



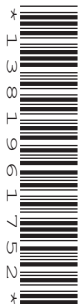
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**Tuesday 21 May 2024 – Afternoon**

**GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek**

**J292/02 Prose Literature A**

**Time allowed: 1 hour**



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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Answer **all** the questions.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **12** pages.

### ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

**1** Read the passage and answer the questions.

οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι, πρὶν μὲν ἢ Ψαμμήτιχον σφῶν βασιλεῦσαι, ἐνόμιζον ἑαυτοὺς πρώτους γενέσθαι πάντων ἀνθρώπων· ἐπειδὴ δὲ Ψαμμήτιχος βασιλεύσας ἠθέλησεν εἰδέναι οἷτινες γένοιντο πρῶτοι, ἀπὸ τούτου χρόνου νομίζουσι Φρύγας προτέρους γενέσθαι ἑαυτῶν, τῶν δὲ ἄλλων ἑαυτούς.

Tales from Herodotus II (*Psammetichus*) 1–5

- (a)** οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι, πρὶν ... γενέσθαι πάντων ἀνθρώπων (lines 1–2): according to Herodotus, what did the Egyptians believe before the reign of Psammetichus?

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 ..... [1]

- (b)** ἀπὸ τούτου χρόνου ... ἄλλων ἑαυτούς (lines 3–4): how did their opinion change as a result of Psammetichus' investigation?

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 ..... [2]

## 2 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ταῦτα δ' ἐποίει τε καὶ ἐνετέλλετο ὁ Ψαμμήτιχος ἐθέλων ἀκοῦσαι ἥντινα φωνὴν ῥήξουσι πρώτην οἱ παῖδες, ἀπαλλαχθέντων τῶν ἀσῆμων κνυζημάτων. ἅπερ οὖν καὶ ἐγένετο· ὥς γὰρ διετὴς χρόνος ἐγγέγονει, τῷ ποιμένι ἀνοίγοντι τὴν θύρην καὶ εἰσιόντι τὰ παιδιά ἀμφότερα προσπίπτοντα 'βεκὸς' ἐφώνουν, ὀρέγοντα τὰς χεῖρας.

Tales from Herodotus II (*Psammetichus*) 13–18

(a) ταῦτα δ' ἐποίει τε καὶ ἐνετέλλετο (line 1):

(i) state one of the instructions which Psammetichus gave to the shepherd in the section before this passage.

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(ii) explain why the shepherd might have felt uneasy about carrying out this instruction.

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(b) ἐθέλων ἀκοῦσαι ... τῶν ἀσῆμων κνυζημάτων (lines 1–2): what did Psammetichus want to find out?

..... [2]

(c) ὥς γὰρ διετὴς ... ὀρέγοντα τὰς χεῖρας (lines 3–4):

(i) how long did Psammetichus have to wait for the result of his experiment?

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(ii) what happened on the occasion described here?

..... [3]

## 3 Read the passage and answer the question.

οἱ δὲ περὶ τε Θήβας καὶ τὴν Μοίρεως λίμνην οἰκοῦντες καὶ κάρτα ἡγοῦνται αὐτοὺς εἶναι ἱεροῦς· ἓνα δὲ ἑκάτεροι τρέφουσι κροκόδειλον, δεδιδαγμένον εἶναι χειροήθη· ἀρτήματα δὲ εἰς τὰ ὦτα ἐνθέντες καὶ ἀμφιδέας περὶ τοὺς προσθίους πόδας, καὶ σιτία ἀποτακτὰ διδόντες καὶ ἱερεῖα, περιέπουσιν ὥς κάλλιστα ζῶντας· ἀποθανόντας δὲ ταριχεύοντες θάπτουσιν ἐν ἱεραῖς θήκαις.

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Tales from Herodotus III (*Crocodiles*) 2–9

How does Herodotus emphasise the special treatment of crocodiles by some Egyptians? You should make **two** points, each supported by close reference to the Greek.

