



Shrewsbury School

# **SHREWSBURY SCHOOL**

## **SIXTH FORM ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2018**

### **GREEK**

**(1 hour)**

#### **Instructions to candidates:**

- Answer SECTION A and SECTION B.
- Answer on lined paper.

## SECTION A

I Translate this passage into English. Write your translation on alternate lines.

*The Greek armada assembles at the port of Aulis, ready to cross to Troy to retrieve Helen, but it is delayed; its commander in chief, Agamemnon, is faced with an agonising dilemma, and having a daughter isn't always plain sailing...*

ὁ δὲ τῶν Ἑλλήνων στρατος ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν Αὐλίδα. πολλοὶ τε στρατιῶται καὶ  
πολλαὶ νῆες ἐκεῖ ἦσαν. ἀλλ' οὐκ εὐθὺς πρὸς τὴν Τροίαν ἔπλευσαν διότι ἄνεμοι  
ἐπιτήδαιοι οὐκ ἦσαν. οἱ οὖν Ἕλληνες ἐν τῇ Αὐλίδι πολὺν χρόνον ἔμενον.

τέλος δὲ ὁ Κάλχας, μάντις σοφὸς ὢν, πρὸς τὸν Ἀγαμέμνονα προσελθὼν, εἶπεν  
ὅτι ἡ Ἄρτεμις ὀργίζεται. 'καὶ ἡ θεά,' ἔφη, 'κελεύει σε τὴν θυγατέρα θῦσαι. τοῦτο  
γὰρ ποιήσας, οἴός τ' ἔσῃ τὴν τῶν πολεμίων πόλιν λαβεῖν.'

ὁ οὖν βασιλεὺς ταῦτα ἀκούσας ἐν μεγίστην ἀπορία ἦν· ἐφίλει μὲν γὰρ τὴν  
θυγατέρα, ἐφοβεῖτο δὲ τὴν τῶν στρατιῶτων ὀργήν. ἡ μὲντοι τοῦ Ἀγαμέμνονος  
θυγάτηρ, Ἰφιγένεια ὀνόματι, οὕτως ἀνδρεία ἦν ὥστε ἠθέλεν ὑπὲρ τοῦ τῶν  
Ἑλλήνων στρατου ἀποθανεῖν.

TOTAL: [40 marks]

### Names:

Ἕλληνες - Ἑλλήνων οἱ	Greeks
Αὐλὶς - Αὐλίδος ἡ	Aulis
Τροία - Τροίας ἡ	Troy
Κάλχας - Καλχαντος ὁ	Calchas
Ἀγαμέμνων - Ἀγαμέμνονος ὁ	Agamemnon
Ἄρτεμις Ἀρτέμιδος ἡ	Artemis
Ἰφιγένεια Ἰφιγενείας ἡ	Iphigenia (daughter of Agamemnon)

### Vocabulary:

διότι	because
ἐπιτήδειος - α - ον	suitable
μάντις μάντεως ὁ	prophet
ἔσῃ	(also spelled ἔσει)
ἀπορία - ἀπορίας ἡ	difficulty
ὀργή - ὀργῆς ἡ	anger

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## SECTION B

### 2 Read this passage and answer the questions which follow.

*Solon is visited by Anacharsis the Scythian and is impressed by his wit; Anacharsis has reservations about the effectiveness of Solon's legislation.*

