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GCSE (9–1) Classical Greek

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Write your answer to each question in the space provided. You can use extra paper if you need to, but you must clearly show your candidate number, the centre number and the question numbers.

Section A: Answer Questions 1–9 and EITHER Question 10 OR Question 11.

Section B: Answer ALL the questions.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 100.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer BOTH Section A AND Section B.

SECTION A

Read the passage.

Answer Questions 1–9.

The Argonauts, while searching for the Golden Fleece, save the prophet Phineus from the monstrous Harpies.

οἱ Ἀργοναῦται πολλὰς ἡμέρας πλεύσαντες
ἦλθον πρὸς μικρὰν πόλιν. ἐκεῖ δὲ ὤκει γέρον τις,
Φινεύς ὀνόματι, ὃς οἶός τ' ἦν ὁρᾶν τὰ μέλλοντα.
ἀλλὰ πάλαι τοῖς θεοῖς ἔδοξεν κολάζειν αὐτὸν
διότι ἐδίδασκε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους πολλὰ περὶ
τῶν μελλόντων. ἔπεμψαν οὖν τὰς Ἀρπυίας ἵνα
κλέπτωσι τὸν σῖτον αὐτοῦ καὶ κωλύωσιν αὐτὸν
ἐσθίειν τε καὶ πίνειν.

5

ὁ δὲ Φινεύς εἶπε τοῖς Ἀργοναύταις, 'ἐὰν
ἀποπέμψητε τὰς Ἀρπυίας ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς γῆς,
ὕμιν ἐρῶ ποῦ εὕρήσετε τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας.'

10

οἱ μὲν οὖν Ἀργοναῦται ἐποίησαν μέγα δεῖπνον
καὶ κρυψάμενοι λάθρα ἔμειναν. ἐπεὶ δὲ αἱ Ἀρπυιαι

ἀφίκοντο, εὐθὺς οἱ Βορεάδαι, περωτοὶ ὄντες,
αὐτὰς ἐδίωκον εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν. μετὰ δὲ πολὺν
χρόνον αἱ Ἄρπυιαι ἐπαύσαντο φεύγουσαι καὶ
ὑπέσχοντο μηδέποτε αὐθις βλάψειν τὸν Φινέα.

15

NAMES

Ἀργοναῦται, Ἀργοναύτων, οἱ	the Argonauts (a mythical group of sailors)
Φινεύς, Φινέως, ὁ	Phineus
Ἄρπυιαι, Ἀρπυίων, αἱ	the Harpies (half-human, half-bird monsters)
Βορεάδαι, Βορεάδων, οἱ	the sons of Boreas (two members of the Argonauts who could fly)

WORDS

μέλλοντα, μελλόντων, τά	the future
τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας	the Golden Fleece
περωτός, περωτή, περωτόν	winged

- 1 οἱ Ἀργοναῦται πολλὰς ἡμέρας πλεύσαντες ἦλθον πρὸς μικρὰν πόλιν (lines 1–2): where did the Argonauts arrive after many days of sailing?

[1]

- 2 ἐκεῖ δὲ ὥκει γέρον τις, Φινεὺς ὀνόματι, ὃς οἶός τ' ἦν ὁρᾶν τὰ μέλλοντα (lines 2–3): state TWO things which we learn about Phineus.

1 _____
2 _____ [2]

- 3 ἀλλὰ πάλαι τοῖς θεοῖς ἔδοξεν κολάζειν αὐτὸν διότι ἐδίδασκε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους πολλά περὶ τῶν μελλόντων (lines 4–6): why had the gods decided to punish Phineus?

_____ [2]

- 4 ἔπεμψαν οὖν τὰς Ἀρπυίας ἵνα κλέπτωσι τὸν σῖτον αὐτοῦ καὶ κωλύωσιν αὐτὸν ἐσθίειν τε καὶ πίνειν (lines 6–8): as well as stealing Phineus' food, what else were the Harpies sent to do?

_____ [2]

- 5 ὁ δὲ Φινεύς εἶπε τοῖς Ἀργοναύταις, 'ἐὰν ἀποπέμψητε τὰς Ἀρπυίας ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς γῆς, ὑμῖν ἐρῶ ποῦ εὐρήσετε τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας.' (lines 9–11): what did Phineus say he would do if the Argonauts sent away the Harpies?

[2]

- 6 οἱ μὲν οὖν Ἀργοναῦται ἐποίησαν μέγα δεῖπνον καὶ κρυψάμενοι λάθρα ἔμειναν (lines 12–13): what did the Argonauts do after making a big dinner?

[2]

- 7 ἐπεὶ δὲ αἱ Ἀρπυιαί ἀφίκοντο, εὐθὺς οἱ Βορεάδαι, πτερωτοὶ ὄντες, αὐτὰς ἐδίωκον εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν (lines 13–15):

- (a) how soon after the Harpies arrived did the sons of Boreas chase them away?

[1]

- (b) where did they chase the Harpies?

