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NEW SOUTH WALES

2011 Classical Greek Continuers HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'

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Section I – Prescribed Text

Question 2 (a) (i)

Answers could include:

θωμάσια, eg the phoenix, other exotic animals, worship of animals, reversal of daily customs, summer flooding of the Nile.

ἔργα λόγου μέζω, eg the pyramids, other monuments, canals.

Question 2 (a) (ii)

Answers could include:

- Unlike all other rivers, the Nile floods in summer
- The extent of the flood is remarkably great
- No winds blow from the river.

Question 2 (b) (i)

Sample answer:

The thief has been ordered by his mother to recover the headless body of his brother, which is being displayed under guard.

Question 2 (b) (ii)

Answers could include:

- Differentiation of the characters by word and deed
- Well-developed narrative with unexpected turns of events
- Use of humour.

Question 2 (c)

Answers could include:

- Personal observation
- Repeating information given in response to questions
- Reliance on interpreters for inscriptions
- Reliance on his own memory of what he was told
- Use of reasoning based on information received.

Section II — Prescribed Text

Question 5 (a) (i)

Sample answer:

Neoptolemus is responding to the chorus' support of Philoctetes' plea to be taken back to Greece.

Question 5 (a) (ii)

Sample answer:

Neoptolemus, as the audience is aware, is referring to Troy but Philoctetes believes the reference is to Greece.

Question 5 (b)

Answers could include:

- Philoctetes now trusts Neoptolemus enough to give him the bow while he himself is suffering (lines 763–766)
- He remains anxious that Odysseus might arrive and take the bow (lines 769–773)
- Neoptolemus is reassuring, indicating the sympathy he feels for Philoctetes (lines 774–775).

Question 5 (c) (i)

Answers could include:

- Neoptolemus proposes to give the bow back to Philoctetes, because he now thinks it was shameful to employ deceit to obtain it
- He has decided to act in accordance with the principles of justice, despite Odysseus' threats.

Question 5 (c) (ii)

Answers could include:

- In the opening scene Odysseus was able to convince Neoptolemus to set aside his principles in order to achieve victory at Troy and glory for himself
- In this extract Odysseus is unable to persuade Neoptolemus and resorts to threats
- Neoptolemus who, in the opening scene, was compliant and eager to please Odysseus, is now talking back to Odysseus and standing up for the principles of justice.

Section III – Unseen Texts

Question 7 (a)

Sample answer:

μνημεῖον (line 1126)

Question 7 (b)

Sample answer:

χεροῖν (line 1132)

Question 7 (c)

Sample answer:

- Second person

Question 7 (e)

Answers could include:

- φιλάτου Ὀρέστου (lines 1126–1127)
- ὃ φιλάτου ... λοιπόν (lines 1126–1127)
- νῦν ... χεροῖν (line 1129)
- ὡς ... βίον (line 1131)
- κακῶς ... δίχα (line 1137).

Question 8 (a)

Sample answer:

- Second person

Question 8 (b)

Sample answer:

- Subjunctive

Question 8 (c)

Sample answer:

- Dative

Question 8 (e)

Answers could include:

- Sandanis expects warfare to provide material benefits for the victor
- Croesus aims to achieve power and glory through warfare.