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## **2011 Classical Greek Extension HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'**

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## Section I — Prescribed Text

### Question 2 (a) (i)

*Sample answer:*

After killing the suitors Odysseus has sent for the disloyal maidservants to assist in cleaning the hall and given Telemachus instructions to kill them.

### Question 2 (a) (ii)

*Answers could include:*

- The detailed description of the hanging of the maids (lines 465–473) emphasises the retribution for their disloyal behaviour
- The detail also reinforces the outrage of Telemachus (lines 462–464) who wants to make them suffer more than by the death by sword that Odysseus has ordered
- The dismembering of Melanthius (lines 475–477) also emphasises the retribution for the treacherous behaviour of a servant and the rage felt against him (line 477)
- All details evoke horror and terror at the suddenness of the retribution.

### Question 2 (b) (i)

*Sample answer:*

Odysseus suggests that everyone should bathe and put on clean clothes, and that there should be music and dancing in order to prevent those outside the palace from learning of the death of the suitors.

### Question 2 (b) (ii)

*Answers could include:*

- Odysseus displays patience (lines 113–116) in telling Telemachus to allow Penelope time to make up her mind
- Elsewhere in Books XXI–XXIII Odysseus has shown that he is not impulsive, but prepared to wait for the right moment to act, eg with the suitors
- Odysseus here lives up to his epithet in making plans for the future (lines 117–130)
- Elsewhere in Books XXI–XXIII he also devises plans for the future eg Book XXI 188 ff, where he enlists the help of Eumaeus and Philoetius and gives them instructions, and Book XXIII 355ff, where he outlines what he intends to do next
- This shows that Odysseus' behaviour here is consistent with that portrayed elsewhere in Books XXI–XXIII

## Section II — Non-prescribed Text

### Question 4 (a) (i)

*Sample answer:*

- Feminine

### Question 4 (a) (ii)

*Sample answer:*

- πέμψω

### Question 4 (a) (iii)

*Sample answer:*

- Imperative

### Question 4 (a) (v)

*Answer could include:*

- Loyalty to his mother
- Assertiveness in relation to the suitors.