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Classical Greek

Standard level

Paper 1

13 May 2026

Zone A afternoon | **Zone B** afternoon | **Zone C** afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions to students

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer the questions in one option.
- A dictionary is permitted for this examination paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.

Answer **all** questions in **one** option.

Option A

Prose — Xenophon, *Cyropaedia* 1.6.7–8

The Persian prince Cyrus talks with his father about what constitutes a good ruler.

“οὕτως ἐπίστασθαι ἀνθρώπων ἄλλων προστατεύειν ὅπως ἔξουσιν πάντα τὰ ἐπιτήδεια ἔκπλεω* καὶ ὅπως ἔσονται πάντες οἷους δεῖ, τοῦτο θαυμαστὸν δήπου ἡμῖν τότε ἐφαίνετο εἶναι.”

“ναὶ μὰ Δί’”, ἔφη, “ὦ πάτερ, μέμνημαι καὶ τοῦτό σου λέγοντος· συνεδόκει οὖν καὶ ἐμοὶ ὑπερμέγεθες εἶναι ἔργον τὸ καλῶς ἄρχειν· καὶ νῦν γ’,” ἔφη, “ταῦτά μοι δοκεῖ ταῦτα, ὅταν πρὸς αὐτὸ τὸ

- 5 ἄρχειν σκοπῶν λογίζωμαι. ὅταν μέντοι γε πρὸς ἄλλους ἀνθρώπους ἰδὼν κατανοήσω οἷοι ὄντες διαγίγνονται ἄρχοντες καὶ οἷοι ὄντες ἀνταγωνιστὰὶ ἡμῖν ἔσονται, πάνυ μοι δοκεῖ αἰσχρὸν εἶναι τὸ τοιούτους ὑποπτῆξαι καὶ μὴ θέλειν ἰέναι αὐτοῖς ἀνταγωνιζομένους· οὐς ἐγὼ αἰσθάνομαι ἀρξάμενος ἀπὸ τῶν ἡμετέρων φίλων τούτων ἡγουμένους δεῖν τὸν ἄρχοντα τῶν ἀρχομένων διαφέρειν τῷ καὶ πολυτελέστερον δειπνεῖν καὶ πλεον ἔχειν ἔνδον χρυσίον καὶ πλείονα χρόνον καθεύδειν καὶ πάντα
- 10 ἀπονώτερον τῶν ἀρχομένων διάγειν. ἐγὼ δὲ οἶμαι τὸν ἄρχοντα οὐ τῷ ῥαδιουργεῖν χρῆναι διαφέρειν τῶν ἀρχομένων, ἀλλὰ τῷ προνοεῖν καὶ φιλοπονεῖν.”

* ἔκπλεω (adj., n pl.): abundant, copious

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(Option A continued)

1. (a) “οὕτως ἐπίστασθαι ... ἐφαίνετο εἶναι.” (lines 1–2). State what Cyrus’s father said was an admirable thing. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [3]
- (b) “ὦ πάτερ ... καλῶς ἄρχειν” (lines 3–4). Outline Cyrus’s response to his father. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [3]
- (c) καὶ νῦν γ’ ... σκοπῶν λογίζωμαι (lines 4–5). Outline what Cyrus says about the present. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (d) ὅταν μέντοι ... ἡμῖν ἔσονται (lines 5–6). State what Cyrus observes about other people. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (e) πάνυ μοι ... αὐτοῖς ἀνταγωνιουμένους (lines 6–7). Analyse Cyrus’s opinion. Support your answer with **four** quotations from the Greek text. [4]
- (f) Translate “οὐς ἐγὼ ... καὶ φιλοπονεῖν.” (lines 7–11). [16]

End of Option A

Option B

Verse — Euripides, *Iphigenia in Aulis* 334–352

At Aulis, Menelaus accuses Agamemnon (his brother, and the commander of the Greek army) of inconsistency in his behaviour and a lack of loyalty toward his friends.

