

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Tuesday 3 June 2025 – Morning

GCSE (9–1) Latin

J282/05 Verse Literature B

**Time allowed: 1 hour
plus your additional time allowance**

**DO NOT USE:
a dictionary**

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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 (*).

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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1 Read the passage and answer the questions.

**vix e conspectu Siculae telluris in altum
vela dabant laeti et spumas salis aere ruebant,
cum Iuno aeternum servans sub pectore vulnus
haec secum: ‘mene incepto desistere victam
nec posse Italia Teucrorum avertere regem!’**

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Virgil, ‘Aeneid’ 1, lines 34–38

(a) ‘vix ... ruebant’ (lines 1–2):

(i) where were Aeneas and his fleet at this point?

_____ **[2]**

(ii) pick out and translate the LATIN word which tells us how the Trojans were feeling. [2]

Latin word: _____

English translation: _____

(b) ‘aeternum ... vulnus’ (line 3): what were Juno’s feelings towards the Trojans?

_____ **[1]**

(c) ‘Italia ... regem’ (line 5): what would Juno like to do?

_____ **[2]**

2 Read the passage and answer the question.

**‘Pallasne exurere classem
Argivum atque ipsos potuit sommergere ponto
unius ob noxam et furias Aiakis Oilei?’**

Virgil, ‘Aeneid’ 1, lines 39–41

What TWO things does Juno say Pallas (the goddess Athena) was able to do when Ajax offended her?

1 _____

2 _____

[2]

3 Read the passage and answer the question.

**‘ipsa Iovis rapidum iaculata e nubibus ignem
disiecitque rates evertitque aequora ventis,
illum exspirantem transfixo pectore flammās
turbine corripuit scopuloque infixit acuto.’**

Translation:

**‘She herself, having hurled Jupiter’s swift lightning
from the clouds, both scattered the boats and
churned up the seas with winds; as for Ajax, as he
breathed out flames from his pierced chest, she
snatched him up in a whirlwind and impaled him on a
pointed rock.’**

Virgil, ‘Aeneid’ 1, lines 42–45

**How does Virgil, by his style of writing, emphasise the
power of Pallas Athena?**

Make TWO points, each referring to the LATIN.

1 _____

2

[4]

4 Read the passage and answer the question.

**sed pater omnipotens speluncis abdidit atris
hoc metuens molemque et montes insuper altos
imposuit, regemque dedit qui foedere certo
et premere et laxas sciret dare iussus habenas.**

Virgil, 'Aeneid' 1, lines 60–63

How do these lines show that Jupiter went to a lot of trouble to keep the winds under control? Make THREE points.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

[3]

5* Read the passage and answer the question.

haec ubi dicta, cavum conversa cuspide montem
impulit in latus; ac venti velut agmine facto,
qua data porta, ruunt et terras turbine perflant.
incubuerunt mari totumque a sedibus imis 5
una Eurusque Notusque ruunt creberque procellis
Africus, et vastos volvunt ad litora fluctus.
insequitur clamorque virum stridorque rudentum;
eripiunt subito nubes caelumque diemque
Teucrorum ex oculis; ponto nox incubat atra;
intonuere poli et crebris micat ignibus aether 10
praesentemque viris intentant omnia mortem.

Virgil, 'Aeneid' 1, lines 81–91

How does Virgil emphasise the destructive nature of the storm?

In your answer you may wish to consider:

how the winds behave

what happens when the winds have been let out.

You should refer to the LATIN and discuss a range of stylistic features such as the choice, sound and position of words. [8]

[illegible]

[illegible]

6 Read the passage and answer the question.

**extemplo Aeneae solvuntur frigore membra;
ingemit et duplices tendens ad sidera palmas
talìa voce refert: ‘o terque quaterque beati,
quis ante ora patrum Troiae sub moenibus altis
contigit oppetere!’**

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Virgil, 'Aeneid' 1, lines 92–96

Translate this passage into English.

[illegible]

7 Read the passage and answer the questions.

‘o Danaum fortissime gentis
Tydide! mene Iliacis occumbere campis
non potuisse tuaque animam hanc effundere dextra,
saevus ubi Aeacidae telo iacet Hector, ubi ingens
Sarpedon, ubi tot Simois correpta sub undis
scuta virum galeasque et fortia corpora volvit!’

Virgil, 'Aeneid' 1, lines 96–101

- (a) 'o Danaum ... dextra' (lines 1–3): what does Aeneas wish had happened to him?**

_____ [2]

- (b) 'ubi tot Simois ... volvit' (lines 5–6): what shocking scene is Aeneas remembering here?**

[2]

8 Read the passage and answer the question.

**talia iactanti stridens Aquilone procella
velum adversa ferit, fluctusque ad sidera tollit.
franguntur remi, tum prora avertit et undis
dat latus, insequitur cumulo praeruptus aquae mons.**

Virgil, 'Aeneid' 1, lines 102–105

**How does Virgil emphasise the danger that Aeneas
and his ship are in?**

Make TWO points, each referring to the LATIN.

1 _____

2

[4]

9 Read the passage and answer the questions.

**tres Notus abreptas in saxa latentia torquet
(saxa vocant Itali mediis quae in fluctibus Aras,
dorsum immane mari summo), tres Eurus ab alto
in brevia et Syrtes urget, miserabile visu,
inluditque vadis atque aggere cingit harenae.**

5

Virgil, 'Aeneid' 1, lines 108–112

- (a) How many ships in total did the winds, Notus and Eurus, destroy between them?**

_____ **[1]**

- (b) Virgil describes TWO ways in which Notus and Eurus destroyed ships. What were these two ways?**

1 _____

2 _____

[2]

You should support your answer with a range of references to the parts of ‘Aeneid’ 1 that you have read, and you may include passages printed on the question paper. [10]

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EXTRA ANSWER SPACE

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