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LEAVING CERTIFICATE

# **ANCIENT GREEK SYLLABUS**

(ORDINARY AND HIGHER LEVELS)

## GREEK

### Ordinary Level Course

- (a) Scansion: (confined to the Iambic Trimeter and the Hexameter).
- (b) Prescribed texts:  
*Prescribed in a given year by the examining authority [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)*
- (c) Unprescribed text:
- (d) History: (including Art and Literature):  
*Three passages from the works of the following authors\* : Xenophon. Thucydides. Homer. Euripides, the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.*
- (i) The period from the beginning of the Peloponnesian War to the death of Alexander the Great. Questions of a general nature will also be set on Athenian and Spartan constitutional history and institutions, from their origin to the end of the fifth century B.C.
- (ii) Literary questions of a general nature will be set on the life and works (including their relevant background) of the major Greek authors from Homer to Aristotle. A study should also be made of the art of the Greeks. Questions of a general nature will be set and candidates will be expected, through the use of film strips and modern illustrations to have an acquaintance with examples of sculpture, archaic and classical (including architectural sculpture), the architecture of temples, the Attic black and red figure vase paintings.

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\* The list of authors given is an indication of the range of suitable material. Four passages will be set on the Ordinary Level paper and candidates will be required to translate three of these four passages. On the Higher Level paper candidates will be required to select three out of four passages set.

Vocabulary aid will be provided in the case of all unprescribed passages appearing on the examination papers.

From the questions set in this section of the examination paper candidates will be required to answer three and at least one of the three will be chosen from (i) and from (ii).

## Higher Level Course

(a) Translation into Greek from an idiomatic passage in the vernacular.

(b) Scansion (confined to Iambic Trimeter, the Hexameter and Trochaic Tetrameter)

### Prescribed texts:

*Prescribed in a given year by the examining authority [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)*

### Unprescribed text:

Three passages from the works of the following authors:- Xenophon, Thucydides, Homer, Euripides, the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, the works of Sophocles and Plato (simpler dialogues), Herodotus.

### History (including Art and Literature):

As for Ordinary Level Course

## Allocation of marks

### Ordinary Level

#### Prescribed Text:

Translation	60
Questions	40
Named authors and works	(70 x 3)
History, Art and Literature:	(30 x 3)

### Higher Level

Translation into Greek	50
Questions	30
Named authors and works:	(60 x 3)
History, Art, Literature:	(30 x 3)

N.B. In the 1998 Leaving Certificate Examination and thereafter, candidates at Higher Level will have the choice, in Question 1 of the examination paper, either (a) of doing translation into Greek, as at present, or (b) of answering a series of comprehension questions on a passage of unprescribed Greek prose. Each of the two sections will carry 50 marks.