



KING'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL
WIMBLEDON

KCS LATIN TRANSFER EXAMINATION

SPECIMEN

1 hour

Answer all the questions

- NOTE:**
- (i) **Begin each question on a new sheet of paper.**
 - (ii) **Write translations on alternate lines.**

I. Translate the following passage **on alternate lines**.

Juno tries unsuccessfully to kill Hercules, who is later ordered by Eurystheus to perform twelve labours.

Hercules validissimus omnium Graecorum erat. olim ille duas serpentes saevissimas a regina deorum, nomine Iunone, missas infans interfecit. postea quod Hercules uxorem suam liberosque occidit, Eurystheus, rex crudelis, ei ut duodecim labores difficillimos perficeret imperavit. multis post annis Hercules hos labores tandem perfecit.

serpens, -ntis f.	=	snake
infans	=	as a baby
liberi, -orum m.pl.	=	children
perficio, -ere, -feci, -fectus	=	I complete

(30)

Start a new sheet of paper.

2. Study the following passage and answer the questions beneath.

Hercules marries Deianira and pays the centaur Nessus to do him a favour – but the centaur assaults Deianira and Hercules attacks him.

iam tandem Hercules post duodecim labores difficillimos perfectos fessus, mulierem pulcherrimam, Deianiram nomine, ducere constituit. olim dum per Graeciam iter faciunt ad latissimum flumen aquae altae advenerunt et Hercules et coniunx nova.

ille flumen statim transire potuit; nec tamen illa. prope flumen forte stabat centaurus clarus Nessus. Hercules Nesso magna pecunia persuasit ut Deianiram uxorem trans flumen in tergo ferret. Nessus Deianiram in tergum suum accepit ut eam trans flumen altum ferret. subito tamen in medio flumine constitit et Deianiram osculari coepit. Deianira magnopere territa est. Hercules sagittam statim in Nessum misit.

perficio, -ere, -feci, fectus	=	I complete
ducere	=	(here) to marry
Graecia, -ae f.	=	Greece
latus, -a, -um	=	wide
centaurus, -i m.	=	centaur (a creature half man, half horse)
tergum, -i n.	=	back
consisto, -ere, constitui	=	I stop
osculari	=	to kiss
coepit	=	he began

- (a) Translate the first **three** lines (*iam...nova*) **on alternate lines.** (10)
- (b) Line 4: what was Hercules (*ille*) able to do? (3)
- (c) Name the person referred to by *illa* (line 4). (1)
- (d) Lines 4-5 (*prope...Nessus*): how is the centaur Nessus described, and where is he standing? (1,2)
- (e) Line 5: how does Hercules persuade Nessus? (2)
- (f) Lines 5-6 (*ut...ferret*): What does he persuade Nessus to do? (3)
- (g) Line 7: why is the river dangerous? (1)
- (h) Line 7: where does Nessus suddenly stop? (2)
- (i) Line 8: how does Deianira feel about the centaur's advances? (2)
- (j) Line 8: how does Hercules attack Nessus? (3)
- (k) From the passage above (lines 1-8), give in Latin **one** example of:
- (1) a superlative
 - (2) a verb in the infinitive
 - (3) a preposition together with a noun in the accusative
 - (4) a verb in the subjunctive
 - (5) an adverb
 - (6) a noun in the ablative
 - (7) a pronoun
 - (8) a perfect participle passive (8)
- (l) Give an English word derived from: *magna* (line 5)
accepit (line 6) (2)

(40)

TURN OVER

Start a new sheet of paper.

3. Translate the following passage **on alternate lines**.

Nessus gets his revenge on Hercules, who dies in agony from a garment poisoned by the blood of Nessus.

Nessus, maximo dolore commotus, in ripa fluminis iacebat et, quod iam suam mortem exspectabat, consilium cepit ut Herculem vulneraret. itaque Deianirae dixit: ‘tu, o uxor Herculis, mea verba audi! Hercules multas alias puellas amat: sed meus sanguis, veneno terribili infectus, magnam vim habet; sic sanguis meus, in vestem impositus et Herculi traditus, eum fidelem tibi retinebit.’ Deianira, cum paucos annos vitam laeta egisset, Herculem aliam puellam amantem vidit et meminit quid Nessus sibi dixisset. Deianira vestem Herculi misit et ille, cum vestem induisset, maximum dolorem propter venenum habebat. vestem detrahare frustra conatus, Hercules tandem periit.

dolor, -ris m.	=	pain
ripa, -ae f.	=	bank
sanguis, -is m.	=	blood
venenum, -i n.	=	poison
infectus	=	stained
vestis, -is f.	=	garment, cloak
retinebit	=	will keep (<i>future tense</i>)
memini	=	I remember
induo, -ere, -ui	=	I put on (a garment)

(30)