

Year 3 Term 3 Week 1 Day 1

Until now, although we have worked a number of exam style questions you have not been restricted to exam conditions, especially those of time. For the first paper (translation and comprehension) you are allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes. For the total marks available, 160, 110 marks are for question 1 and 50 marks are for question 2. As far as I can see from looking at the 2019 mark scheme these marks are not adjusted in anyway and are all worth the same, although this was not the case in previous years. It makes sense on this basis to allocate more time to the first question. One plan of action, therefore, might be to tackle question 1 keeping an eye on the clock and ensuring that you do not spend longer than 60 minutes. Another, possibly better, line of attack would be to **start with the second question**, doing as much as you can in 30 minutes. Then move on to question 1 and return to question 2 if time remains at the end. Decide which method you will adopt and then tackle the 2017 June paper which you can download here:

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When you have finished check your answers with the mark scheme which you can download here:

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Comments.

There were some tricky things in the translation. In the first line you needed to remember that *de* with the ablative can mean “about”. *Cum* with the subjunctive (line 2) means “because” or as the mark scheme translates it “since”.

There were a number of places where tense could trip you up. A thorough understanding of the subjunctive was needed to do this paper well. They allocate 2 marks for verbs on the mark scheme presumably one for meaning and one for tense. *Oppresserit* (line 4) was tricky as it could be future or perfect subjunctive. *Interfecimus* is “we have killed”. It would be easy to be misled by *nunc* and confuse it with the future tense *interficiemus* to produce the mistranslation “now we will kill”.

The sentence in line 4 was quite difficult to disentangle, although if you spotted that *stulte* was an adverb qualifying *narro* that would set you on the right track. *Morbo* (line 6) is “by illness” not “by death.” *Dubitare* means “to hesitate” as well as “to doubt” and “hesitate” was the meaning in line 11. Finding the subject might trip you up too, as you might be tempted to supply the pronoun “he”. This was yet another subjunctive “there was not anyone (*quisquam*) who would hesitate”. *E reliquis legatis* ablative “from the remaining legates” “of the remaining legates” “from among the remaining legates”. *Vincendi* is a participle and it is future in tense. Nominative plural so it goes with *omnes duces*. “All the leaders..... would be victors”. I thought that to get correct was hard. The temptation would be to assume it went with *hostes* and somehow meant that the enemy would be conquered.

If after doing this paper you feel you want to revise the subjunctive you will find the relevant lessons in Year 2 Term 2 Week 6 Day 3 Week 7 Days 1 and 3 and Week 8 Day 1.