ὁ δε **Σόλων** ἦν σοφώτατος τῶν Ἀθηναίων. πάντες οὖν οἱ πολῖται 1  
ἐθαύμαζον αὐτόν, και ξενοί τινες. **Σκύθης** δέ τις, **Ἀνάχαρσις**  
ὄνοματι, ἀκούσας περὶ τοῦ Σόλωνος, πρὸς τὰς **Ἀθήνας** ἔπλευσεν  
**ἵνα** λέγοι αὐτῷ. **ἀφικόμενος** δὲ πρὸς τὴν του σοφου οἰκίαν, **έκοψε**  
την θύραν και εἶπεν ὅτι ἦλθεν ὡς **ποιησόμενος φιλίαν** πρὸς αὐτόν. 5  
**ἀποκριναμένου** δὲ του Σόλωνος ὅτι **ἀμείνον** ἐστι οἴκοι ποιεισθαι  
φιλίας, 'ἐπεὶ, ' ἔφη ὁ Ἀνάχαρσις, 'σὺ αὐτός οἴκοι εἶ, ποίει φιλίαν  
πρὸς ἐμέ.' ὁ Σόλων οὖν **ἐδέξατο** τὸν Ἀνάχαρσιν ὡς φίλον ὄντα.  
τότε ὁ Σόλων νέους νόμους τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις ἔγραφεν. ἐπεὶ δ'  
ὁ Ἀνάχαρσις ἐπύθετο τί ποιεῖ, **κατεγέλασε** τοῦ Σόλωνος 10  
διότι ὁ Σόλων ἤλπιζεν οὕτω κωλύσειν τους πολίτας ἀδίκως **πράσσειν**.  
'οὔτοι οἱ νόμοι, ' ἔφη ὁ Σκύθης, 'οὐκ **ἰσχυρότεροί** εἰσιν ἢ **τὰ ἀράχνια**.  
εὗ μεν γὰρ **καθέξουσι** τοὺς **ἀσθενεῖς**, διαφθαρήσονται δε ὑπὸ τῶν  
**δυνατῶν**. 14

#### Names:

Σόλων – Σόλωνος, ὁ	Solon
Σκύθης – Σκύθου, ὁ	Scythian
Ἀνάχαρσις - Ἀνάχαρσεως, ὁ	Anacharsis
Ἀθήναι, Ἀθήνων, αἱ	Athens

#### Vocabulary:

ἵνα + optative	in order to
ἀφικνεομαι (aor ἀφικόμην)	arrive
κοπτω (aor έκοψα)	here = knock
φιλία φιλίας ἢ	friendship
ποιοῡμαι φιλίαν + προς + acc	form a friendship with
ἀποκρινομαι (aor ἀπεκριναμην)	answer
ἀμείνον	better
οἴκοι	at home
δεχομαι (aor ἐδέξαμην)	receive
καταγελάω (aor κατεγέλασα)	laugh at (+ gen)
πράσσω	here = behave
ἰσχυρός - ἢ - ὄν	strong
ἀράχνιον, ἀραχνίου τό	spider's web
καθέχω (fut κατέξω)	restrain
ἀσθένης - ες	weak
δυνατός - ἢ - ὄν	powerful

1. ὁ δε Σόλων...τινες. (lines 1-2):
- (i) Who was Solon? [2]
- (ii) By whom was he admired? [2]
2. Σκύθης...αὐτῷ. (lines 2-4):
- (i) Who was Anacharsis? [1]
- (ii) What did he do when he heard about Solon? [2]
- (iii) Why did he do this? [2]
3. ἀφικόμενος...αὐτόν. (lines 4-5):
- What **two** things did Anacharsis do when he reached Solon's house? [1+2]
4. ἀποκρινάμενου...φιλίας (lines 6-7):
- What was Solon's response? [2]
5. 'ἐπεὶ...ἐμέ.' (lines 7-8): On what grounds did Anacharsis say Solon should form a friendship with him? [2]
6. τότε...ἔγραφεν. (line 9): what specific task was Solon engaged in? [3]
7. ἐπεὶ...πράσσειν. (lines 9-11):
- (i) What did Anacharsis find out? [1]
- (ii) Why did Anacharsis laugh at Solon? [3]
8. 'οὗτοι...ἀράχνια. (line 12): What comment did Anacharsis make here? [3]
9. εὖ...δυνατῶν. (lines 13-14):
- (i) In what respect did Anacharsis say the laws would be effective? [2]
- (ii) In what respect did he say they would be ineffective? [2]

TOTAL: [30 marks]

**END OF QUESTIONS**