

**ELC**

**Classical Greek**

Entry Level Certificate **R446**

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### General:

Moderators were grateful to centres which submitted the paperwork and sample material well before the deadline (15<sup>th</sup> May).

For centres which enter candidates under code R446/01, the intention is that samples will be uploaded into the OCR repository. Centres which enter candidates under code R446/02 would be expected to send samples for postal moderation.

Candidates who are absent on the day of examining are permitted to be given the opportunity to attempt a different topic or language paper from other candidates. If this is not possible then such candidates must be marked with A. Centres may apply in these cases for Special Consideration. Candidates should be awarded 0 only for a component when they produce a response which gains no credit under the marking criteria.

### Security:

Please ensure the continued security of the examination by keeping all completed test papers and written pieces under secure conditions within the centre. All papers, including unused ones should be securely shredded in November and fresh copies downloaded for the new series. The test papers are live and should not be put into general recycling.

### Component 1

Centres continue to be rather harsh in their assessment of the Greek language papers. Centres are reminded that in questions requiring comprehension of Greek, candidates who convey all or nearly all of the meaning of a section should be awarded full marks. In addition, glossed words should be credited.

Examples of good practice were, ringed marks against correct answers and lines through marks against incorrect answers with clear adjustments made. A few centres show no indication of how marks have been awarded. Besides being an added difficulty for moderators, this is a requirement and is set out in the Specification.

### Component 2

Candidates who entered for this unit scored particularly well in Component 2. The most popular tasks seem to be those based on a short passage of Greek either in translation or in the original language. However please do send a copy of the text on which the task was based. It can be very time consuming for moderators without any indication of where in *Odyssey* the text is based. A few candidates are still choosing very wide titles; these tend to lack the evaluation of passage-based tasks or narrower questions. Such tasks are often judged with some leniency on AO2b.

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