- νοῦς δέ γ' οὐ βέβαιος ἄδικον κτῆμα κοῦ σαφὲς φίλοις.
 βούλομαι δέ σ' ἐξελέγξει, καὶ σὺ μήτ' ὀργῆς ὑπο
 ἀποτρέπου τάλιθές οὔτ' αὖ κατατενῶ¹ λίαν ἐγώ.
 οἶσθ', ὅτ' ἐσπούδαζες ἄρχειν Δαναΐδαις πρὸς Ἴλιον²,
 5 τῷ δοκεῖν μὲν οὐχὶ χρήζων, τῷ δὲ βούλεσθαι θέλων,
 ὡς ταπεινὸς ἦσθα, πάσης δεξιᾶς προσθιγγάνων
 καὶ θύρας ἔχων ἀκλήστους τῷ θέλοντι δημοτῶν
 καὶ διδοὺς πρόσρησιν ἐξῆς πᾶσι — κεῖ μή τις θέλοι —
 τοῖς τρόποις ζητῶν πρίασθαι τὸ φιλότιμον ἐκ μέσου;
 10 κᾶτ', ἐπεὶ κατέσχεες ἀρχάς, μεταβαλὼν ἄλλους τρόπους
 τοῖς φίλοισιν οὐκέτ' ἦσθα τοῖς πρὶν ὡς πρόσθεν φίλος,
 δυσπρόσιτος³ ἔσω τε κλήθρων⁴ σπάνιος. ἄνδρα δ' οὐ χρεὼν
 τὸν ἀγαθὸν πρᾶσσοντα μεγάλα τοὺς τρόπους μεθιστάναι,
 ἀλλὰ καὶ βέβαιον εἶναι τότε μάλιστα τοῖς φίλοις,
 15 ἥνίκ' ὠφελεῖν μάλιστα δυνατός ἐστιν εὐτυχῶν.
 ταῦτα μὲν σε πρῶτ' ἐπῆλθον, ἵνα σε πρῶθ' ἡῦρον κακόν.
 ὡς δ' ἐς Αὔλιν ἦλθες αὖθις χώ⁵ Πανελλήνων στρατός,
 οὐδὲν ἦσθ', ἀλλ' ἐξεπλήσσου⁶ τῇ τύχῃ τῇ τῶν θεῶν,
 οὐρίας πομπῆς σπανίζων.

¹ κατατείνω: I make a long speech

² Ἴλιος, ου, ή: Troy

³ δυσπρόσιτος, ον (adj.): hard to access

⁴ κλήθρων, τα: house

⁵ χώ: καὶ ὁ

⁶ ἐξεπλήσσου (second person sg. imperfect passive), from ἐκπλήσσω: I strike, astound

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2. (a) νοῦς δέ γ' ... σαφὲς φίλοις (line 1). State what an unstable mind is, according to Menelaus. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (b) βούλομαι δέ ... λίαν ἐγώ (lines 2–3). Outline Menelaus's intentions. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (c) οἶσθ', ὅτ' ... βούλεσθαι θέλων (lines 4–5). Identify the contrast between what Agamemnon pretended and what he truly wanted. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (d) ὥς ταπεινὸς ἦσθα ... ἐκ μέσου; (lines 6–9). Outline by what methods Agamemnon attempted to gain popularity. Support your answer with **four** quotations from the Greek text. [4]
- (e) κᾶτ', ἐπεὶ ... κλήθρων σπάνιος (lines 10–12). Outline how Agamemnon behaved when he obtained his command. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [3]
- (f) Translate ἄνδρα δ' οὐ ... οὐδὲν ἦσθ' (lines 12–18). [16]
- (g) ἀλλ' ἐξεπλήσσου ... πομπῆς σπανίζων (lines 18–19). Identify what astounded Agamemnon. Quotation of the Greek is **not** required. [1]

End of Option B

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