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Paper 3 Unseen Translation

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** the questions.

Write your translations on alternate lines.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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1 Translate into English. Write your translation on **alternate** lines.

During Caesar's campaigns in Gaul, the Gallic chief Vercingetorix points out to his cavalry commanders the advantages of attacking the Romans while they are on the march. This advice wins full approval.

cum Caesar in Sequanos per extremos Lingonum fines iter faceret quo facilius subsidium provinciae ferri posset, circiter milia passuum X ab Romanis trinis castris Vercingetorix consedit; convocatisque ad concilium praefectis equitum venisse tempus victoriae demonstrat: fugere in provinciam Romanos Galliaque excedere; id sibi ad praesentem obtinendam libertatem satis esse, ad reliqui temporis pacem atque otium parum profici: maioribus enim coactis copiis reversuros neque finem bellandi facturos. proinde agmine impeditos adoriantur; si pedites suis auxilium ferant atque in eo morentur, iter facere non posse; si, id quod magis futurum confidat, relictis impedimentis suae saluti consultant, et usu rerum necessariorum et dignitate spoliatum iri. nam de equitibus hostium quin nemo eorum progredi modo extra agmen audeat, ipsos quidem non debere dubitare; id quo maiore faciant animo, copias se omnes pro castris habiturum et terrori hostibus futurum. conclamant equites, sanctissimo iure iurando confirmari oportere, ne tecto recipiatur, ne ad liberos, ne ad parentes, ne ad uxorem aditum habeat qui non bis per agmen hostium perequitasset.

Caesar, *De Bello Gallico* 7. 66

provincia, -ae (f): i.e. the province of Gallia Narbonensis, in Gaul

trini, -ae, -a: three

parum profici: to be of too little use

proinde: accordingly, therefore

consulo, *consulere*, *consului*, *consultum* (+ dative): I am concerned for

spolio (1): I deprive, I strip

modo: (here) even

ius iurandum (n): a sworn oath

confirmo (1): I declare, I assert

Sequani, -orum: Sequani (a Gallic tribe)

Lingones, -um: Lingones (a Gallic tribe)

[Translation: 40]

[Style and fluency: 5]

[Total: 45]

2 (a) Translate into English. Write your translation on **alternate** lines.

Stormy weather prevents Leander from swimming from Abydos across the Hellespont to his lover Hero. Instead he sends this letter by ship.

ipsa vides caelum pice nigrius et freta ventis
 turbida perque cavas vix adeunda rates.
 unus, et hic audax, a quo tibi littera nostra
 redditur, e portu navita movit iter;
 adscensurus eram, nisi quod, cum vincula prorae
 solveret, in speculis omnis Abydos erat.
 non poteram celare meos, velut ante, parentes,
 quemque tegi volumus, non latuisset amor.
 protinus haec scribens, 'felix, i, littera!' dixi,
 'iam tibi formosam porriget illa manum.
 forsitan admotis etiam tangere labellis,
 rumpere dum niveo vincula dente volet.'
 talibus exiguo dictis mihi murmure verbis, 13
 cetera cum charta dextra locuta mea est. 14
 at quanto mallem, quam scriberet, illa nataret,
 meque per adsuetas sedula ferret aquas!
 aptior illa quidem placido dare verbera ponto;
 est tamen et sensus apta ministra mei.

Ovid, *Heroides* 18.7–24

pix, picis (f): pitch, tar
cavus, -a, -um: hollow
quod : that
in speculis: on the look-out
celo, -are (+ acc.): I escape the notice of
tangere: alternative form of *tangeris*
charta, -ae (f): paper
illa (lines 15 and 17): refers to *dextra* in line 14
sedulus, -a, -um: eager
ministra, -ae (f): agent

Abydos: Abydos (Leander's home town, on the shores of the Hellespont)

[40]

(b) Write out and scan lines 13 and 14 (*talibus ... mea est*) marking in the quantities, divisions between feet, and main caesurae. [5]

[Total: 45]

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