=3.
- “The strength of the accusation was fully directed against Oppianicus”: A=3, B=2 (grammar is rendered adequately despite inaccuracies).
- “The weapons of the accuser were hurled against Oppianicus”: A=2 (the meaning has been partially communicated; errors impair the translation), B=2 (grammar is rendered adequately despite inaccuracies).
- “Every bit of the accusation was aimed into Oppianicus”: A=2 (the meaning has been partially communicated), B=1 (limited grammar is rendered accurately).
- “The attack of the accusation was focused intently on Oppianicus”: A=1 (the translation conveys some meaning), B=1 (little grammar is rendered appropriately).

Square brackets [] indicate that the words in the sense unit have been inserted out of the order of the text.

(A) Meaning	
How well has the student communicated the meaning of each sense unit?	
Marks	Level descriptors
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1	The meaning has not been communicated adequately. The translation conveys some meaning; errors impair the translation significantly.
2	The meaning has been partially communicated. The translation is mostly logical; errors impair the translation.
3	The meaning has been fully communicated. The translation is logical; errors do not impair the translation.

(B) Vocabulary & Grammar	
How correctly has the student rendered vocabulary and grammar in relation to each sense unit?	
Marks	Level descriptors
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1	Vocabulary and grammar are not rendered adequately. Limited vocabulary is rendered appropriately for the context. Limited grammar is rendered accurately.
2	Vocabulary and grammar are rendered adequately despite inaccuracies. Some vocabulary is rendered appropriately for the context. Some grammar is rendered accurately and effectively.
3	Vocabulary and grammar are rendered correctly. Most vocabulary is rendered appropriately for the context. Most grammar is rendered accurately and effectively.

Text 1	A	B
1. nam nisi ... mihi ... suasissem		
2. multorum praeceptis		
3. multisque litteris		
4. ab adolescentia		
5. nihil esse in vita ... expetendum		
6. magno opere		
7. nisi laudem atque honestatem		
8. in ea autem persequenda		
9. omnis cruciatus corporis		
10. omnia pericula mortis atque exsili		
11. parvi esse ducenda		
12. numquam me ... obiecissem		
13. pro salute vestra		
14. in tot ac tantas dimicationes		
15. atque in hos ... cotidianos impetus		
16. profligatorum hominum		
17. sed pleni omnes sunt libri		
18. plenae sapientium voces		
19. plena exemplorum vetustas		
20. quae iacerent in tenebris omnia		
21. nisi litterarum lumen accederet		
22. quam multas nobis imagines ... expressas		
23. fortissimorum virorum		
24. scriptores et Graeci et Latini reliquerunt!		
25. non solum ad intuendum		
26. verum etiam ad imitandum		
27. quas ego mihi semper ... proponens		
28. in administranda re publica		
29. animum et mentem meam ... conformabam		
30. ipsa cogitatione hominum excellentium		

Total	90	90
	180	

Text 2	A	B
1. Musa loquebatur		
2. pennae sonuere per auras		
3. voxque salutantum ... veniebat		
4. ramis ... ab altis		
5. suspicit et ... quaerit		
6. linguae... tam certa loquentes unde sonent		
7. hominemque putat Iove nata locutum		
8. ales erat		
9. numeroque novem, sua fata querentes		
10. institerant ramis ... picae		
11. imitantes omnia		
12. miranti sic orsa deae dea		
13. "nuper et istae auxerunt volucrum ... turbam		
14. victae certamine		
15. Pieros has genuit ... dives		
16. Pellaeis ... in arvis,		
17. Paeonis Euipe mater fuit		
18. illa potentem Lucinam ... vocavit		
19. noviens, noviens paritura		
20. intumuit numero		
21. stolidarum turba sororum		
22. perque tot Haemonias et per tot Achaidas urbes		
23. huc venit et		
24. tali committit proelia voce		
25. 'desinite indoctum ... vulgus fallere		
26. vana dulcedine		
27. nobiscum ... Thespiades certate deae		
28. siqua est fiducia vobis		
29. nec voce nec arte vincemur		
30. totidemque sumus		
	90	90
Total	180	