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**COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AT 13+**  
**COMMON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION AT 13+**

**CLASSICS SYLLABUS**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This syllabus is intended to meet the needs of those candidates who may have had only a limited exposure to Latin and/or Classical Greek as well as of those who have reached a more advanced stage. Therefore the syllabus comprises different levels. In Latin, there are three levels at Common Entrance, plus an additional scholarship level; in Classical Greek there are two levels at Common Entrance. In both languages, Level 1 is intended for candidates who have studied Latin/Classical Greek for 1 to 2 years. Level 2 is for candidates who have studied Latin/Classical Greek for 2 to 3 years. Latin level 3 is for candidates who have a greater depth of learning.

**AIMS**

A course leading to this examination should:

- (i) promote a firm understanding of the essentials of the Latin or Classical Greek language;
- (ii) foster an interest in the Greek and Roman worlds.

**ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES**

Candidates are expected to develop skills in:

AO1 translation from Latin or Greek to English;

AO2 translation from English to Latin or Greek at an appropriate level;

AO3 manipulation of basic grammar;

AO4 (Greek only) transliteration from Greek to English and English to Greek.

## SYLLABUS CONTENT

### LATIN GRAMMAR, SYNTAX AND VOCABULARY

		Level 1	Level 2
<b>grammar</b>	<b>nouns</b>	1st, 2nd declensions	3rd declension
	<b>adjectives</b>	1st, 2nd declensions	3rd declension; regular comparison of adjectives; irregular comparison of <i>bonus, malus, magnus, parvus, multus</i>
	<b>pronouns</b>	<i>ego, tu, nos, vos</i> (nominatives and accusatives only)	declensions of <i>ego, tu, nos, vos, se, is, hic, ille</i>
	<b>prepositions</b>	<i>a/ab, ad, contra, cum, de, e/ex, in</i> (accusative, ablative), <i>per, prope, trans</i>	<i>ante, circum, inter, post, pro, propter, sine, sub, super</i>
	<b>verbs</b>	present, imperfect and perfect indicative active (of all verbs in the defined vocabulary); present infinitive active; imperative active; all regular conjugations (including mixed conjugation) and <i>sum</i>	future and pluperfect indicative active; irregular verbs: <i>sum, possum, eo</i> and compounds (indicative, present infinitive, imperative)
<b>syntax</b>	agreement; apposition; complements; common use of cases; simple prepositions; simple adverbs; simple causal clauses ( <i>quod</i> ); simple temporal clauses ( <i>ubi</i> ); simple direct questions ( <i>-ne</i> ); prolative infinitive	simple concessive clauses ( <i>quamquam</i> ); simple direct questions ( <i>nonne, num</i> ); prohibitions; reflexive pronouns	
<b>vocabulary</b>		(see Appendix I)	(see Appendix I)
	<b>numbers</b>	cardinals: 1-10 (declensions of 1-3 not required); ordinals: 1st-10th	cardinals: 11-20
<b>manipulation of the language</b>		1st and 2nd declension nouns, nominative and accusative singular only; present tense: 1st and 2nd conjugation verbs	1st and 2nd declension nouns: nominative and accusative singular and plural; present and imperfect indicative active tenses: 1st and 2nd conjugation verbs; adjectival agreement of <i>-us</i> adjectives only

		<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
<b>grammar</b>	<b>nouns</b>	5th declension	4th declension
	<b>pronouns</b>	declensions of <i>qui, idem, ipse</i>	
	<b>verbs</b>	present, imperfect, perfect; future and pluperfect indicative passive; imperfect subjunctive active: regular and irregular verbs; present and past participles (nominative and accusative only); irregular verbs: <i>fero, volo, nolo</i>	deponent verbs (future perfect not required); present and past participles, present and perfect infinitive; pluperfect subjunctive active; present infinitive passive; perfect infinitive active and passive
<b>syntax</b>		time; place; simple relative clauses; purpose clauses; indirect commands (with imperfect subjunctive active only)	ablative absolute; indirect statement; <i>cum</i> + imperfect/pluperfect subjunctive active (= when/since)
<b>vocabulary</b>		(see Appendix I)	(see Appendix I)
	<b>numbers</b>	cardinals: 21-100 and <i>mille</i> (declension of <i>milia</i> not required)	
<b>manipulation of the language</b>		1st, 2nd and 3rd declension nouns, nominative, accusative and ablative singular and plural; present, imperfect and perfect indicative active tenses of conjugations 1-4; adjectival agreement of <i>-us</i> and <i>-is</i> adjectives only	all cases of nouns 1-3; present, imperfect and perfect indicative active and passive of conjugations 1-4; prepositions