[1]

- 8 μετὰ δὲ πολὺν χρόνον αἱ Ἀρπυιαὶ ἐπαύσαντο
φεύγουσαι καὶ ὑπέσχοντο μηδέποτε αὖθις βλάψειν
τὸν Φινέα (lines 15–17): how did things turn out well
for Phineus in the end?

[3]

- 9 For each of the Greek words below, give ONE English word which has been derived from the Greek word and give the meaning of the ENGLISH word.

One has been done for you.

Greek Word: ἡμέρας

English Word: ephemeral

Meaning of English Word: lasting for a very short amount of time

Greek Word: γέγων

English Word: _____

Meaning of English Word: _____ [2]

Greek Word: περὶ

English Word: _____

Meaning of English Word: _____ [2]

Answer EITHER Question 10 OR Question 11.

10 Answer the following questions based on part of the story you have already read.

ὁ δὲ Φινεύς εἶπε τοῖς Ἀργοναύταις, 'ἐὰν
ἀποπέμψητε τὰς Ἀρπυίας ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς γῆς,
ὕμιν ἐρῶ ποῦ εὕρήσετε τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας.'

οἱ μὲν οὖν Ἀργοναῦται ἐποίησαν μέγα
δεῖπνον καὶ κρυψάμενοι λάθρα ἔμειναν. ἐπεὶ **5**
δὲ αἱ Ἀρπυιαι ἀφίκοντο, εὐθὺς οἱ Βορεάδαι,
πτερωτοὶ ὄντες, αὐτὰς ἐδίωκον εἰς τὸν
οὐρανόν. μετὰ δὲ πολὺν χρόνον αἱ Ἀρπυιαι
ἐπαύσαντο φεύγουσαι καὶ ὑπέσχοντο
μηδέποτε αὖθις βλάψειν τὸν Φινέα. **10**

NAMES

Φινεύς, Φινέως, ὁ
Ἀρπυιαι, Ἀρπυίων, αἱ

Phineus
**the Harpies (half-human,
half-bird monsters)**

Ἀργοναῦται,
Ἀργοναύτων, οἱ

**the Argonauts (a mythical
group of sailors)**
the sons of Boreas
(two members of the
Argonauts who could fly)

Βορεάδαι, Βορεάδων, οἱ

WORDS

τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας
πτερωτός, πτερωτή,
πτερωτόν

the Golden Fleece

winged

- (a) Identify the **CASE** of τῆς (line 2) **AND** explain why this case is used here.

_____ [2]

- (b) Pick out a **MASCULINE** word in lines 4–5.

_____ [1]

- (c) Identify the **TENSE** and **PERSON** of ἔμειναν (line 5).

_____ [2]

- (d) Pick out an **ADVERB** in lines 5–7.

_____ [1]

- (e) Identify the **TENSE** of ἐδίωκον (line 7).

_____ [1]

- (f) Pick out a **PREPOSITION** in lines 7–9.

_____ [1]

- (g) Identify the **CASE** of τὸν (line 7) and explain why this case is used here.

_____ [2]

Do NOT answer Question 11 if you have already answered Question 10.

11 Translate the following English sentences into Greek.

(a) Many citizens fell bravely.

_____ [4]

(b) Did they hide the stones?

_____ [3]

(c) You are a strong goddess.

_____ [3]

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SECTION B

Read the passage.

Answer Questions 12–19.

The Spartans face brave resistance to their rule of Messenia and they fail in their attempt to kill Aristomenes, the leader of the rebellion.

οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἦσαν δεσπότες τῆς Μεσσηνίας
ἀλλὰ ὁ Ἀριστομένης ἐβούλετο σῶζειν τὴν
χώραν. πολλοὺς οὖν ἀνδρειοὺς ἤγαγεν ἐπὶ τοὺς
Λακεδαιμονίους καὶ ἐνίκησεν ὀλίγας νίκας.

ἐν μάχῃ μέντοι λίθῳ μεγάλῳ βληθεὶς ἐλήφθη 5
ὥς αἰχμάλωτος μετὰ πεντήκοντα ἄλλων. τοῖς
δὲ Λακεδαιμονίοις ἔδοξε καταβαλεῖν αὐτοὺς
κατὰ κρημνοῦ εἰς βάραθρον. καὶ οὕτως ὑψηλὸς
ἦν ὁ κρημνὸς ὥστε πάντες πλην ὁ Ἀριστομένης
εὐθὺς ἀπέθανον. ἀλλὰ οὐχ οἷός τ' ὢν ἐκφυγεῖν, 10
τρεῖς μὲν ἡμέρας μόνος ἐκάθιζεν· τῇ δὲ τετάρτῃ,
ἐπεὶ ἄλωπέκιον ἐφάνη, αὐτῷ ἔσπετο ἵνα ἴδῃ πῶς
εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸ βάραθρον. καὶ δι' ὀλίγου ἦσθετο τὸ
φῶς καὶ ταῖς χερσὶ χρησάμενος ἐποίησεν ὁδὸν ἐκ
τοῦ βαράθρου. 15

NAMES

Μεσσηνία, Μεσσηνίας, ή

Messenia (a region of Greece)

Ἀριστομένης, Ἀριστομένους, ὁ

Aristomenes

WORDS

πεντήκοντα

fifty

κρημνός, κρημνοῦ, ὁ

cliff

βάραθρον, βαράθρου, τό

pit

ἄλωπέκιον, ἄλωπεκίου, τό

fox cub

φῶς, φωτός, τό

light, daylight

12 οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἦσαν δεσπόται τῆς Μεσσηνίας
ἀλλὰ ὁ Ἀριστομένης ἐβούλετο σῶζειν τὴν χώραν
(lines 1–3): what did Aristomenes want to do?

