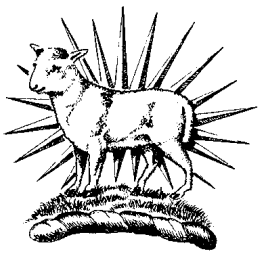
Merchant Taylors' School



13+ Latin Entrance Examination

Specimen Paper

Time Allowed: 30 minutes Total Marks: 50

Instructions:

Attempt as many of the questions as possible

Section 1

Translate the following passage into English. Write your translation on alternate lines.

On a visit to Thebes, the god Dionysus is not welcomed by their king, and so causes mischief.

rex Thebarum erat Pentheus. Pentheus erat rex notissimus et superbus. mater eius erat Agave. Pentheus deos non amabat et templa non aedificabat. cives eum timebant, quod erat dux crudelis et homines saepe puniebat.

olim deus Bacchus ad Thebas advenit et clamavit: 'feminae et viri, ad montes currite! ego sum Bacchus, deus validus sapiensque! vinum et praemia vobis dabo!'

Vocabulary:

Thebae, Thebarum, f.pl.	*Thebes, a city in Greece*
Pentheus, -i, m.	*Pentheus*
Bacchus, -i, m.	*Bacchus*

Total: 20

Section 2

Translate the following passage into English. Write your translation on alternate lines.

Bacchus takes horrific revenge on Pentheus and his family.

tum deus multas feminas, quas insanas deus faciebat, ex urbe celeriter ibant. Agave, mater Penthei, cum his feminis currebat.

sed Pentheus Baccho non credebat et dicebat ‘ille non est deus!’ Bacchus eum audivit et iam Pentheum interficere volebat. sine mora, Pentheum invenit et ei persuasit ut ad montes festinaret. ibi Pentheus feminas clam spectavit, laete cantantes et animalia necantes. subito, Agave, quae erat iam insana, Pentheum conspexit. ‘leonem video’ clamavit, et saeva filium necavit.

Vocabulary:

Pentheus, -i, m.	*Pentheus*
Bacchus, -i, m.	*Bacchus*
clam	*secretly*
leo, leonis, m.	*lion*

Total: 20

Section 3

Start this section on a new piece of paper. Translate into Latin.

1. The eagles were sitting in the beech tree.

eagle: aquila, -ae, f.
sit: sedeo, sedēre, sedi, sessum
in: in + abl.
beech tree: fagus, -i, f.

2. The priests are wearing white headdresses.

priest: sacerdos, sacerdotis, m.
wear: gero, gerere, gessi, gestum
white: albus, -a, -um
headdress: mitra, mitrae, f.

3. We shall hurry to the queen's palace.

hurry: propero, properare, properavi, properatum
to: ad + *accusative*
queen: regina, -ae, f.
palace: aula, aulae, f.

Total: 10