



WELLINGTON COLLEGE

I6+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Latin

Time allowed: 40 mins

Total marks: 50

Special Instructions:

- answer all 3 questions.
- Please note, however, that accuracy is important and it is better to show quality rather than quantity.

Read all the questions that follow the passage; read the passage; answer the questions and only write translation where required to do so [in question 1].

Cicero describes the awful treatment of Publius Gavius by Verres, the governor of Sicily.

Publius Gavius, civis Romanus, mercator erat, qui in Sicilia habitabat. quamquam nihil mali 1
 fecerat, Verres eum in vincula iecit, ut divitias eius ipse haberet. Gavius tamen effugit et 2
Messanam venit. illa urbs, in ora Siciliae sita, tam prope Italiam est ut muri urbis Regii videri 3
possint; itaque Gavius sentiebat se libertatem adepturum esse, si navem invenire posset. dum 4
 navem quaerit, Mamertinis loqui et queri coepit; etiam nuntiavit se Romam quam celerrime 5
 iturum esse ut ibi Verrem accusaret, cum ille ex provincia rediisset. 6
 sed erant in illa urbe nonnulli magistratus quibus a Verre pecunia data erat, ut inimicos illius 7
caverent. qui Gavius raptio totam rem Verri nuntiaverunt. ille, cum Messanam in forum iratus 8
 advenisset, vultu feroci imperavit ut Gavius sine mora primum saevissime virgis puniretur, 9
 deinde in crucem poneretur, ut maximo cum dolore moreretur. nemo, neque Romani neque 10
Mamertini, contra eum locutus est: nam timebant ne eodem modo statim punirentur. itaque 11
 miser Gavius, quamquam civis Romanus, similis servo interfectus est a praefecto Romano qui, 12
 rem Romanum servare debet. 13

Names

Sicilia, Siciliae f.	Sicily
Verres, Verris m.	Verres
Messana, Messanae f.	Messana, a town in Sicily
Regium, Regii n.	Regium, a town on the 'toe' of Italy
Mamertini, Mamertinorum m.	the Mamertini, the inhabitants of Messana

Vocabulary

vinculum, vinculi n.	chain
divitiae, divitiarum f.	riches
ora, orae f.	shore, coast
adipiscor, adipisci, adeptus sum	I gain
queror, queri, questus sum	I complain
magistratus, magistratus m.	a magistrate, ie an elected official
caveo, cavere, cavi, cautum	(here) I am on the lookout for
mora, morae f.	delay
virga, virgae f.	rod, cane
crux, crucis f.	cross
dolor, doloris m.	pain
similis + dat	similar to
praefectus, praefecti m.	governor

1. **Answer the following questions, based on lines 1-6 of the passage.**

- a) Give two facts which we are told about Publius Gavius in line 1. [2]
- b) What did Verres do to him and what was Verres' motivation? [2]
- c) In your own words, explain Gavius' escape plan. [2]
- d) What foolish things are we told that Gavius was saying to the Mamertines in Messana? [3]
- e) Explain why the following verbs are in the subjunctive [3]
 - i) possint (line4)
 - ii) posset (line 4)
 - iii) rediisset (line 6)

2. **Translate lines 7-13** (sed erant ... debet.) Please write your translation on alternate lines. [30]

3. **Translate into Latin**

- a) Verres killed Gavius because he wanted to have his riches. [4]
- b) The magistrates said that Gavius was an enemy of the Romans. [4]

Total = 50 marks