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Paper 1 Verse Literature

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2 hours 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

Section A: Answer **all** questions on **both** passages from your chosen text.

Section B: Choose **one** of the two essays set on your chosen text.

Section C: Choose **one** question from this section.

Either (a) Unseen Literary Criticism

or (b) one essay on the theme relating to your chosen text.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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Section A

You must answer **all** questions on **both** passages from your chosen text.

Either

Sophocles, *Philoctetes* (lines 50–134, 319–90, 453–506, 542–675, 867–1080)

or

Homer, *Iliad* I

Sophocles, Philoctetes (lines 50–134, 319–90, 453–506, 542–675, 867–1080)

1 Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Φιλ. ἀλλ' εὐγενὴς μὲν ὁ κτανών τε χῶθανών.
 ἀμηχανῶ δὲ πότερον, ὃ τέκνον, τὸ σὸν
 πάθημ' ἐλέγχω πρῶτον ἡ κεῖνον στένω.

Νεο. οἴμαι μὲν ἀρκεῖν σοί γε καὶ τὰ σ', ὃ τάλας,
 ἀλγήμαθ', ὥστε μὴ τὰ τῶν πέλας στένειν. 5

Φιλ. ὁρθῶς ἔλεξας. τοι γαροῦν τὸ σὸν φράσον
 αὖθις πάλιν μοι πρᾶγμα', ὅπως σ' ἐνύβρισαν.

Νεο. ἥλθόν με νηὶ ποικιλοστόλῳ μέτα
 δῖος τ' Ὀδυσσεὺς χῶτροφεὺς τούμοῦ πατρός,
 λέγοντες, εἴτ' ἀληθὲς εἴτ' ἄρ' οὖν μάτην, 10
 ως οὐθέμις γίγνοιτ', ἐπεὶ κατέφθιτο
 πατὴρ ἐμός, τὰ πέργαμ' ἄλλον ἡ' μ' ἐλεῖν.
 ταῦτ', ὃ ξέν', οὔτως ἐννέποντες οὐ πολὺν
 χρόνον μ' ἐπέσχον μή με ναυστολεῖν ταχύ,
 μάλιστα μὲν δὴ τοῦ θανόντος ἴμερω, 15
 ὅπως ἰδοιμ' ἀθαπτον οὐ γάρ εἰδόμην·
 ἐπειτα μέντοι χῶλόγος καλὸς προσῆν,
 εἰ τάπι Τροίᾳ πέργαμ' αἰρήσοιμ' ίών.
 ἦν δ' ἥμαρ ἥδη δεύτερον πλέοντί μοι,
 κὰγὼ πικρὸν Σίγειον οὐρίᾳ πλάτῃ 20
 κατηγόμην· καί μ' εὐθὺς ἐν κύκλῳ στρατὸς
 ἐκβάντα πᾶς ἡσπάζετ', ὀμιύντες βλέπειν
 τὸν οὐκέτ' ὄντα ζῶντ' Ἀχιλλέα πάλιν.
 κεῖνος μὲν οὖν ἔκειτ· ἐγὼ δ' ὁ δύσμορος,
 ἐπεὶ δάκρυσα κεῖνον, οὐ μακρῷ χρόνῳ 25
 ἐλθὼν Ἀτρείδας πρὸς φίλους, ως εἰκὸς ἦν,
 τά θ' ὅπλ' ἀπήτουν τοῦ πατρὸς τά τ' ἄλλ' ὅσ' ἦν.
 οἱ δ' εἶπον, οἴμοι, τλημονέστατον λόγον·
 ὃ σπέρμα Ἀχιλλέως, τάλλα μὲν πάρεστι σοι
 πατρῷ ἐλέσθαι, τῶν δ' ὅπλων κείνων ἀνὴρ
 ἄλλος κρατύνει νῦν, ὁ Λαέρτου γόνος. 30

(Sophocles, *Philoctetes* 336–66)

- (i) Line 1 (ἀλλ' εὐγενὴς . . . χῶθανών): to whom does Philoctetes refer? [2]
- (ii) Translate lines 2–7 (ἀμηχανῶ δὲ . . . ὅπως σ' ἐνύβρισαν). [5]
- (iii) Lines 8–18 (ἥλθόν με . . . αἰρήσοιμ' ίών): discuss how Neoptolemus presents himself in these lines. [7]
- (iv) Lines 19–31 (ἦν δ' ἥμαρ . . . Λαέρτου γόνος): how does Sophocles make these lines a lively and gripping narrative? [11]

[Total: 25]

[Turn over]

