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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 ᾤκει γέρων τις, Φινεὺς ὀνόματι, ὃς οἷός τ’ ἦν ὁρᾶν τὰ μέλλοντα. ἀλλὰ πάλαι τοῖς θεοῖς ἔδοξεν κολάζειν αὐτὸν διότι ἐδίδασκε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους πολλά περὶ τῶν μελλόντων. ἔπεμψαν οὖν τὰς Ἁρπυίας

ἵνα κλέπτωσι τὸν σῖτον αὐτοῦ καὶ κωλύωσιν αὐτὸν ἐσθίειν τε καὶ πίνειν.

ὁ δὲ Φινεύς εἶπε τοῖς Ἀργοναύταις, ‘ἐὰν ἀποπέμψητε τὰς Ἁρπυίας ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς γῆς, ὑμῖν ἐρῶ ποῦ εὑρήσετε τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας.’

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

NAMES

Ἀργοναῦται, Ἀργοναύτων, οἱ	the Argonauts (a mythical group of sailors)
Φινεύς, Φινέως, ὁ	Phineus
Ἅρπυιαι, Ἁρπυίων, 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
πτερωτός, πτερωτή, πτερωτόν	winged

1 **οἱ <u>Ἀργοναῦται</u> πολλὰς ἡμέρας πλεύσαντες ἦλθον πρὸς μικρὰν πόλιν (lines 1–3): where did the Argonauts arrive after many days of sailing?**

______________________________ **[1]**

2 **ἐκεῖ δὲ ᾤκει γέρων τις, <u>Φινεὺς</u> ὀνόματι, ὃς οἷός τ' ἦν ὁρᾶν <u>τὰ μέλλοντα</u> (lines 3–5): 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 <u>τῶν μελλόντων</u> (lines 5–8): why had the gods decided to punish Phineus?**

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______________________________ **[2]**

4 ἔπεμψαν οὖν τὰς Ἁρπυίας ἵνα κλέπτωσι τὸν σῖτον αὐτοῦ καὶ κωλύωσιν αὐτὸν ἐσθίειν τε καὶ πίνειν **(lines 8–10): as well as stealing Phineus' food, what else were the Harpies sent to do?**

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______________________________________ **[2]**

5 ὁ δὲ Φινεύς εἶπε τοῖς Ἀργοναύταις, 'ἐὰν ἀποπέμψητε τὰς Ἁρπυίας ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς γῆς, ὑμῖν ἐρῶ ποῦ εὑρήσετε τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας.' **(lines 11–14): what did Phineus say he would do if the Argonauts sent away the Harpies?**

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______________________________________ **[2]**

6 οἱ μὲν οὖν <u>Ἀργοναῦται</u> ἐποίησαν μέγα δεῖπνον καὶ κρυψάμενοι λάθρᾳ ἔμειναν **(lines 15–17): what did the Argonauts do after making a big dinner?**

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______________________________________ **[2]**

7 ἐπεὶ δὲ αἱ <u>Ἅρπυιαι</u> ἀφίκοντο, εὐθὺς οἱ <u>Βορεάδαι</u>, <u>πτερωτοὶ</u> ὄντες, αὐτὰς ἐδίωκον εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν **(lines 17–19):**

(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 <u>Ἅρπυιαι</u> ἐπαύσαντο φεύγουσαι καὶ ὑπέσχοντο μηδέποτε αὖθις βλάψειν τὸν <u>Φινέα</u> (lines 20–22): how did things turn out well for Phineus in the end?**

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______________________________________ **[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: γέρων

English Word: ____________________________

Meaning of English Word:

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[2]

Greek Word: περὶ

English Word: ____________________________

Meaning of English Word:

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[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 Ἁρπυίας ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς γῆς, ὑμῖν ἐρῶ ποῦ εὑρήσετε τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας.’

οἱ μὲν οὖν Ἀργοναῦται ἐποίησαν μέγα δεῖπνον καὶ κρυψάμενοι λάθρᾳ ἔμειναν. ἐπεὶ δὲ αἱ Ἅρπυιαι ἀφίκοντο, εὐθὺς οἱ Βορεάδαι, πτερωτοὶ ὄντες, αὐτὰς ἐδίωκον εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν. μετὰ δὲ πολὺν χρόνον

αἱ Ἅρπυιαι ἐπαύσαντο φεύγουσαι

καὶ ὑπέσχοντο μηδέποτε αὖθις

βλάψειν τὸν Φινέα.

NAMES

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

WORDS

τὸ χρυσόμαλλον δέρας	**the Golden Fleece**
πτερωτός, πτερωτή, πτερωτόν	**winged**

(a) Identify the CASE of τῆς (line 3) AND explain why this case is used here.

______________________________ [2]

(b) Pick out a MASCULINE word in lines 5–7.

______________________________ [1]

(c) Identify the TENSE and PERSON of ἔμειναν (line 7).

______________________________ [2]

(d) Pick out an ADVERB in lines 7–9.

______________________________ [1]

(e) Identify the TENSE of ἐδίωκον (line 9).

______________________________ [1]

(f) Pick out a PREPOSITION in lines 9–11.

______________________________ [1]

(g) Identify the CASE of τὸν (line 10) 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.

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______________________________ **[4]**

(b) Did they hide the stones?

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______________________________ **[3]**

(c) You are a strong goddess.

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______________________________ **[3]**

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 δεσπόται τῆς Μεσσηνίας ἀλλὰ ὁ Ἀριστομένης ἐβούλετο σῴζειν τὴν χώραν. πολλοὺς οὖν ἀνδρειοὺς ἤγαγεν ἐπὶ τοὺς Λακεδαιμονίους καὶ ἐνίκησεν ὀλίγας νίκας.