_____ [2]

13 πολλοὺς οὖν ἀνδρειοὺς ἤγαγεν ἐπὶ τοὺς
Λακεδαιμονίους καὶ ἐνίκησεν ὀλίγας νίκας
(lines 3–4): what happened when he led many brave
men against the Spartans?

_____ [2]

14 ἐν μάχῃ μέντοι λίθῳ μεγάλῳ βληθεὶς ἐλήφθη ὡς αἰχμάλωτος μετὰ πεντήκοντα ἄλλων (lines 5–6): what TWO things happened to Aristomenes in battle?

1 _____

2 _____

[4]

15 τοῖς δὲ Λακεδαιμονίοις ἔδοξε καταβαλεῖν αὐτοὺς κατὰ κρημνοῦ εἰς βάραθρον (line 6–8): what did the Spartans decide to do?

_____ [1]

16 καὶ οὕτως ὑψηλὸς ἦν ὁ κρημνὸς ὥστε πάντες πλὴν ὁ Ἀριστομένης εὐθὺς ἀπέθανον (lines 8–10): write down AND translate the GREEK word which describes the cliff. [2]

Greek word	English translation

17 ἀλλὰ οὐχ οἷός τ' ὦν ἐκφυγεῖν, τρεῖς μὲν ἡμέρας
μόνος ἐκάθιζεν (lines 10–11):

(a) what was Aristomenes unable to do?

_____ [1]

(b) what did he do as a result?

_____ [3]

18 τῇ δὲ τετάρτῃ, ἐπεὶ ἀλωπέκιον ἐφάνη, αὐτῷ ἔσπετο
ἵνα ἴδῃ πῶς εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸ βαράθρον (lines 11–13):

(a) when did a fox cub appear?

_____ [1]

(b) why did Aristomenes follow the fox cub?

_____ [3]

19 καὶ δι' ὀλίγου ἤσθετο τὸ φῶς καὶ ταῖς χερσὶ
χρησάμενος ἐποίησεν ὁδὸν ἐκ τοῦ βαράθρου
(lines 13–15): **how did Aristomenes make a way out of
the pit?**

_____ [1]

Read the rest of the story.

Aristomenes continues his resistance to the Spartans from his stronghold deep in Messenia, but he eventually suffers defeat.

ἔπειτα δὲ ὁ Ἀριστομένης ἀνδρείως ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ ὄρη. ἐκεῖ δὲ ἐκέλευσε τοὺς ἐνοίκους οἰκοδομεῖν μεγάλα τεῖχη ἵνα ἀσφαλεῖς εἶεν. δέκα μὲν οὖν ἔτη οἱοὶ τ' ἦσαν ἀμύνεσθαι τοῖς Λακεδαιμονίοις· τέλος δὲ οἱ πολέμιοι ἀπέκτειναν πολλοὺς στρατιώτας καὶ εἰς τὴν πόλιν εἰσῆλθον. 5

ὁ δὲ Ἀριστομένης πάντα τὸν δῆμον εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν σύλλεξας ἐβόησεν τοῖς Λακεδαιμονίοις· ἥδη ἡμᾶς ἐνικήσατε. ἀλλὰ οὐδέποτε, δοῦλοι ὄντες, ὑμῖν πεισόμεθα. ἐὰν ἡμᾶς λύσητε μηδὲ ἀδικήσητε τοὺς ἡμετέρους παῖδας, ἅπιμεν ἀπὸ τῆς πόλεως ἐν εἰρήνῃ.' οἱ οὖν Λακεδαιμόνιοι πιστεύοντες τούτοις τοῖς λόγοις ἀπέπεμψαν αὐτοὺς. 10

ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐξέφυγον, καίπερ τῶν Μεσσηνίων αἰτούντων τὸν Ἀριστομένην ἄγειν ἑαυτοὺς πρὸς νέαν χώραν, οὐκ ἔφη ἐθέλειν φεύγειν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἣν μάλιστα ἐφίλει. 15

NAMES

Ἀριστομένης, Ἀριστομένους, ὁ
Μεσσήνιοι, Μεσσηνίων, οἱ

Aristomenes
the Messenians

WORDS

οἰκοδομέω
ἀμύνομαι (+ dat.)

I build
I resist

20 Translate the rest of the story into good English. [50]

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