



**The Leys School
Cambridge**

Specimen

Sixth Form Scholarship Examination

L A T I N

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Instructions

- You should write your answers on LINED paper
- Write your name on any paper that you use
- The use of a dictionary is not allowed
- Answer both questions

A Read the passage and answer the questions on it which follow.

The Roman general Coriolanus is now fighting on the side of the Volsci against Rome. His mother and wife go to him in the enemy camp to ask him not to attack the city itself.

1 Veturia mater et Volumnia, duos parvos filios ferens secum, in castra hostium ibant et, quod armis
2 viri urbem defendere non poterant, feminae precibus lacrimisque defendebant. Cum ad castra
3 venissent, nuntiatumque est Coriolano ingens feminarum agmen adesse, primum multo
4 obstinatio adversus lacrimas feminarum erat. deinde amicorum quidam, “nisi me fallunt oculi
5 mei,” inquit, “mater tua coniunxque et liberi adsunt.” Cum Coriolanus ad matrem
6 complectendam cucurrisset, mulier in iram ex precibus versa inquit, “sine me scire, priusquam
7 complexum tuum accipio, utrum ad hostem an ad filium venerim, utrum captiva an mater in
8 castris tuis sim.”

prex, precis	prayer
agmen	column
adversus	towards
fallo	deceive
coniunx	wife
versa	turning
sino	I allow

Questions

- 1 Line 1 Who was Volumnia bringing with her when she and Veturia came to Coriolanus' camp? (3)
- 2 Line 2 What could the women not do? (4)
- 3 Line 2 What could they do instead? Which two words are strongly contrasted with each other in line 2? (5)
- 4 Lines 3-4 What was announced to Coriolanus when they arrived at the camp? (3)
- 5 Line 4-5 What was his first reaction to the news? (4)
- 6 Line 5 What did Coriolanus then learn about the column? (3)
- 7 Lines 6 Explain how his mother's mood changed when he ran to embrace her? (2)
- 8 Lines 7-8 What did Coriolanus' mother wish to know before accepting his embrace? (8)
- 9 What is this story meant to tell the reader? Give an explanation for your answer. (1)
- 10 Write down in Latin one infinitive from the passage. (1)
- 11 What part of the verb is *ferens* (line 1)? Give as much information as you can. (1)

Total 35 marks

B Translate the following passage. Write your translation on alternate lines.

The Sibylline Books.

A mysterious prophetess sells books of her prophecies to the last King of Rome, Tarquinius Superbus.

femina incognita ad Tarquinium Superbum adiit, novem libros ferens, quos dicebat esse divina oracula. dixit etiam se eos velle vendere. Tarquinius pretium rogavit; femina immensum poposcit; rex eam derisit. Tum illa foculum cum igni apposuit, tres libros ex novem incendit et rogavit num rex reliquos eodem pretio emere vellet. Tarquinius id multo magis risit. Femina statim tres alios libros incendit, atque iterum placide rogavit num tres reliquos eodem pretio emeret. Tarquinius eam constantiam non neglegendam esse intellegit et libros tres emit non minore pretio quam illo quod erat petitum pro omnibus.

incognitus,a,um	unknown
oraculum	oracle, prophecy
pretium	price
posco, poposci	demand
derideo	mock
foculum	brazier
appono	place before
reliquus,a,um	remaining
constantia	persistence
neglego	ignore

(40 marks)