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Scholarship Examination

LATIN

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Time allowed – 75 minutes

You should complete Section A and **either** Section B **or** Section C.

Section A is worth 70 marks and Sections B and C 30 marks.

You are advised to spend a maximum of about 55 minutes on Section A.

SECTION A

Translate the following passage into English.

Write your answer on alternate lines.

The story of Niobe

Graeci et Romani credebant deos et deas nonnumquam crudeles esse. unam fabulam praesertim narrabant, quae monstrabat quantum periculum hominibus esset, si deos vexaverint.

Niobe erat femina pulchra quae in Asia Minor habitabat. uxor erat regis qui regnum magnum habebat. Niobe septem filios et septem filias pepererat. ‘quam felix sum,’ inquit regina. ‘plurimos liberos habeo. maxime gaudeo. felicissima omnium mortalium sum.’

rex, cum haec verba audivisset, ad reginam progressus, dixit, ‘cave, uxor. si dei te audient, certe irati erint. nemo felicior est deis.’ sic eam hortatus est ut cauta esset. sed uxor, his verbis auditis, stulte respondit: ‘felicissima vere sum. Leto enim, mater Apollinis et Dianae, duos liberos habet, sed ego quattuordecim.’

rex, ex aula egressus, ad templum celerrime festinavit, ut veniam a deis peteret. multas preces Apollini et sorori eius obtulit, verba mollia loquens. Leto tamen, quae omnia audiverat, iratissima erat. filia filioque arcessitis dea mandata dedit. eis imperavit ut liberos Niobis sagittis necarent. duo dei promiserunt se statim ad urbem regis profecturos esse, ultionem pro matre obtinere in animo habentes.

Vocabulary for Section A

Names

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| Niobe, Niobis, (f) | Niobe |
| Asia Minor, Asiae Minoris (f) | Asia Minor (modern Turkey) |
| Leto, Letonis (f) | Leto |
| Apollo, Apollinis (m) | Apollo |
| Diana, Dianae (f) | Diana |

Other vocabulary

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| nonnumquam | sometimes |
| praesertim | especially |
| monstro, monstrare, monstravi, monstratus | I show |
| quantus, -a, -um | how big |
| vexo, vexare, vexavi, vexatus | I annoy |
| regnum, regni (n) | kingdom |
| pario, parere, peperi, partus | I give birth to |
| plurimi | very many |
| gaudeo, gaudere, gavisus sum | I rejoice |
| mortalis, mortal (m) | mortal, human being |
| caveo, cavere, cavi, cautus | I am careful (of), I beware |
| certe | certainly |
| cautus, -a, -um | cautious, careful |
| stulte | foolishly |
| vere | truly |
| quattuordecim | 14 |
| aula, aulae (f) | palace |
| venia, veniae (f) | pardon |
| preces, precum (f.pl) | prayers |
| offerо, offere, obtuli, oblatus | I offer |
| mollis, mollis, molle | gentle |
| arcesso, arcessere, arcessivi, arcessitus | I summon |
| mandatum, mandati (n) | order |
| ultio, ultionis (f) | revenge |
| obtineo, obtainere, obtainui, obtainentus | I obtain |
| animus, animi (m) | mind |

SECTION B

Answer this section or Section C

The story continues

cum liberi Latonis celeriter iter confecissent, advenerunt ad urbem in 1
qua Niobe habitabat. eo tempore filii eius extra urbem corpora exercebant. 2
alii currebant, alii tela iaciebant, laete clamantes. Apollo, arcum tenens, 3
sagittam cepit qua primum iuvenem necaret. sagitta subito emissa, 4
iuvenis, vulnus grave passus, terram cedidit. mox sex plures mortui 5
iacebant, sagittis percussi et multum sanguinis fundentes. 6

septem filiis ita necatis, mater tristissima funus dabat. Niobe imperavit 7
filiabus ut corpora fratrum in atrium ferrent. 8

Diana in aulam intravit. in atrium ingressa, filias lacrimantes invenit. tam 9
irata erat Diana ut statim eas omnes oppugnaret. Niobe in corpus nati 10
minimae filiae se iecit ut eam servaret, sed frustra. Niobe adeo lacrimabat 11
ut in lapidem mutaretur. hodie sunt ei qui credunt faciem feminae in 12
monte posse videri.

Vocabulary

| | |
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| conficio, conficere, confeci, confectus | I complete |
| tempus, temporis (n) | time |
| extra | outside |
| exerceo, exercere, exercui, exercitus | I exercise |
| telum, teli (n) | missile |
| acrus, arcus (m) | bow |
| emitto, emitter, emisi, emissus | I send out |
| vulnus, vulneris (n) | wound |
| cado, cadere, cecidi | I fall |
| plures | more |
| iaceo, iacere, iacui | I lie |
| percutio, percutere, percussi, percussus | I strike |
| sanguis, sanguinis (m) | blood |
| fundo, fundere, fudi, fusus | I pour |
| funus, funeris (n) | funeral |
| atrium, atrii (n) | hall |
| lacrimo, lacrimare, lacrimavi | I cry |
| tam | so |
| nati minimus –a –um | youngest |
| adeo | to such an extent |
| lapis, lapidis (m) | stone |
| muto, mutare, mutavi, mutatus | I change |
| credo, credere, credidi, creditus | I believe |
| facies, faciei (f) | face |
| videor, videri, visus sum | I seem/I am seen |

- 1 In line 1, when did Apollo and Diana arrive the city? [1]
- 2 Pick out and translate the word that describes how they made the journey. [1]
- 3 Where were Niobe's sons at this point? [1]
- 4 What were were they doing? Give as much detail as you can from lines 2-3. [1 + 2]
- 5 Why did Apollo take an arrow? What else was he holding? [2 + 1]
- 6 Translate lines 4-5, *sagitta subito emissa, iuvenis, vulnus grave passus, terram cecidit.* [4]
- 7 Give as much detail as you can about the fate of the remaining six sons. [4]
- 8 How is Niobe described in line 7? [1]
- 9 What order does she give to her daughters? [3]
- 10 What did Diana discover on entering the palace? [2]
- 11 How did she feel, and with what result? [1 + 2]
- 12 What action did Niobe take in lines 9-10, and why? [2]
- 13 What do people believe about the appearance of the mountain mentioned in lines 11-12? [2]

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SECTION C

Answer this section or Section B

Translate the following sentences into Latin.

Write your answer on alternate lines.

- 1 The girls told a foolish story for their mothers.
- 2 The citizens whom the king had ruled were fortunate.
- 3 Having gone out of the garden, daughters, you hurried to the city.
- 4 Having been summoned by the gods, I was walking to the temples.
- 5 We prepared the meal so you would not be angry.
- 6 When the city had been destroyed we were not wanting to stay.

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