Sophocles, Philoctetes (lines 50–134, 319–90, 453–506, 542–675, 867–1080)

2 Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Φιλ. οὐκοῦν τάδ', ὡς παῖ, δεινά, τὸν Λαερτίου
 ἔμ' ἐλπίσαι ποτ' ἀν λόγοισι μαλθακοῖς
 δεῖξαι νεώς ἄγοντ' ἐν Ἀργείοις μέσοις;
 οὐ· θᾶσσον ἀν τῆς πλεῖστον ἐχθίστης ἐμοὶ⁵
 κλύοιμ' ἐχίδνης, ἥ μ' ἔθηκεν ὡδ' ἀπουν.
 ἀλλ' ἔστ' ἐκείνω πάντα λεκτά, πάντα δὲ
 τολμητά· καὶ νῦν οἶδ' ὅθιύνεχ' ἵξεται.
 ἀλλ', ὡς τέκνον, χωρῶμεν, ὡς ἡμᾶς πολὺ¹⁰
 πέλαγος ὁρίζῃ τῆς Ὀδυσσέως νεώς.
 ἰωμεν· ἥ τοι καίριος σπουδὴ πόνου
 λήξαντος ὑπνον κάναπανλαν ἥγαγεν.

Νεο. οὐκοῦν ἐπειδὰν πνεῦμα τούκ πρώρας ἀνῆ,
 τότε στελοῦμεν νῦν γὰρ ἀντιοστατεῖ.

Φιλ. ἀεὶ καλὸς πλοῦς ἔσθ', ὅταν φεύγῃς κακά.

Νεο. οὔκ, ἀλλὰ κάκείνοισι ταῦτ' ἐναντία.¹⁵

Φιλ. οὐκ ἔστι λησταῖς πνεῦμ' ἐναντιούμενον,
 ὅταν παρῇ κλέψαι τι χάρπασαι βίᾳ.

Νεο. ἀλλ' εἰ δοκεῖ, χωρῶμεν, ἔνδοθεν λαβών
 ὅτου σε χρεία καὶ πόθος μάλιστ' ἔχει.

Φιλ. ἀλλ' ἔστιν ὃν δεῖ, καίπερ οὐ πολλῶν ἀπο.²⁰

Νεο. τί τοῦθ' ὁ μὴ νεώς γε τῆς ἐμῆς ἔπι;

Φιλ. φύλλον τί μοι πάρεστιν, ὡς μάλιστ' ἀεὶ²⁵
 κοιμῶ τόδ' ἔλκος, ὡστε πραῦνειν πάνυ.

Νεο. ἀλλ' ἔκφερο ἀυτό. τί γὰρ ἔτ' ἀλλ' ἐρᾶς λαβεῖν;

Φιλ. εἴ μοί τι τόξων τῶνδ' ἀπημελημένον
 παρερρύηκεν, ὡς λίπω μή τω λαβεῖν.

Νεο. ἥ ταῦτα γὰρ τὰ κλεινὰ τόξ' ἀ νῦν ἔχεις;

Φιλ. ταῦτ', οὐ γὰρ ἄλλα γ' ἔσθ', ἀ βαστάζω χεροῖν.³⁰

Νεο. ἄρ' ἔστιν ὡστε κάγγύθεν θέαν λαβεῖν,
 καὶ βαστάσαι με προσκύσαι θ' ὡσπερ θεόν;

(Sophocles, *Philoctetes* 628–657)

- (i) Lines 1–11 (οὐκοῦν τάδ' . . . ἥγαγεν): what is Philoctetes' state of mind in these lines? [12]
- (ii) Lines 12–24 (οὐκοῦν ἐπειδὰν . . . ἐρᾶς λαβεῖν): what do you think is Neoptolemus' attitude towards Philoctetes in these lines? [8]
- (iii) Translate lines 25–30 (εἴ μοί . . . ὡσπερ θεόν). [5]

[Total: 25]

Homer, *Iliad* I

3 Read the following passage and answer the questions:

ώς φάτο· Πηλεῖωνι δ' ἄχος γένετ', ἐν δέ οἱ ἦτορ
στήθεσσιν λασίοισι διάνδιχα μερμήριξεν,
ἢ ὁ γε φάσγανον ὀξὺν ἐρυσσάμενος παρὰ μηροῦ
τοὺς μὲν ἀναστήσειεν, δ' Ἀτρεῖδην ἐναρίζοι,
ἢ εχόλον παύσειεν ἐρητύσειέ τε θυμόν. 5

