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# Classical Greek

## Standard level

### Paper 1

14 May 2024

**Zone A** afternoon | **Zone B** afternoon | **Zone C** afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

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#### Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer the questions in one option.
- A dictionary is permitted for this examination paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.

5 pages

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Answer **all** questions in **one** option.

## Option A

### **Extract 1: Prose — Arrian, *The Anabasis of Alexander* 2.25**

Alexander the Great is holding the family of the Persian king Darius hostage. Darius writes a letter to negotiate a peace settlement.

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εἴτι δὲ ἐν τῇ πολιορκίᾳ τῆς Τύρου<sup>1</sup> χυνεχομένου Ἀλεξάνδρου ἀφίκοντο παρὰ Δαρείου πρέσβεις  
ώς αὐτὸν ἀπαγγέλλοντες μύρια μὲν τάλαντα ὑπὲρ τῆς μητρός τε καὶ τῆς γυναικὸς καὶ τῶν παίδων  
δοῦναι ἐθέλειν Ἀλεξάνδρῳ Δαρεῖον· τὴν δὲ χώραν πᾶσαν τὴν ἐντὸς Εὐφράτου<sup>2</sup> ποταμοῦ ἔστε ἐπὶ  
θάλασσαν τὴν Ἑλληνικὴν Ἀλεξάνδρου εἶναι γῆμαντα δὲ τὴν Δαρείου παῖδα Ἀλέξανδρον φίλον τε  
5 εἶναι Δαρείῳ καὶ ξύμμαχον. καὶ τούτων ἐν τῷ ξυλλόγῳ τῶν ἑταίρων ἀπαγγελθέντων Παρμενίωνα<sup>3</sup>  
μὲν λέγουσιν Ἀλεξάνδρῳ εἰπεῖν ὅτι αὐτὸς ἂν Ἀλέξανδρος ὡν ἐπὶ τούτοις ἡγάπησεν καταλύσας τὸν  
πόλεμον μηκέτι τὸ πρόσω κινδυνεύειν· Ἀλέξανδρον δὲ Παρμενίωνι ἀποκρίνασθαι ὅτι καὶ αὐτὸς ἂν,  
εἴπερ Παρμενίων ἦν, οὕτως ἐπραξεν, ἐπεὶ δὲ Ἀλέξανδρός ἐστιν, ἀποκρινεῖσθαι Δαρείῳ ἄπερ δὴ καὶ  
ἀπεκρίνατο. ἔφη γὰρ οὕτε χρήματων δεῖσθαι παρὰ Δαρείου οὕτε τῆς χώρας λαβεῖν ἀντὶ τῆς πάσης  
10 τὸ μέρος· εἶναι γὰρ τά τε χρήματα καὶ τὴν χώραν αὐτοῦ πᾶσαν· γῆμαί τε εἰ ἐθέλοι τὴν Δαρείου παῖδα,  
γῆμαι ἂν καὶ οὐ διδόντος Δαρείου.

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<sup>1</sup> Τύρος, Τύρου, ἥ: Tyre (a city in modern-day Lebanon)

<sup>2</sup> Εὐφράτης, -ου, ὁ: Euphrates (a river in Mesopotamia)

<sup>3</sup> Παρμενίων, -ωνος, ὁ: Parmenion (a friend and adviser of Alexander)

(Option A continues on the following page)

**(Option A continued)**

1. (a) ἔτι δὲ ἐν ... Δαρείον πρέσβεις (line 1). Identify what Alexander was doing when he received Darius's ambassadors. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [1]
- (b) ώς αὐτὸν ... Ἀλεξάνδρῳ Δαρεῖον (lines 2–3). State what the envoys told Alexander. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [3]
- (c) τὴν δὲ χώραν ... καὶ ξύμμαχον (lines 3–5). Identify the **four** things Darius offered Alexander. Support your answer by quoting the Greek text. [4]
- (d) καὶ τούτων ... ἔταιρων ἀπαγγελθέντων (line 5). State to whom Darius's offer was relayed. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (e) Παρμενίωνα μὲν ... πρόσω κινδυνεύειν (lines 5–7). Outline the advice that Parmenion gave Alexander. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (f) Ἀλέξανδρον δὲ ... οὕτως ἔπραξεν (lines 7–8). Outline Alexander's reply. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (g) Translate ἐπεὶ δὲ Ἀλέξανδρός ... διδόντος Δαρείου (lines 8–11). [16]

