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Classical Greek

Standard level

Paper 1

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Paper 1—Guided analysis

To what extent does the response contain an analysis of textual features and/or authorial choices?

To what extent is the response supported by evidence that is relevant and correctly understood?

Marks	Description
0	The response does not meet the description below.
1–2	The response describes or summarizes examples from the extract; the response contains little analysis of textual features and/or authorial choices. The response is supported by evidence that is irrelevant to the prompt, or incorrectly understood.
3–4	The response contains some analysis of textual features and/or authorial choices and how they shape meaning, but relies on description. The response is supported by evidence that is somewhat relevant to the prompt and partially understood.
5–6	Throughout the response there is plausible analysis of textual features and/or authorial choices; the response draws conclusions from evidence. The response is directly supported by relevant evidence that is correctly understood.

Option A

Prose — Xenophon, *Cyropaedia* 1.6.7–8

1. (a) to (know how to) govern people [1] so that they have what they need (in abundance) [1] and so they can be(come) what they ought to be [1]
- (b) he said that he remembered his father saying this [1], and that he agreed with him [1] that it is an exceedingly great/difficult/large task to rule well [1]
- (c) he believes the same thing [1] whenever he considers the matter/when examining the (art of) ruling [1]
- (d) what they are like as rulers [1] and what they will be like as enemies [1]
- (e) that it is/would be shameful (αἰσχρὸν) [1] to cower from/fear (such people) (ὑποπτῆξαι) [1] and to not want to go against them (ιέναι αὐτοῖς) [1] (in/with/by) fighting (ἀνταγωνιουμένους) [1]
- (f) The [6] for how well the translation conveys the meaning of the passage are awarded using the mark bands below.

Marks	Level descriptor
0	The response does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1–2	The response does not adequately communicate the meaning of the text. Lexical and grammatical errors are in evidence throughout the translation.
3–4	The response communicates the general meaning of the text. Lexical and grammatical errors are isolated but significant.
5–6	The response accurately communicates the meaning of the text. Lexical and grammatical errors do not impair the translation.

The [10] for the precision of the translation are awarded as follows, with each word or phrase worth [1].

	Word or phrase	Type of mark	Response
1	οὓς	Syntax/morphology	Accusative plural object of αἰσθάνομαι
2	ἀρξάμενος	Meaning in context	“Begin” (not: “rule”)
3	τὸν ἄρχοντα	Syntax/morphology	subject of διαφέρειν
4	πολυτελέστερον	Syntax/morphology	Comparative adverb
5	πλέον	Syntax/morphology	Agreement with χρυσίον
6	ἀπονώτερον	Meaning in context	Lazy, inactive, easy
7	τῶν ἀρχομένων (2nd)	Syntax/morphology	Genitive of comparison
8	διάγειν	Meaning in context	“To live” (not: “lead” etc)
9	ῥαδιουργεῖν	Meaning in context	Living a life of ease’ or similar

10	τῷ προνοεῖν	Syntax/morphology	Dative articular infinitive ('with respect to exercising forethought' or similar)
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Option B

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

2. (a) an unjust thing [1] and not true/reliable/trustworthy to friends (or similar) [1]
- (b) He will test/refute/convict Agamemnon [1] and not exert himself too much / make too long a speech [1].
- (c) he pretended to decline / not want to captain the Greeks [1] but he did actually want to [1]
- (d) He was humble (ταπεινός) [1], he took all men by the hand (πάσης δεξιᾶς προσθιγγάνων) [1] his doors were open to citizens (θύρας ἔχων ἀκλήστους τῷ θέλοντι δημοτῶν) [1] he let everyone speak with him (διδούς πρόσρησιν ἐξῆς πᾶσι) [1].
- (e) He changed his ways [1], he wasn't friendly to his friends from before [1] he was hard to access as he was rarely outside his doors/house [1].
- (f) The [6] for how well the translation conveys the meaning of the passage are awarded using the markbands below.

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1	ἄνδρα	Syntax/morphology	Subject of μεθιστάναι
2	χρεὼν	Meaning in context	"Has to", "ought to" etc
3	μεθιστάναι	Meaning in context	"Change, alter"
4	δυνατός	Meaning in context	"Able" (not "powerful")
5	εὐτυχῶν	Syntax/morphology	Temporal participle (e.g. 'when prospering')
6	ἐπῆλθον	Meaning in context	"Come up against", "attack" (not: approach)
7	κακόν	Syntax/morphology	Modifying σε
8	ἡῦρον	Syntax/morphology	1st person sg aorist
9	Πανελλήνων	Syntax/morphology	Gen. pl. modifying στρατός
10	ἦσθ'	Syntax/morphology	2nd person sg imperfect

- (g) a fate dealt by the gods (or similar) **or** a lack of favorable wind **[1]**.
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