ἢ ος ὁ ταῦθ' ὥρμαινε κατὰ φρένα καὶ κατὰ θυμόν,
ἔλκετο δ' ἐκ κολεοῦ μέγα ξίφος, ἥλθε δ' Αθήνη
οὐρανόθεν· πρὸ γὰρ ἡκε θεὰ λευκώλενος Ἡρη
ἄμφω ὅμῶς θυμῷ φιλέουσά τε κηδομένη τε·
στῆ δ' ὅπιθεν, ξανθῆς δὲ κόμης ἔλε Πηλεῖωνα 10
οἴω φαινομένη· τῶν δ' ἄλλων οὐ τις ὁρᾶτο·
Θάμβησεν δ' Αχιλεύς, μετὰ δ' ἐτράπετ', αὐτίκα δ' ἔγνω
Παλλάδ' Αθηναίην· δεινῷ δέ οἱ ὅσσε φάανθεν·
καί μιν φωνήσας ἔπεια πτερόεντα προσηγύδα·
“τίπτ' αὖτ', αἰγιόχοιο Διὸς τέκος, εὐλήλουθας;
ἢ ἵνα ὕβριν ἴδη Αγαμέμνονος Ατρεῖδαο;
ἄλλ' ἔκ τοι ἐρέω, τὸ δὲ καὶ τελέεσθαι δῶι·
ἢς ὑπεροπλίησι τάχ' ἀν ποτε θυμὸν ὀλέσσῃ.” 15
τὸν δ' αὖτε προσέειπε θεὰ γλαυκῶπις Αθήνη·
“ἥλθον ἐγὼ παύσουσα τὸ σὸν μένος, αἱ̄ κε πίθηαι,
οὐρανόθεν· πρὸ δέ μ' ἡκε θεὰ λευκώλενος Ἡρη
ἄμφω ὅμῶς θυμῷ φιλέουσά τε κηδομένη τε.
ἄλλ' ἄγε λῆγ' ἔριδος, μηδὲ ξίφος ἔλκεο χειρὶ·
ἄλλ' ἥτοι ἔπεσιν μὲν ὄνείδισον ὡς ἔσεται περ·
ῶδε γὰρ ἐξερέω, τὸ δὲ καὶ τετελεσμένον ἔσται· 25
καί ποτέ τοι τρὶς τόσσα παρέσσεται ἀγλαὰ δῶρα
ὕβριος εἶνεκα τῆσδε· σὺ δ' ἵσχεο, πείθεο δ' ἡμῖν.”
τὴν δ' ἀπαμειβόμενος προσέφη πόδας ὡκὺς Αχιλλεύς·
“χρὴ μὲν σφωίτερόν γε, θεά, ἔπος εἰρύσσασθαι
καὶ μάλα περ θυμῷ κεχωλούμενον· ὡς γὰρ ἄμεινον· 30
ὅς κε θεοῖς ἐπιπείθηται, μάλα τ' ἔκλυνον αὐτοῦ.”
ἢ καὶ ἐπ' ἀργυρέῃ κώπῃ σχέθε χεῖρα βαρεῖαν,
ἀψ δ' ἐς κουλεὸν ὥσε μέγα ξίφος, οὐδ' ἀπίθησε
μύθῳ Αθηναίης·

(Homer, *Iliad* I. 188–222)

- (i)** Lines 1–13 (ώς φάτο . . . φάανθεν): how does Homer make these lines dramatic? [10]
- (ii)** Lines 15–27 (τίπτ' αὖτ' . . . ἡμῖν): discuss the portrayal of Achilles and Athene in these lines. [10]
- (iii)** Translate lines 28–34 (τὴν δ' . . . Αθηναίης). [5]

[Total: 25]

