

Year 3 Term 2 Week 10 Day 4 Comprehension

You will need Paper 1 June 2014 for today's exercise which you should be able to download here:

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We will be working the second question. Some important reminders before you start:

As before take notice of the summary in English that heads the paragraph in Latin. You **do not need to make a translation of this passage**, indeed there will not be time for you to do that in the exam. Instead, read it and make some notes. Again, all the vocabulary will be in your syllabus except that which is given on the paper. If you can't quite understand some of the story, don't worry, the questions themselves will actually give you more information which will help you answer. As this is a practice, look up any word you do not know on the vocabulary list in the syllabus – and make sure you learn it for next time. Because this is an old paper there are slight changes to the vocabulary on the syllabus. I found *praeclarus* “very bright” “famous”, *considerere* “to sit down” and *adducere* “to lead to” that are not on the current syllabus. Note that the first question is worth **1 mark**.

Remember to look at the number of marks allocated for each question. On the mark scheme, used by the examiners marking the papers in 2014, all the marks were doubled. At the end the result is divided by two. (This is no longer current practice.) This in effect means that examiners were working in half mark units. This will give you a clue as to how many pieces of information are required: 2 for a one mark question and so on – for this paper. This is not how you should answer in the actual exam as the marks are no longer doubled and then divided. Do the best you can to answer all the questions and then check your answers with the mark scheme which you can download at:

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My comments are on the next page.

I must confess I don't always understand the reasoning behind the mark schemes, although I'm sure that is a weakness of mine not of the examiners! The first question is worth 1 mark and “famous” would get you half a mark. The other half mark is available for either “architect” or “Athenian”. However, if you put “Athenian architect” without “famous” presumably you would get only half a mark. You need to be careful about little things like singular and plural for instance in (f): sons and daughters of chiefs and priests. For question (h), since there were 4 marks, you needed to find **8** pieces of information. You had to notice the **superlatives** *irratissimus* and *miserrimus* to get the mark for k(i) and give “very/most angry” and “very/most miserable/wretched” as translations. Always use your common sense when translating! For questions such as (i) you must give very full details. In question (j) they wanted you to say that he was tricked by “Diognetus' wisdom” or by the “wisdom of Diognetus”; they probably wanted you to demonstrate that you understood the case endings of the words. Thus “the wise Diognetus” would not get you the (half) mark. In addition to the words listed I had “aqueous” and “belligerent”; you may have had other equally correct words. You will be surprised to know that some candidates thought that the siege engine was 125,000 feet high! Always employ common sense when translating. Perhaps they just had no idea how big a foot was!!!