## **NON-LINGUISTIC STUDIES**

The range of subjects on which questions are set is limited to the four topic areas listed below. Questions are broadly based and are intended to elicit comprehension of the topics covered and sound English writing rather than the bare repetition of facts. Guidance may be given as to what ought to be included in the essay questions and there is an opportunity to give a personal response to the topic being examined. There is a wealth of resources available to the teacher and the scope and methods of approaching this section are left to the teacher's discretion.

### **Domestic Life**

Roman housing: layout and rooms; decoration; furniture; amenities

Roman slavery: sources; purchase; conditions and treatment; possibility and methods of freedom

Roman daily life: clothing; food and meals; bathing

Life and death: coming of age; marriage; death and burial

### **The City of Rome**

Early Roman legends: Romulus and Remus; Horatius; Cloelia; Mucius Scaevola; Coriolanus; Manlius Torquatus

Entertainment: theatre; amphitheatre; circus; baths

### **The Army and Roman Britain**

Army: organisation; equipment; camp; tombstones

Roman Britain: general historical outline; Julius Caesar; Claudius; Caratacus and Boudicca; towns; villas; Hadrian's Wall

### **Greek Mythology**

Perseus and Medusa

Theseus and the Minotaur

The Labours of Hercules

Jason and the Golden Fleece

The Trojan War

The Wanderings of Odysseus

## CLASSICAL GREEK GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

		Level 1	Level 2
		the Greek alphabet	
grammar	verbs	present tense indicative active <b>question 2 only:</b> future and imperfect tenses indicative active (see Appendix II)	present, future, imperfect and aorist tenses indicative active; present imperative active; present infinitive active;
	nouns	all common forms (see Appendix II)	all common forms (see Appendix II)
	pronouns		all common forms (see Appendix II)
	adjectives	all common forms (see Appendix II)	all common forms (see Appendix II); regular comparisons  genitive of comparison and use of ῆ
	adverbs		adverbs; expressions of time
vocabulary		(see Appendix II)	(see Appendix II)

## **SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT**

The Common Entrance examination in both Latin and Greek will comprise a 60-minute paper. Vocabulary which is not in the prescribed vocabulary list will be glossed.

### **LATIN – ALL LEVELS**

#### **Question 1 (15 marks)**

Candidates will be asked a series of questions to test comprehension of the first paragraph (45 words or so) of a passage.

#### **Question 2 (30 marks)**

Candidates will be asked to translate into good English the second paragraph (about 50 words) of the passage.

#### **Question 3 (20 marks)**

Candidates will be asked a series of questions to test their knowledge of the grammar and their ability to give a simple English derivation based on the final paragraph (about 30 words) of the passage. They will also be asked to perform some simple manipulation of the language and some translation into Latin, using vocabulary provided.

#### **Question 4 (10 marks)**

This section will offer a choice of eight questions on non-linguistic studies (two from each of the four topic areas). Candidates are to attempt one of these questions.

### **CLASSICAL GREEK**

#### **LEVEL 1**

##### **Question 1 (75 marks)**

Candidates will be asked to:

- (a) write a transliteration of five words from Greek to English (10 marks)
- (b) write a transliteration of five words from English to Greek (10 marks)
- (c) translate and give derivations in English of five Greek words (10 marks)
- (d) translate five Greek verbs (10 marks)
- (e) translate five sentences, each of about three Greek words (15 marks)
- (f) translate five sentences of about four or five Greek words (20 marks)

##### **Question 2 (25 marks)**

Candidates will be asked to answer questions on and translate a passage of Greek. |

#### **LEVEL 2**

##### **Question 1 (25 marks)**

Candidates will be asked to answer questions on and translate a passage of Greek. |

**Question 2: multiple-choice grammar** (20 marks)

Candidates will be asked to identify and manipulate:

- (a) verbs (person, number and tense) (10 marks)
- (b) nouns and/or adjectives (case, number and gender) (10 marks)

**Question 3: derivations** (5 marks)

Candidates will be asked to derive in English a choice of five out of eight Greek words.