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## 4 Read the passage and answer the questions.

Μυκερίνω τὰ μὲν τοῦ πατρὸς ἔργα ἀφήνδανε· ὁ δὲ τὰ τε ἱερὰ ἀνέωξε, καὶ τὸν λεῶν, τετραμένον εἰς τὸ ἔσχατον κακοῦ, ἀνῆκε πρὸς ἔργα τε καὶ θυσίας· δίκας δὲ αὐτοῖς πάντων βασιλέων δικαιοτάτας ἔκρινεν. ὄντι δὲ ἡπίω τῷ Μυκερίνω κατὰ τοὺς πολίτας καὶ ταῦτα ἐπιτηδεύοντι πρῶτον κακῶν ἤρξεν ἢ θυγάτηρ ἀποθανοῦσα, ἢ μόνον αὐτῷ ἦν ἐν τοῖς οἰκίοις τέκνον.

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Tales from Herodotus IV (*Mycerinus*) 1–7

(a) Μυκερίνω τὰ μὲν ... δικαιοτάτας ἔκρινεν (lines 1–3):

(i) what was admirable about how Mycerinus governed the Egyptians? Make **two** points.

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[2]

(ii) how does Herodotus suggest that Mycerinus' rule was a welcome change for the Egyptians?

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..... [1]

(b) ὄντι δὲ ... ἐπιτηδεύοντι (lines 3–4): pick out and translate the **Greek** word which describes Mycerinus' style of rule.

Greek word: .....

English translation: .....

[2]

(c) ἢ θυγάτηρ ἀποθανοῦσα ... τέκνον (lines 4–5): what detail here makes the death of Mycerinus' daughter particularly upsetting?

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..... [1]

5 Read the passage and answer the questions.

ταῦτα ἀκούσας ὁ Μυκερῖνος, ὥς κατακεκριμένων ἤδη οἱ τούτων, λύχνα ποιησάμενος πολλά, ἀνάψας αὐτὰ ὅπως γίγνοιτο νύξ, ἔπινέ τε καὶ ηὐπάθει, οὐθ' ἡμέρης οὔτε νυκτὸς ἀνιείς, εἷς τε τὰ ἔλη καὶ τὰ ἄλση πλανώμενος καὶ ἵνα γῆς πυνθάνοιτο εἶναι ἐνηβητήρια ἐπιτηδειότατα.

Translation:

Hearing this, since this sentence had already been passed for him, Mycerinus had many lamps made and, lighting these up whenever night came on, he would drink and have a good time, not letting up during either day or night, roaming into the marshes and the groves and wherever in the land he learned that there were the most suitable places of amusement.

Tales from Herodotus IV (*Mycerinus*) 21–25

- (a) How does Herodotus, by his style of writing, emphasise that Mycerinus was determined to make his life as enjoyable as possible?

You should make **two** points, each supported by close reference to the Greek.

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- (b) In the sentence after this passage, what explanation does Herodotus give for Mycerinus' behaviour?

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[2]

6 Read the passage and answer the question.

μέχρι μὲν τεττάρων μηνῶν πλοῦ καὶ ὁδοῦ γινώσκεται ὁ Νεῖλος, πάρεξ τοῦ ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ ῥεύματος. ῥεῖ δ' ἀφ' ἐσπέρας τε καὶ ἡλίου δυσμῶν. τὸ δ' ἀπὸ τοῦδε οὐδεὶς ἔχει σαφῶς φράσαι.

Tales from Herodotus XV(A) (*Pygmies*) 1–4

Translate this passage into English.

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How does Herodotus draw attention to the remarkable things seen and experienced by the Nasamonian men on their travels?

- what the young men saw
- their encounter with the Pygmies

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- 8\* How does Herodotus maintain the reader's interest in his various stories about African people and their rulers?

You should support your answer with a range of references to the text you have read, and you may include passages printed on the question paper. **[10]**

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