Homer, *Iliad* I

4 Read the following passage and answer the questions:

“ἀλλὰ πίθεσθ’· ἄμφω δὲ νεωτέρῳ ἐστὸν ἐμεῖο·
 ἥδη γάρ ποτ’ ἐγὼ καὶ ἀρείοσιν ἡέ περ νῦν
 ἀνδράσιν ὠμίλησα, καὶ οὐ ποτέ μ’ οἴ γ’ ἀθέριζον.
 οὐ γάρ πω τοίους ἴδον ἀνέρας οὐδὲ ἴδωμαι,
 οἵον Πειρίθοόν τε Δρύαντά τε, ποιμένα λαῶν,
 Καινέα τ’ Ἐξάδιόν τε καὶ ἀντίθεον Πολύφημον,
 Θησέα τ’ Αἰγεῖδην, ἐπιείκελον ἀθανάτοισιν·
 κάρτιστοι δὴ κεῖνοι ἐπιχθονίων τράφεν ἀνδρῶν·
 κάρτιστοι μὲν ἔσαν καὶ καρτίστοις ἐμάχοντο,
 Φηρσὶν ὁρεσκώοισι, καὶ ἐκπάγλως ἀπόλεσσαν.
 καὶ μὲν τοῖσιν ἐγὼ μεθομίλεον ἐκ Πύλου ἐλθὼν,
 τηλόθεν ἐξ ἀπίης γαίης· καλέσαντο γάρ αὐτοί·
 καὶ μαχόμην κατ’ ἔμ’ αὐτὸν ἐγώ· κείνοισι δ’ ἀν οὐ τις
 τῶν, οἵ νῦν βροτοί εἰσιν ἐπιχθόνιοι, μαχέοιτο·
 καὶ μέν μεν βουλέων ξύνιεν πείθοντό τε μύθω·
 ἀλλὰ πίθεσθε καὶ ὑμμες, ἐπεὶ πείθεσθαι ἄμεινον·
 μήτε σὺ τόνδ’ ἀγαθός περ ἐών ἀποαίρεο κούρην,
 ἀλλ’ ἔα, ὡς οἱ πρῶτα δόσαν γέρας νῖες Ἀχαιῶν·
 μήτε σὺ, Πηλείδη, ἔθελ’ ἐριζέμεναι βασιλῆι
 ἀντιβίην, ἐπεὶ οὐ ποθ’ ὅμοίης ἔμμορε τιμῆς
 σκηπτοῦχος βασιλεύς, ὃ τε Ζεὺς κυδος ἔδωκεν.
 εὶ δὲ σὺ καρτερός ἐσσι, θεὰ δέ σε γείνατο μήτηρ,
 ἀλλ’ ὅ γε φέρτερός ἐστιν, ἐπεὶ πλεόνεσσιν ἀνάσσει.
 Ατρεῖδη, σὺ δὲ παῦε τεὸν μένος· αὐτὰρ ἔγωγε
 λίσσομ’ Ἀχιλλῆι μεθέμεν χόλον, ὃς μέγα πᾶσιν
 ἔρκος Ἀχαιοῖσιν πέλεται πολέμοιο κακοῖο.”
 τὸν δ’ ἀπαμειβόμενος προσέφη κρείων Ἀγαμέμνων·
 “ναὶ δὴ ταῦτα γε πάντα, γέρον, κατὰ μοῖραν ἔειπες·
 ἀλλ’ ὅδ’ ἀνὴρ ἐθέλει περὶ πάντων ἔμμεναι ἄλλων,
 πάντων μὲν κρατέειν ἐθέλει, πάντεσσι δ’ ἀνάσσειν,
 πᾶσι δὲ σημαίνειν, ἣ τιν’ οὐ πείσεσθαι ὀἶω·
 εὶ δέ μιν αἰχμητὴν ἔθεσαν θεοὶ αἰὲν ἐόντες,
 τούνεκά οἱ προθέουσιν ὄνείδεα μυθήσασθαι;”

(Homer, *Iliad* I. 259–291)

- (i) Lines 1–16 (ἀλλὰ πίθεσθ’ … ἄμεινον): how persuasive are these lines likely to be? [12]
- (ii) Translate lines 17–23 (μήτε σὺ … ἀνάσσει). [5]
- (iii) Lines 24–33 (Ατρεῖδη… μυθήσασθαι): explain why Agamemnon might reasonably respond to Nestor’s conclusion in this way. [8]

[Total: 25]

Section B**Essay**

You must choose **one** of the two essays set on your chosen set text. You should refer in your answer both to the text itself and, where relevant, to the wider historical, social, political and cultural context.

Sophocles, Philoctetes**Either**

- 5 Philoctetes ‘cannot yield, he can only break’ (T.B.L. Webster). Discuss this view of Philoctetes. [20]

Or

- 6 ‘Compelling characters but an unsatisfactory plot.’ Discuss this view of *Philoctetes*. [20]

Homer, Iliad I**Either**

- 7 Compare and contrast Agamemnon and Zeus as leaders in *Iliad I*. [20]

Or

- 8 Discuss the merits of *Iliad I* as a stand-alone story. [20]

Section C

You must choose **one** question from this section.

Either

Unseen Literary Criticism

9

Read the following passage and answer the questions. A translation of the passage is provided, but in your answer you should refer to the Greek text where appropriate.

The great hero, Heracles, has returned home to Thebes, having completed the last of his twelve labours. In this scene he awakes after killing his wife and children in a fit of madness.