**End of Option A**

## Option B

### Extract 2: Verse — Euripides, *Medea* 225–243; 248–251

Medea, who left her homeland to live with her husband in Greece, has been abandoned by her husband for another woman and is about to be banished. Medea addresses the women of the chorus and laments both her situation and that of women in general.

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- 225 ἐμοὶ δ' ἄελπτον πρᾶγμα προσπεσὸν τόδε  
ψυχὴν διέφθαρκ'· οἴχομαι δὲ καὶ βίου  
χάριν μεθεῖσα κατθανεῖν χρήζω, φίλαι.  
ἐνῷ γὰρ ἦν μοι πάντα, γιγνώσκω καλῶς,  
κάκιστος ἀνδρῶν ἐκβέβηχ' οὐμὸς πόσις.  
230 πάντων δ' ὅσ' ἔστ' ἔμψυχα καὶ γνώμην ἔχει  
γυναῖκές ἐσμεν ἀθλιώτατον φυτόν·  
ἀς πρῶτα μὲν δεῖ χρημάτων ὑπερβολῇ  
πόσιν πρίασθαι, δεσπότην τε σώματος  
λαβεῖν· κακοῦ γὰρ τοῦτ' ἔτ' ἄλγιον κακόν.  
235 κὰν τῷδ' ἀγών\* μέγιστος, ἢ κακὸν λαβεῖν  
ἢ χρηστόν· οὐ γὰρ εὐκλεεῖς ἀπαλλαγαὶ  
γυναιξὶν οὐδὲ οἶόν τ' ἀνήνασθαι πόσιν.  
ἔς καινὰ δ' ἥθη καὶ νόμους ἀφιγμένην  
δεῖ μάντιν εῖναι, μὴ μαθοῦσαν οἴκοθεν  
240 ὅπως ἄριστα χρήσεται ξυνευνέτῃ.  
κὰν μὲν τάδ' ἡμῖν ἐκπονούμεναισιν εὖ  
πόσις ξυνοικῇ μὴ βίᾳ φέρων ζυγόν,  
ζηλωτὸς αἰών· εἰ δὲ μή, θανεῖν χρεών.  
[...]  
248 λέγοντες δ' ἡμᾶς ὡς ἀκίνδυνον βίον  
ζῶμεν κατ' οἴκους, οἵ δὲ μάρνανται δορί,  
κακῶς φρονοῦντες· ὡς τρὶς ἂν παρ' ἀσπίδα  
στῆναι θέλοιμον ἂν μᾶλλον ἢ τεκεῖν ἄπαξ.

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\* ἀγών, -ῶνος, ὁ: struggle

**(Option B continued)**

2. (a) ἐμοὶ δ' ἄελπτον ... ψυχὴν διέφθαρκ' (lines 225–226). State what has happened to Medea. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (b) οἴχομαι δὲ ... χρήζω, φίλαι (lines 226–227). Outline how Medea was affected. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [3]
- (c) ἐν ᾧ γὰρ ... ούμὸς πόσις (lines 228–229). State how Medea describes her husband. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (d) πάντων δ' ὅσ' ... σώματος λαβεῖν (lines 230–234). Explain why women are the most unfortunate of all beings, according to Medea. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [2]
- (e) κἀν τῷδε' ... ἡ χρηστόν (lines 235–236). Identify what the greatest struggle in a woman's life is, according to Medea. Quotation of the Greek text is **not** required. [1]
- (f) οὐ γὰρ ... χρήσεται ξυνευνέτῃ (lines 236–240). Outline the problems wives face, according to Medea. Support your answer by quoting the Greek text. [4]
- (g) Translate κἄν μὲν ... τεκεῖν ἄπαξ (lines 241–251). [16]

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**End of Option B**

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