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Latin

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Paper 1

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The translation is assessed in its basic units of clause and sentence. To this end, the original text is chunked in a fixed number of sections (or “sense units”), 15 at SL and 30 at HL. Every section is awarded two separate marks according to the two descriptors outlined below.

Each section is awarded 0 to 3 marks for descriptor A (Meaning) and 0 to 3 marks for descriptor B (Vocabulary & Grammar).

The range of marks for each section is therefore 0 to 6, while the maximum number of marks for the whole text is 180 at HL (30 sections × 6 marks).

Criterion A (Meaning) assesses how well the meaning of each sense unit has been communicated.

Criterion B (Vocabulary & Grammar) assesses how correctly vocabulary and grammar have been rendered in relation to each sense unit. The term ‘grammar’ here includes syntax and accidence.

As a guideline, criterion A tends to look at the translation as a whole (eg stylistic, literal and idiomatic meanings conveyed), while criterion B tends to assess the conformity of the single section with the original text (eg grammatical accuracy of translation, apparent understanding of source language syntax and vocabulary).

While it may not always be possible to give the full range of marks for a single sense unit, the range of marks necessary for differentiation is present over the whole exam.

By way of example, the marking of different translations of the sense unit *omnia tela totius accusationis in Oppianicum coniciebantur*, found in an Ovid passage (HL specimen papers), would be as follows:

- “The entire force of the whole accusation was hurled against Oppianicus”: A=3, B=3.
- “The strength of the accusation was fully directed against Oppianicus”: A=3, B=2 (grammar is rendered adequately despite inaccuracies).
- “The weapons of the accuser were hurled against Oppianicus”: A=2 (the meaning has been partially communicated; errors impair the translation), B=2 (grammar is rendered adequately despite inaccuracies).
- “Every bit of the accusation was aimed into Oppianicus”: A=2 (the meaning has been partially communicated), B=1 (limited grammar is rendered accurately).
- “The attack of the accusation was focused intently on Oppianicus”: A=1 (the translation conveys some meaning), B=1 (little grammar is rendered appropriately).

Square brackets [] indicate that the words in the sense unit have been inserted out of the order of the text.

(A) Meaning	
How well has the student communicated the meaning of each sense unit?	
Marks	Level descriptors
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1	The meaning has not been communicated adequately. The translation conveys some meaning; errors impair the translation significantly.
2	The meaning has been partially communicated. The translation is mostly logical; errors impair the translation.
3	The meaning has been fully communicated. The translation is logical; errors do not impair the translation.

(B) Vocabulary & Grammar	
How correctly has the student rendered vocabulary and grammar in relation to each sense unit?	
Marks	Level descriptors
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1	Vocabulary and grammar are not rendered adequately. Limited vocabulary is rendered appropriately for the context. Limited grammar is rendered accurately.
2	Vocabulary and grammar are rendered adequately despite inaccuracies. Some vocabulary is rendered appropriately for the context. Some grammar is rendered accurately and effectively.
3	Vocabulary and grammar are rendered correctly. Most vocabulary is rendered appropriately for the context. Most grammar is rendered accurately and effectively.

Text 1	A	B
1. <i>tendit ad vos virgo Vestalis manus supplices</i>		
2. <i>easdem quas ... tendere consuevit</i>		
3. <i>pro vobis dis immortalibus</i>		
4. <i>cavete ne periculosum superbumque sit</i>		
5. <i>vos ... repudiare</i>		
6. <i>eius ... obsecrationem</i>		
7. <i>cuius preces si di aspernarentur</i>		
8. <i>haec salva esse non possent</i>		
9. <i>videtisne subito, iudices, virum fortissimum,</i>		
10. <i>M. Fonteium ... lacrimas profudisse</i>		
11. <i>parentis et sororis commemoratione</i>		
12. <i>qui numquam in acie pertimuerit</i>		
13. <i>qui se armatus saepe ... immiserit</i>		
14. <i>in hostium manum multitudinemque</i>		
15. <i>cum ... arbitraretur</i>		
16. <i>... in eius modi periculis</i>		
17. <i>eadem se solacia suis relinquere</i>		
18. <i>quae suus pater sibi reliquisset</i>		
19. <i>idem nunc ... pertimescit</i>		
20. <i>conturbato animo</i>		
21. <i>ne non modo ... non sit suis</i>		
22. <i>ornamento et adiumento</i>		
23. <i>sed etiam ... relinquat</i>		
24. <i>aeternum dedecus miseris atque ignominiam</i>		
25. <i>cum acerbissimo luctu</i>		
26. <i>o fortunam longe disparem, M. Fonteii,</i>		
27. <i>si deligere potuisses</i>		
28. <i>ut potius ... tibi ... intereundum esset</i>		
29. <i>telis ... Gallorum</i>		
30. <i>quam periuriis</i>		

	90	90
Total	180	

Text 2	A	B
1. <i>inde ... vertuntur in Orphea</i>		
2. <i>cruentatis ... dextris</i>		
3. <i>et coeunt ut aves,</i>		
4. <i>si quando luce ... cernunt</i>		
5. <i>vagamtem noctis avem</i>		
6. <i>structoque utrimque theatro</i>		
7. <i>ceu ... cervus periturus</i>		
8. <i>praeda canum est</i>		
9. <i>matutina harena</i>		
10. <i>vatemque petunt</i>		
11. <i>et fronde virentes coniciunt thyrsos</i>		
12. <i>non haec in munera factos</i>		
13. <i>hae glaebas [torquent]</i>		
14. <i>illae direptos arbore ramos [torquent]</i>		
15. <i>pars torquent silices</i>		
16. <i>neu desint tela furori</i>		
17. <i>forte boves presso subigebant vomere terram</i>		
18. <i>nec procul hinc multo fructum sudore parantes</i>		
19. <i>dura lacertosi fodiebant arva coloni</i>		
20. <i>agmine qui viso fugiunt</i>		
21. <i>operisque relinquunt arma sui</i>		
22. <i>vacuosque iacent dispersa per agros</i>		
23. <i>sarculaque rastrique graves longique ligones</i>		
24. <i>quae postquam rapuere ferae</i>		
25. <i>cornuque minaces divulsere boves</i>		
26. <i>ad vatis fata recurrunt</i>		
27. <i>tendentemque manus</i>		
28. <i>et ... inrita dicentem</i>		
29. <i>in illo tempore primum</i>		
30. <i>sacrilegae perimunt</i>		
	90	90
Total	180	