



## Section A – Unseen Prose

1 Translate the following passage into English.

Please write your translation on alternate lines.

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*After the defeat of the Athenian fleet in the harbour, the authorities in Syracuse think that their land forces would be unwilling to obey orders and take action to stop the Athenians escaping by land. Although the authorities think that there is no solution, Hermocrates devises a trick to stop the Athenians escaping before the Syracusans can get themselves ready.*

Meanwhile the Syracusan Hermocrates went and stated his views to the authorities, and pointed out to them that they should not let the enemy get away by night, but that all the Syracusans and their allies should at once march out and block up the roads and seize and guard the passes.

οἱ δὲ ἄρχοντες ξυνεγίνωσκον μὲν καὶ αὐτοὶ οὐχ ἦσσαν ταῦτα ἐκείνου, καὶ ἐδόκει ποιητέα εἶναι, τοὺς δὲ ἀνθρώπους ἄρτι ἀσμένους ἀπὸ ναυμαχίας τε μεγάλης ἀναπεπαυμένους, καὶ ἅμα ἐορτῆς οὔσης (ἔτυχε γὰρ αὐτοῖς Ἡρακλεῖ ταύτην τὴν ἡμέραν θυσία οὔσα) οὐκ ἐνόμιζον ῥαδίως ἂν ἐθέλειν ὑπακοῦσαι, καὶ πάντα μᾶλλον ἠλπίζον ἂν πείθεσθαι αὐτοὺς ἢ ὄπλα λαβόντας ἐν τῷ παρόντι ἐξελθεῖν. ὡς δὲ τοῖς ἄρχουσι ταῦτα λογιζόμενοις ἐφαίνετο ἄπορα, καὶ οὐκέτι ἔπειθεν αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἑρμοκράτης, αὐτὸς τὰδε μηχανᾶται, φοβούμενος μὴ οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι προφθάσωσιν ἐν τῇ νυκτὶ διελθόντες τὰ χαλεπώτατα τῶν χωρίων· πέμπει τῶν ἐταίρων τινὰς τῶν ἑαυτοῦ μετὰ ἵππέων πρὸς τὸ τῶν Ἀθηναίων στρατόπεδον, ὅτε ξυνεσκοτάζειν, οἱ προσελάσαντες ἐξ ὅσου τις ἔμελλεν ἀκούσεσθαι, καὶ ἀνακαλεσάμενοί τινας, ὡς ὄντες τῶν Ἀθηναίων ἐπιτήδειοι, ἐκέλευον φράζειν Νικίαν μὴ ἀπάγειν τῆς νυκτὸς τὸ στράτευμα ὡς Συρακοσίων τὰς ὁδοὺς φυλασσόντων, ἀλλὰ καθ' ἡσυχίαν τῆς ἡμέρας παρασκευασάμενον ἀποχωρεῖν.

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Thucydides VII. 73.1–3 (adapted)

### Names

ὁ Ἡρακλῆς, -έους	Heracles
ὁ Ἑρμοκράτης, -ους	Hermocrates
ὁ Νικίας, -ου	Nicias (an Athenian general)
Συρακόσιος, η, ον	Syracusan (Syracuse was a powerful city in Sicily)

### Words

ξυγγινώσκω	I agree
ἀναπαύομαι	I take a rest
ξυσκοτάζει	it grows dark
ἐξ ὅσου	from a distance where

## Section B – Unseen Verse

2 (a) Translate the following passage into English.

Please write your translation on alternate lines.

[45]

*Just before he kills himself, Ajax addresses the Sun, asking the god on his journey through the sky to slow down and tell his father and mother about his fate. Ajax then addresses his last words to different places associated with his life.*

σὺ δ' ὦ τὸν αἰπὺν οὐρανὸν διφρηλατῶν  
 Ἥλιε, πατρῶαν τὴν ἐμὴν ὅταν χθόνα  
 ἴδης, ἐπίσχων χρυσόνωτον ἠνίαν  
 ἄγγελον ἄτας τὰς ἐμὰς μόρον τ' ἐμὸν  
 γέροντι πατρὶ τῆ τε δυστήνῳ τροφῶ. 5  
 ἢ που τάλαινα, τήνδ' ὅταν κλύη φάτιν,  
 ἦσει μέγαν κωκυτὸν ἐν πάσῃ πόλει.  
 ἀλλ' οὐδὲν ἔργον ταῦτα θρηνεῖσθαι μάτην,  
 ἀλλ' ἀρκτέον τὸ πρᾶγμα σὺν τάχει τινί.  
 ὦ φέγγος, ὦ γῆς ἱερὸν οἰκειίας πέδον 10  
 Σαλαμίνοσ, ὦ πατρῶον ἐστίας βάθρον  
 κλειναί τ' Ἀθῆναι καὶ τὸ σύντροφον γένος  
κορήναι τε ποταμοί θ' οἶδε, καὶ τὰ Τρωϊκὰ  
 πεδία προσαυδῶ, χαίρετ', ὦ τροφῆς ἐμοί:  
 τοῦθ' ὑμῖν Αἴας τοῦπος ὕστατον θροεῖ, 15  
 τὰ δ' ἄλλ' ἐν Αἴδου τοῖς κάτω μυθήσομαι.

Sophocles, *Ajax* 845–865 (with omissions)

### Names

ἡ Σαλαμίς, -ῖνος                      Salamis, where Ajax was king

### Words

αἰπύς, -εια, -υ	high
ἡ ἠνία, -ας	bridle, reins
το ἔργον, -ου	(here) point, sense
το βάθρον, -ου	foundation
ἡ κορήνη, -ης	a spring, well

(b) Write out and scan lines 4 and 5.

[5]

ἄγγελον ἄτας τὰς ἐμὰς μόρον τ' ἐμὸν  
 γέροντι πατρὶ τῆ τε δυστήνῳ τροφῶ.

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