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Latin

Higher level

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. omnibus in rebus, iudices		
2. quae graviores maioresque sunt		
3. quid quisque voluerit, cogitarit, admiserit		
4. non ex crimine, sed ex moribus eius		
5. qui arguitur		
6. est ponderandum		
7. neque enim potest quisquam nostrum		
8. subito fingi		
9. neque cuiusquam repente vita mutari		
10. aut natura converti		
11. circumspicite paulisper mentibus vestris ... hosce ipsos homines		
12. ut alia mittamus		
13. qui huic adfines sceleri fuerunt		
14. Catilina ... coniuravit		
15. contra rem publicam		
16. cuius aures umquam haec respuerunt?		
17. conatum esse audacter hominem a pueritia		
18. non solum intemperantia et scelere		
19. sed etiam consuetudine et studio		
20. in omni flagitio, stupro, caede versatum?		
21. quis eum ... perisse miratur		
22. contra patriam pugnans		
23. quem semper omnes ... putaverunt?		
24. ad civile latrocinium natum		
25. quis ... recordatur		
26. Lentuli societates cum indicibus		
27. quis insaniam libidinum		
28. quis perversam atque impiam religionem		
29. qui illum ... miretur?		
30. aut nefarie cogitasse aut stulte perasse		

	90	90
Total	180	

Text 2	A	B
1. pandite nunc, Musae		
2. praesentia numina vatam		
3. scitis enim		
4. nec vos fallit spatiosa vetustas		
5. unde ... circumflua Thybridis alti insula ... adiecerit		
6. Coroniden ... Romuleae sacris ... urbis		
7. dira lues quondam Latias vitiaverat auras		
8. pallidaque ... squalebant corpora		
9. exsanguis ... morbo		
10. funeribus fessi		
11. postquam ... cernunt		
12. mortalia ... temptamenta nihil, nihil artes posse medentum		
13. auxilium caeleste petunt		
14. mediamque tenentes orbis humum		
15. Delphos adeunt, oracula Phoebi		
16. utque salutifera miseris succurrere rebus sorte velit		
17. tantaeque urbis mala finiat, orant		
18. et locus et laurus et ... pharetrae intremuere simul		
19. quas habet ipse		
20. cortinaque reddidit ... hanc ... vocem		
21. imo ... adyto		
22. pavefactaque pectora movit		
23. quod petis hinc		
24. propiore loco, Romane, petisses		
25. et pete nunc propiore loco		
26. nec Apolline vobis ... opus est		
27. qui minuat luctus		
28. sed Apolline nato		
29. ite bonis avibus		
30. prolemque accersite nostram		
Total	90	90
	180	