ἐν μάχῃ μέντοι λίθῳ μεγάλῳ βληθεὶς ἐλήφθη ὡς αἰχμάλωτος

μετὰ πεντήκοντα ἄλλων. τοῖς δὲ Λακεδαιμονίοις ἔδοξε καταβαλεῖν αὐτοὺς κατὰ κρημνοῦ εἰς βάραθρον. καὶ οὕτως ὑψηλὸς ἦν ὁ κρημνὸς ὥστε πάντες πλὴν ὁ Ἀριστομένης εὐθὺς ἀπέθανον. ἀλλὰ οὐχ οἷός τ’ ὢν ἐκφυγεῖν, τρεῖς μὲν ἡμέρας μόνος ἐκάθιζεν· τῇ δὲ τετάρτῃ, ἐπεὶ ἀλωπέκιον ἐφάνη, αὐτῷ ἕσπετο ἵνα ἴδῃ πῶς εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸ βάραθρον. καὶ δι’ ὀλίγου ᾔσθετο τὸ φῶς καὶ ταῖς χερσὶ χρησάμενος ἐποίησεν ὁδὸν ἐκ τοῦ βαράθρου.

NAMES

Μεσσηνία, Μεσσηνίας, ἡ	**Messenia (a region of Greece)**
Ἀριστομένης, Ἀριστομένους, ὁ	**Aristomenes**

WORDS

πεντήκοντα	**fifty**
κρημνός, κρημνοῦ, ὁ	**cliff**
βάραθρον, βαράθρου, τό	**pit**
ἀλωπέκιον, ἀλωπεκίου, τό	**fox cub**
φῶς, φωτός, τό	**light, daylight**

12 οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἦσαν δεσπόται τῆς <u>Μεσσηνίας</u> ἀλλὰ ὁ <u>Ἀριστομένης</u> ἐβούλετο σῴζειν 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 3–6): what happened when he led many brave men against the Spartans?**

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______________________________________ **[2]**

14 ἐν μάχῃ μέντοι λίθῳ μεγάλῳ βληθεὶς ἐλήφθη ὡς αἰχμάλωτος μετὰ <u>πεντήκοντα</u> ἄλλων **(lines 7–9): what TWO things happened to Aristomenes in battle?**

1 ______________________________________

2 ______________________________________

[4]

15 **τοῖς δὲ Λακεδαιμονίοις ἔδοξε καταβαλεῖν αὐτοὺς κατὰ <u>κρημνοῦ</u> εἰς <u>βάραθρον</u> (line 9–11): what did the Spartans decide to do?**

______________________________ **[1]**

16 **καὶ οὕτως ὑψηλὸς ἦν ὁ <u>κρημνὸς</u> ὥστε πάντες πλὴν ὁ <u>Ἀριστομένης</u> εὐθὺς ἀπέθανον (lines 12–14): write down AND translate the GREEK word which describes the cliff. [2]**

Greek word	English translation

17 **ἀλλὰ οὐχ οἷός τ' ὢν ἐκφυγεῖν, τρεῖς μὲν ἡμέρας μόνος ἐκάθιζεν (lines 14–16):**

(a) **what was Aristomenes unable to do?**

______________________________ **[1]**

(b) what did he do as a result?

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______________________________________ **[3]**

18 τῇ δὲ τετάρτῃ, ἐπεὶ <u>ἀλωπέκιον</u> ἐφάνη, αὐτῷ ἕσπετο ἵνα ἴδῃ πῶς εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸ <u>βάραθρον</u> **(lines 16–18):**

(a) when did a fox cub appear?

______________________________________ **[1]**

(b) why did Aristomenes follow the fox cub?

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______________________________________ **[3]**

19 καὶ δι᾽ ὀλίγου ᾔσθετο τὸ <u>φῶς</u> καὶ ταῖς χερσὶ χρησάμενος ἐποίησεν ὁδὸν ἐκ τοῦ <u>βαράθρου</u> **(lines 19–21): 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 τείχη ἵνα ἀσφαλεῖς εἶεν. δέκα μὲν οὖν ἔτη οἷοι τ᾽ ἦσαν ἀμύνεσθαι τοῖς Λακεδαιμονίοις· τέλος δὲ οἱ πολέμιοι ἀπέκτειναν πολλοὺς στρατιώτας καὶ εἰς τὴν πόλιν εἰσῆλθον.

ὁ δὲ Ἀριστομένης πάντα τὸν δῆμον εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν σύλλεξας

ἐβόησεν τοῖς Λακεδαιμονίοις· ‘ἤδη ἡμᾶς ἐνικήσατε. ἀλλὰ οὐδέποτε, δοῦλοι ὄντες, ὑμῖν πεισόμεθα. ἐὰν ἡμᾶς λύσητε μηδὲ ἀδικήσητε τοὺς ἡμετέρους παῖδας, ἄπιμεν ἀπὸ τῆς πόλεως ἐν εἰρήνῃ.’ οἱ οὖν Λακεδαιμόνιοι πιστεύοντες τούτοις τοῖς λόγοις ἀπέπεμψαν αὐτούς.

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

NAMES

Ἀριστομένης, Ἀριστομένους, ὁ	**Aristomenes**
Μεσσήνιοι, Μεσσηνίων, οἱ	**the Messenians**

WORDS

οἰκοδομέω	**I build**
ἀμύνομαι **(+ dat.)**	**I resist**

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

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