

Year 3 Term 3 Week 1 Day 3

As the set lines for 2023-5 are new for 2023-5 there are no past papers to refer to with questions directly on the prescribed lines. The exam board no longer provide specimen papers when the prescribed lines change. This leaves us with nothing concrete to work with. I have done my best and adapted some questions from previous years where the lines prescribed were different.

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

1. Non vereor ne mihi aliquid, iudices, videar adrogare si de quaesturo mea dixerō.
2. nec vereor ne quis audeat dicere ullius in Sicilia quaesturam aut gratiorem aut clariorem fuisse.
3. vere mehercule hoc dicam: sic tum existimabam, nihil homines alius Romae nisi de quaestura
4. mea loqui. frumenti in summa caritate maximum numerum miseram; negotiatoribus comis,
5. mercatoribus iustus, mancipibus liberalis, sociis abstinens, omnibus eram visus in omni officio
6. diligentissimus:
7. excogitati quidam erant a Siculis honores in me inauditi. itaque hac spe decedebam ut mihi
8. populum Romanum ultro omnia delaturum putarem.

(a) Non vereor... ..mea dixerō. (line 1): how does Cicero keep the attention of his listeners? [1]

(b) Translate lines 2– 4 (vere mehercule... ..mea loqui.). [5]

(c) nec vereor... ..diligentissimus: (lines 2–6): how does Cicero emphasise his success as a questor? You should refer to both what he says and how he says it. [4]

(d) excogitati...delaturum putarem.(lines 7–8): What does Cicero say the Sicilians had done? What did this lead him to expect? [2]

Specimen Answers on the next page.

(a) Non vereor... ..mea dixero. (line 1): how does Cicero keep the attention of his listeners? [1]
Cicero keeps the attention of his hearers by means of apostrophe. He addresses them directly as *iudices*.

(b) Translate lines 2– 4 (*vere mehercule... ..mea loqui.*). [5]
Check this against your flashcards.

(c) *nec vereor... ..diligentissimus*: (lines 2–6): how does Cicero emphasise his success as a quaestor? You should refer to both what he says and how he says it. [4]
Cicero emphasises his success as a quaestor by the word order he uses, putting *ullius* at the beginning of a clause. [1] This stresses that non one was more popular or distinguished than he. He uses *vere* and *mehercule* for emphasis. [1] He lists his successes, At a time of great dearness, he had sent an immense quantity of corn to Rome, he had been affable to the traders, just to the merchants, liberal to the citizens of the municipal towns and moderate as regards the allies. [1] He does this using balanced phrases that further emphasise his words. [1]

(d) *excogitati... ..delaturum putarem.*(lines 7–8): What does Cicero say the Sicilians had done? What did this lead him to expect? [2]
Cicero says the Sicilians had contrived some perfectly unheard-of honours for him. This lead him to expect that the Roman people would come forward spontaneously to pay him every sort of honour.