ἔα·
 ἔμπνους μέν εἰμι καὶ δέδορχ' ἄπερ με δεῖ,
 αἰθέρα τε καὶ γῆν τόξα θ' ἡλίου τάδε.
 ὡς <δέ> ἐν κλύδωνι καὶ φρενῶν ταράγματι
 πέπτωκα δεινῷ καὶ πνοὰς θερμὰς πνέω
 μετάρσι', οὐ βέβαια πλευμόνων ἄπο.5
 ίδού, τί δεσμοῖς ναῦς ὅπως ὀρμισμένος
 νεανίαν θώρακα καὶ βραχίονα
 πρὸς ἡμιθραύστω λαΐνω τυκίσματι
 ἥμαι, νεκροῖσι γείτονας θάκους ἔχων;10
 πτερωτὰ τ' ἔγχη τόξα τ' ἔσπαρται πέδω,
 ἀ πρὶν παρασπίζοντ' ἐμοῖς βραχίοσιν
 ἔσωζε πλευρὰς ἐξ ἐμοῦ τ' ἔσωζετο.
 οὐ που κατῆλθον αὖθις εἰς Άιδου πάλιν,15
 Εὔρυσθέως δίαυλον ἐξ Άιδου μολών;
 ἀλλ' οὕτε Σισύφειον εἰσορῶ πέτρον
 Πλούτωνά τ' οὐδὲ σκῆπτρα Δήμητρος κόρης.
 ἔκ τοι πέπληγματι ποῦ ποτ' ὧν ἀμηχανῶ;

ώή, τίς ἐγγὺς ἡ πρόσω φίλων ἐμῶν,
 δύσγνοιαν ὅστις τὴν ἐμὴν ίάσεται;
 σαφῶς γὰρ οὐδὲν οἶδα τῶν εἰωθότων.20

(Euripides, *Hercules Furens* 1089–1108)

Ah! I am breathing and I see what I should,
 the sky and the earth, and these arrows of the sun.
 But I have fallen in a wave and terrible disturbance
 of mind, and I breathe hot breaths,
 shallow, not steady from my lungs.
 Look! Why am I sitting, like a moored ship, with bonds
 round my vigorous torso and with my arms attached
 to a half-broken piece of masonry,
 with corpses for neighbours?
 Feathered arrows and my bow have been scattered on the floor,
 the bow which before stood by my arms and protected
 my ribs and was protected by me.
 Have I once again descended to Hades,
 coming from Hades to the double path of Eurystheus?
 But I see neither the rock of Sisyphus, nor
 Pluto, nor the sceptre of the daughter of Demeter.
 I am stunned. Where am I in my helplessness?
 Hello, which of my friends near or far away,
 will recognise my befuddlement?
 For I do not recognise clearly anything of what I am used to.

- (i) Lines 1–9 (*ἔα· ἔμπνους . . . θάκους ἔχων*): how convincing are these lines as a portrayal of a man regaining consciousness? [10]
- (ii) Lines 10–20 (*πτερωτὰ . . . εἰωθότων*): discuss the pathos of these lines. [10]

[Total: 20]

Or

Essay

Answer **one** question on the theme relating to your chosen text. In your answer you should refer to at least **two** of the texts listed for each theme.

Either

The tragic hero

Sophocles, Philoctetes

Ajax

Oedipus Tyrannus

Euripides, Medea

- 10** ‘The tragic hero lacks any deep sense of communal feeling.’ Discuss this view of the tragic hero in relation to Sophocles’ *Philoctetes* and **one other** of your theme texts. [20]
- 11** To what extent are Philoctetes, Ajax, Oedipus or Medea consistently heroic? (You should refer to at least two of the heroes named.) [20]
- 12** ‘Tragic heroism has many forms.’ Discuss in relation to Sophocles’ *Philoctetes* and **one other** of your theme texts. [20]
- 13** ‘The real tragedy of tragic heroes is that they must act as tragic heroes.’ Discuss this statement in relation to Sophocles’ *Philoctetes* and **one other** of your theme texts. [20]

Or

Fate and the gods

**Homer, *Iliad* I, VIII, IX, XVI, XVIII, XXIV
Odyssey I, XXIV**

- 14 ‘The gods are not only important elements in the Homeric poems; they are also humane.’ Do you agree? [20]
- 15 Is the presentation of the gods and fate consistent in the Homeric texts you have read? [20]
- 16 Discuss the relationship between Zeus and fate in the *Iliad*. [20]
- 17 ‘The human is seen to matter in a way that the divine cannot’ (Michael Silk). Discuss this view in relation to the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. [20]

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