**Question 4: comprehension** (10 marks)

Candidates will be asked to answer questions on a passage of Greek.

**Question 5: translation** (40 marks)

Candidates will be asked to translate a passage of Greek (approximately 40 words).

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Latin**

The Common Academic Scholarship examination (60 minutes) will comprise four questions.

**Question 1** (15 marks)

Candidates will be asked a series of questions in English to test comprehension of the first section (45 words or so) of a Latin passage.

**Question 2** (40 marks)

Candidates will be asked to translate into good English the second section (about 70 words) of the passage.

**Question 3** (12 marks)

Candidates will be asked a series of questions to test their knowledge of the grammar and their ability to explain a simple English derivation based on the final section (about 40 words) of the passage.

**Question 4** (18 marks)

Candidates will be asked to translate four English sentences of increasing difficulty into Latin. Lexical help will be given for the first two sentences only.

**The Common Academic Scholarship Examination in Classical Greek has been discontinued from Autumn 2013.**

## APPENDIX I

### LATIN PRESCRIBED VOCABULARY LISTS

#### LEVEL 1

<i>a/ab + abl.</i>	<i>e/ex + abl.</i>	mox
absum	ego	multus
<i>ad + acc.</i>	equus	murus
adsum	et	nauta
aedifico	etiam	navigo
ager	facio	-ne?
agricola	femina	neco
altus	fessus	non
ambulo	festino	nonus
amicus	filia	nos
amo	filius	noster
ancilla	fortiter	notus
aqua	gladius	novem
audio	habeo	novus
aurum	habito	numquam
auxilium	hasta	nuntius
bellum	hic ( <i>adverb</i> )	octavus
bene	iacio	octo
bibo	iam	olim
bonus	ibi	oppidum
caelum	igitur	oppugno
canto	<i>in + abl.</i>	ostendo
capio	<i>in + acc.</i>	paro
cibus	incola	parvus
clamo	insula	patria
clarus	intro	pecunia
constituo	ira	<i>per + acc.</i>
consumo	iratus	periculum
<i>contra + acc.</i>	itaque	perterritus
<i>cum + abl.</i>	iterum	poeta
cupio	iubeo	pono
cur?	laboro	porto
curro	laetus	primus
<i>de + abl.</i>	laudo	proelium
dea	lego	<i>prope + acc.</i>
decem	liber ( <i>noun</i> )	puella
decimus	locus	puer
deinde	ludo	pugno
deleo	magister	pulcher
deus	magnopere	quartus
dico	magnus	quattuor
discedo	malus	quid?
diu	maneo	quinque
do	meus	quintus
dominus	miser	quis?
dormio	mitto	quod
duco	moneo	regina
duo	moveo	rego



respondeo  
rideo  
rogo  
Romanus  
sacer  
saepe  
saevus  
sagitta  
scribo  
scutum  
secundus  
sed  
semper  
septem  
septimus  
servus  
sex  
sextus  
sic

socius  
specto  
statim  
sto  
subito  
sum  
supero  
suus  
tamen  
tandem  
templum  
teneo  
terra  
terreo  
tertius  
timeo  
trans + *acc.*  
tres  
tu

turba  
tutus  
tuus  
ubi  
ubi?  
unda  
unus  
validus  
venio  
ventus  
verbum  
vester  
via  
video  
vinum  
vir  
voco  
vos

