

ANCIENT GREEK

Ordinary Level Course

- (a) Scansion (confined to the Iambic Trimeter and the Hexameter).
- (b) Prescribed texts (2005)
The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' (J.A.C.T.) Greek Course:
Reading Greek – Text. (Published by the Cambridge University Press) –
Sections Fourteen to Nineteen (inclusive).

N.B. (1) Sections One to Thirteen (inclusive) must be read as an essential preparation for study of the prescribed sections, and for translating unseen text. (2) The companion volume, *Reading Greek Grammar, Vocabulary and Exercises* is an essential part of the J.A.C.T. Greek Course and must be used in conjunction with “Reading Greek Text”, in accordance with the instructions given in the Prefaces to both volumes

- © Unprescribed text:
Three passages from the works of the following authors†:-
Xenophon, Thucydides, Homer, Euripides, the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.
- (d) History (including Art and Literature):
 - (i) The period from the beginning of the Peloponnesian War to the death of Alexander the Great.
Questions of a general nature will also be set on Athenian and Spartan constitutional history and institutions, from their origin to the end of the fifth century B.C.
 - (ii) Literary questions of a general nature will be set on the life and works (including their relevant background) of the major Greek authors from Homer to Aristotle.

A study should also be made of the art of the Greeks. Questions of a general nature will be set and candidates will be expected, through the use of film strips and modern illustrations, to have an acquaintance with examples of sculpture, archaic and classical (including architectural sculpture), the architecture of temples, and Attic black and red figure vase paintings.

†The list of authors given is an indication of the range of suitable material. Four passages will be set on the Ordinary Level paper and candidates will be required to translate three of these four passages. On the Higher Level paper candidates will be required to select three out of four passages set.

Vocabulary aid will be provided in the case of all unprescribed passages appearing on the examination papers.

From the questions set in this section of the examination paper candidates will be required to answer *three*, and at least one of the three will be chosen from (i) and from (ii).

Higher Level Course

- (a) Translation into Greek from an idiomatic passage in the vernacular
- (b) Scansion (confined to iambic Trimeter, the Hexameter and Trochaic Tetrameter).
- (c) Prescribed texts: (2005)
The Joint Association of Classical Teachers (J.A.C.T.) Greek Course: ***The Intellectual Revolution*** (Published by Cambridge University Press) – Pages 60 – 95, inclusive. (Selections, in Greek and in translation, from Thucydides, Books 6, 7 and 8)

or

- The Joint Association of Classical Teachers (J.A.C.T.) Greek Course: ***A World of Heroes***, (Published by Cambridge University Press) – Pages 100 – 139, inclusive. (Selections in Greek and in translation, from Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannus*).
- (d) Unprescribed text:

Three passages from the works of the following authors:-

Xenophon, Thucydides, Homer, Euripides, the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, the works of Sophocles and Plato (simpler dialogues), Herodotus.

- (e) History (including Art and Literature):
As for Ordinary Level Course.

Allocation of marks

Ordinary Level

(a) **Prescribed Text:**

Translation	60	
Questions	40}	100
(b) Named authors and works: (70x3)		210
(c) History, Art and Literature: (30x3)		90

Higher Level

(a) Translation into Greek		50
(b) Prescribed text:		
Translation	50 }	
Questions	30 }	80
(c) Named authors and works: (60x3)		180
(d) History, Art, Literature: (30x3)		90

Ordinary Course

The prescribed texts for 2009 are the same as for 2008

Higher Level for 2009

The Joint Association of Classical Teachers (J.A.C.T) Greek Course: *The Intellectual Revolution* (Published by Cambridge University Press) – Pages 118 – 139, inclusive
(Selections in Greek and in translation, from Plato's *Apology* and *Phaedo*)

or

The Joint Association of Classical Teachers (J.A.C.T.) Greek Course: *A World of Heroes*, (Published by Cambridge University Press) – Pages 4-34, inclusive. (Selections in Greek and in translation, from Homer's *Iliad*, Book XXII.

N. B. In the 1998 Leaving Certificate Examination and thereafter, candidates at Higher Level will have the choice, in Question 1 of the examination paper, either (a) of doing translation into Greek, as at present, or (b) of answering a series of comprehension questions on a passage of unprescribed Greek prose. Each of the two sections will carry 50 marks.

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