



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

Entry Level Certificate

Latin

R447/Roman Culture

SPECIMEN

Exemplar Tasks

400 Word Task or 2 x 200 Word Tasks

INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

- The task(s) are either marked out of **25** or **50** marks using the marking criteria for Roman Culture in Section 3f of the Entry Level Latin specification.

EXAMPLE A

This exemplar task presumes students have completed a site visit to Ashtead Roman Villa and Leatherhead Museum. Students then use the notes that they have made during the visit to help them complete the task.

Ashtead Roman Villa and Leatherhead Museum**Exemplar task**

What does this site tell you about tile production in Roman Britain?

You should write approximately 400 words.

Remember to use the notes that you made on your worksheet during the site visit to help you answer the question.

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EXAMPLE B

Students must complete **both** tasks.

Exemplar task 1

The teacher should select 100–120 lines from Aeneas in the Underworld (Book 6) in translation. This should be studied in class before completing this task. Students should have access to the text and to their notes while completing the task.

Aeneas in the underworld

Aeneid 6: Read selected 100–120 lines from Aeneas in the Underworld in translation (not a summary).

Draw and label a map (A3 size) showing Aeneas' journey through the Underworld and what he felt about his visit.

In your map you should include:

- Details of the places Aeneas visited
- People and monsters that he met
- Comments about how you think Aeneas felt.

You should write approximately 200 words.

You should include quotes from the lines of *Aeneid* 6 that you have read and images of the underworld in your map. **[25]**

Exemplar task 2

Students should have studied Pliny's letter 6.16 and 6.20 in translation in class before completing this task and should have access to these letters and to their notes while completing the task.

Pliny and the eruption of Vesuvius

Read Pliny's letter 6.16 and 6.20 in translation.

Write a modern-style newspaper report about the disaster.

In your answer you should include:

- Details of what happened when Vesuvius erupted
- Details about how the people of Pompeii felt.

You should write approximately 200 words.

You should include quotes from letter 6.16 and letter 6.20 that you have read in your newspaper report. **[25]**

EXAMPLE C

Students should have studied Catullus poem 12 and Catullus poem 13 in class before completing this task and should have access to the poems and to their notes while completing the task.

Exemplar task**Catullus**

Imagine that Catullus and his friends are writing e-mails to each other.

EITHER

Read Poem 12.

Imagine you are Asinius. Write an e-mail of apology to Catullus.

In your e-mail you should say what you did wrong.

You should write approximately 400 words.

You should include quotes from poem 12 in your e-mail.

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Read Poem 13.

Imagine that you are Catullus. Write an e-mail to Fabullus inviting him to dinner.

and then

Imagine you are Fabullus. Write an e-mail to Catullus accepting his invitation.

In your e-mail you should say why you are going to come.

You should write approximately 400 words in total.

You should include quotes from poem 13 in your e-mails.

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EXAMPLE D

This exemplar material consists of preparatory class work that students can complete before attempting the task. They then use the notes that they have made to help them complete the task itself.

Roman Education**Exemplar task**

Complete the following written task on Roman Education:

- Imagine you have returned to Roman times.
- You have been to school with a rich Roman boy.
- What did you do at the school?
- What things were different and what were the same?

You could include details about:

- Roman teachers
- Subjects taught
- Books and writing materials
- Discipline.

You should write approximately 400 words.

Remember to use the notes that you made in your class work on Roman Education to help you answer the question, and to include other images of Roman objects or art work in your answer.

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