## LEVEL 2

accipio  
advenio  
ante + *acc.*  
antequam  
appropinquo  
arma  
audax  
autem  
carus  
celeriter  
ceteri  
circum + *acc.*  
civis  
clamor  
colligo  
comes  
coniunx  
conspicio  
copiae  
corpus  
cras  
crudelis  
debeo  
defendo  
difficilis  
donum  
duodecim  
duodeviginti  
dux  
effugio  
eo (*verb*)

erro  
et ... et ...  
exeo  
expecto  
facilis  
felix  
flumen  
forte  
fortis  
frater  
frustra  
fugio  
gero  
Graecus  
heri  
hic, haec, hoc  
hodie  
homo  
hostes  
ille  
ineo  
ingens  
inquit/inquiunt  
inter + *acc.*  
invenio  
is  
iter  
iuvenis  
liberi  
libero  
longus

lux  
mare  
mater  
medius  
miles  
mons  
mora  
mors  
mortuus  
mulier  
nam  
narro  
navis  
nemo  
nihil  
nobilis  
noli/nolite  
nomen  
nonne?  
num?  
nunc  
nuntio  
occido  
occupo  
omnis  
parens  
pars  
pater  
pauci  
pereo  
possum

post + *acc.*  
postea  
postquam  
pro + *abl.*  
propter + *acc.*  
punio  
quam  
quamquam  
quattuordecim  
-que  
quindecim  
quoque  
redeo  
reduco  
rex

ruo  
saluto  
sapiens  
se  
sedecim  
senex  
septendecim  
servo  
sine + *abl.*  
solus  
soror  
sub + *abl.*  
super + *acc.*  
trado  
transeo

tredecim  
tristis  
tum  
undecim  
undeviginti  
urbs  
uxor  
viginti  
vinco  
virtus  
vivus  
vox  
vulnero  
vulnus

### LEVEL 3

adeo  
alius  
animal  
annus  
aut  
celer  
centum  
cogo  
contendo  
convenio  
credo  
custodio  
custos  
dies  
dum  
fero  
fides  
gens  
hora  
idem

impero + *dat.*  
interea  
interficio  
ipse  
iuvo  
labor  
lente  
mille  
ne  
nec/neque  
nolo  
nonaginta  
nox  
octoginta  
opus  
paene  
pello  
persuadeo + *dat.*  
peto  
praemium

princeps  
quadraginta  
qui  
quinquaginta  
relinquo  
res  
septuaginta  
sexaginta  
somnus  
spes  
superbus  
telum  
tempestas  
totus  
triginta  
ut + *subj.*  
volo

### SCHOLARSHIP

cum + *subj.*  
domus  
exercitus  
manus  
portus

conor  
egredior  
hortor  
ingredior  
loquor

morior  
patior  
proficiscor  
progredior  
sequo

## APPENDIX II

### CLASSICAL GREEK PRESCRIBED VOCABULARY LISTS

#### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1

##### verbs

###### present

ἄγω	I lead, bring
βαλλω	I throw, I pelt
γραφω	I write
εἶμι	I am
ἔχω	I have, hold, keep
θεραπευω	I honour, worship, heal, cure, look after
θυω	I sacrifice
λαμβάνω	I take, capture, catch
λέγω	I say, speak
λύω	I loose, set free
μένω	I remain, wait for
παιδεύω	I train, educate
παύω	I stop
στρατεύω	I march, go on an expedition
σώζω	I save

###### future

ἄξω
-
γρᾱίψω
-
ἔξω
θεραπεύσω
θυσω
-
λεξω
λυσω
-
παιδεύσω
παύσω
στρατεύσω
σωσω

###### imperfect

ἤγαγον
ἔβαλλον
ἔγραφον
ἦν
εἶχον
ἐθεραπευον
ἐθυον
ἐλαμβάνον
ἐλεγον
ἐλυον
ἐμενον
ἐπαιδευον
ἐπαυον
ἐστρατευον
ἔσῳζον

