



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
grammar	nouns	1st, 2nd declensions	3rd declension
	adjectives	1st, 2nd declensions	3rd declension; regular comparison of adjectives; irregular comparison of <i>bonus, malus, magnus, parvus, multus</i>
	pronouns	<i>ego, tu, nos, vos</i> (nominatives and accusatives only)	declensions of <i>ego, tu, nos, vos, se, is, hic, ille</i>
	prepositions	<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>
	verbs	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)
syntax	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	
vocabulary	(see Appendix I)	(see Appendix I)	
	numbers	cardinals: 1-10 (declensions of 1-3 not required); ordinals: 1st-10th	cardinals: 11-20
manipulation of the language		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

		Level 3	Scholarship
grammar	nouns	5th declension	4th declension
	pronouns	declensions of <i>qui, idem, ipse</i>	
	verbs	present, imperfect, perfect; future and pluperfect indicative passive; imperfect subjunctive active and passive: 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
syntax		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)
vocabulary		(see Appendix I)	(see Appendix I)
	numbers	cardinals: 21-100 and <i>mille</i> (declension of <i>milia</i> not required)	
manipulation of the language		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 question 2 only: 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

<i>present</i>		<i>future</i>	<i>imperfect</i>
ἄγω	I lead, bring	ἄξω	ἤγαγον
βαλλω	I throw, I pelt	-	ἔβαλλον
γραφω	I write	γραιψω	ἔγραφον
εἶμι	I am	-	ἦν
ἔχω	I have, hold, keep	έξω	είχον
θεραπευω	I honour, worship, heal, cure, look after	θεραπευσω	έθεραπευον
θυω	I sacrifice	θυσω	έθυον
λαμβάνω	I take, capture, catch	-	έλαμβάνον
λέγω	I say, speak	λεξω	έλεγον
λυω	I loose, set free	λυσω	έλυον
μένω	I remain, wait for	-	έμενον
παιδεύω	I train, educate	παιδευσω	έπαιδευον
παύω	I stop	παυσω	έπαυον
στρατεύω	I march, go on an expedition	στρατευσω	έστρατευον
σώζω	I save	σωσω	έσωζον

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
χωρά, -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

present

ἀγγελλω	I announce, report
βλαπτω	I harm, injure, damage
διωκω	I pursue, chase
κωλυω	I hinder, prevent, obstruct
πειθω	I persuade
πεμπω	I send
φευγω	I flee
φυλασσω	I guard

future

-
βλαιψω
διωξω
κωλυσω
πεισω
πεμψω
-
φυλαξω

imperfect

ἤγγελλον
ἐβλαπτον
ἐδιωκον
ἐκωλυον
ἐπειθον
ἐπεμπον
ἐφευγον
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
πάριμι	-	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
δύτερος -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.