##### nouns

Ἀθηναίαι, -ων	<i>f.pl.</i>	Athens
γῆ, γῆς	<i>f.</i>	earth, land
ἐπιστολή, -ης	<i>f.</i>	letter
μάχη, -ης	<i>f.</i>	battle
νίκη, -ης	<i>f.</i>	victory
φωνή, -ης	<i>f.</i>	voice
θάλασσα, -ης	<i>f.</i>	sea
ἀγορά, -ας	<i>f.</i>	market-place
ἡμέρα, -ας	<i>f.</i>	day
θεά, -ας	<i>f.</i>	goddess
οἶκία, -ας	<i>f.</i>	house
στρατία, -ίας	<i>f.</i>	army
χώρα, -ας	<i>f.</i>	country
δεσποτής, -ου	<i>m.</i>	master
κριτής, -ου	<i>m.</i>	judge
ναύτης, -ου	<i>m.</i>	sailor
πολίτης, -ου	<i>m.</i>	citizen

στρατιωτης, -ου	<i>m.</i>	soldier
Ἀθηναιος -ου	<i>m.</i>	an Athenian
ἄνθρωπος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	man
βαρβαροι, -ων	<i>m.pl.</i>	foreigners, barbarians
βιος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	life
δημος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	people
δουλος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	slave
θεος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	god
ἰατρος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	doctor
ἵππος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	horse
λογος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	word
ποταμος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	river
πολεμιοι, -ιων	<i>m.pl.</i>	enemy
ὁδος, -ου	<i>f.</i>	road, way, journey
δενδρον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	tree
δωρον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	present, gift
ζωον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	animal
ὄπλα, -ων	<i>n.pl.</i>	weapons
πλοιον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	boat
τεκνον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	child

### adjectives

ἀγαθος -η -ον	good
δεινος -η -ον	strange, terrible, horrible
κακος -η -ον	bad, wicked
καλος -η -ον	beautiful, fine
μικρος -α -ον	small
σοφος -η -ον	wise
φιλιος -α -ον	friendly

### conjunctions, prepositions etc.

ἀλλα	but
και	and, also, even
ὁ, ἡ, το	the
οὐ, οὐκ, οὐχ	not
ὦ	+ <i>voc.</i> O
ἀπο	+ <i>gen.</i> from
δια	+ <i>acc.</i> because of
εἰς	+ <i>acc.</i> into, to, for, up to, against
ἐκ, ἐξ	+ <i>gen.</i> out of, from
ἐν	+ <i>dat.</i> in, among, at
προς	+ <i>acc.</i> to, towards, against

## LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2

### verbs

<i>present</i>		<i>future</i>	<i>imperfect</i>
ἀγγελλω	I announce, report	-	ἤγγελλον
βλαπτω	I harm, injure, damage	βλαψω	ἐβλαπτον
διωκω	I pursue, chase	διωξω	ἐδιωκον
κωλυω	I hinder, prevent, obstruct	κωλυσω	ἐκωλυον
πειθω	I persuade	πεισω	ἐπειθον
πεμπω	I send	πεμψω	ἐπεμπον
φευγω	I flee	-	ἐφευγον
φυλασσω	I guard	φυλαξω	ἐφυλασσον

### nouns

σοφια, -ας	f.	wisdom
νεανιας, -ου	m.	young man
ποιητης, -ου	m.	poet
ἀδελφος, -ου	m.	brother
ἥλιος, -ου	m.	sun
θανατος, -ου	m.	death
κινδυνος, -ου	m.	danger
ξενος, -ου	m.	friend, stranger
στρατηγος, -ου	m.	general
ὑπνος, -ου	m.	sleep
βιβλος, -ου	f.	book
νησος, -ου	f.	island
νοσος, -ου	f.	illness, disease
ἔργον, -ου	n.	work, deed

### adjectives

ἀνδρειος -α -ον	brave
δικαιος -α -ον	just
μακρος -α -ον	long
χαλεπος -η -ον	difficult, dangerous

### conjunctions, prepositions etc.

ἀρα	(with direct questions)
νυν	now
δια	+ gen. through

## LEVEL 2\*

### verbs

<i>present</i>	<i>future</i>	<i>aorist/imperfect</i>	
ἀκούω	-	ἤκουσα	I hear, listen
ἀποθνήσκω	-	ἀπέθανον	I die, am killed
ἀποκτείνω	-	ἀπέκτεινα	I kill
βαίνω	-	ἔβην	I go
ἐθέλω	ἐθελήσω	ἠθέλησα	I am willing, wish
-	-	ἦλθον	I went
εὐρίσκω	εὐρήσω	εὔρον	I find, find out
καθεύδω	καθευδήσω	ἐκάθευδον	I sleep
καθίζω	-	ἐκάθισα	I sit
κελεύω	κελεύσω	ἐκέλευσα	I order
κρύπτω	κρύψω	ἔκρυψα	I hide
λείπω	λείψω	ἔλιπον	I leave
οἶός τ' εἰμί	-	οἶός τ' ἦν	I am able
παρασκευάζω	παρασκευάσω	παρεσκεύασα	I prepare
πάρειμι	-	παρήν	I am present
πίπτω	-	ἔπεσον	I fall
πιστεύω	πιστεύσω	ἐπίστευσα	I trust, believe + <i>dat.</i>

### nouns

εἰρήνη, -ης	<i>f.</i>	peace
ὀργή, -ῆς	<i>f.</i>	anger
τίμη, -ης	<i>f.</i>	honour
πόλεμος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	war
σύμμαχος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	ally
υἱός, -οῦ	<i>m.</i>	son
φόβος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	fear
χρόνος, -ου	<i>m.</i>	time
ἄθλον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	prize
στρατόπεδον, -ου	<i>n.</i>	camp
ἄνθρωπος, ἀνδρός	<i>m.</i>	man, husband
βασιλεύς, -έως	<i>m.</i>	king
γέρον, -οντος	<i>m.</i>	old man
γυνή, -αικός	<i>f.</i>	woman, wife
ἡγεμών, -μόνος	<i>m.</i>	guide, leader
θυγάτηρ, -τρός	<i>f.</i>	daughter
κῆρυξ, -υκος	<i>m.</i>	herald

μήτηρ, -τρός	f.	mother
ναῦς, νεώς	f.	ship
νύξ, νυκτός	f.	night
ὄνομα, -ατος	n.	name
παῖς, παιδός	c.	child, boy, girl, son, daughter
πατήρ, πατρός	m.	father
πόλις, -εως	f.	city
σῶμα, -ατος	n.	body
ὔδωρ, ὕδατος	f.	water
φύλαξ, -ακος	m.	guard
χρήματα, -ων	n.pl.	money

### adjectives

αἰσχρός -ά -όν	shameful, disgraceful
ἄλλος -η -ον	other, another; ὁ ἄλλος: the rest of
δεύτερος -α -ον	second
δύο	two
εἷς, μία, ἓν	one
ἐλεύθερος -α -ον	free
έτοιμος -η -ον	ready
μέγιστος -η -ον	very large/big/great; largest, biggest, greatest
μόνος -η -ον	alone, only
ὀλίγος -η -ον	little, small
οὐδείς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν	no, no one, nothing
πλούσιος -α -ον	rich
πρῶτος -α -ον	first
τρεις, τρία	three
χρήσιμος -η -ον	useful

### conjunctions, prepositions etc.

ἐπεί		when, since
ὅτι		because
γάρ	(2nd word)	for
δέ	(2nd word)	but, and
οὖν	(2nd word)	therefore
ἢ		than
μέν...δέ...		on the one hand...on the other hand/but/yet
οἱ μὲν..., οἱ δέ...		some..., others...
μή		not
οὔτε...οὔτε		neither...nor...

ποῦ		where
πῶς		how
αὐτός -ή -ό		self; him, her, it, them; the same
ἐγώ		I
ἡμεῖς		we
σύ		you ( <i>singular</i> )
τις, τι	( <i>enclitic</i> )	a certain, someone, anyone
τίς, τί	( <i>with accent</i> )	who? what?
ὑμεῖς		you ( <i>plural</i> )
ἐπί	+ <i>gen.</i>	on, upon
κατά	+ <i>acc.</i>	according to, by way of
μετά	+ <i>acc.</i>	after
μετά	+ <i>gen.</i>	with

\* A few words in the 2006 list have been omitted.