
AP Latin

Sample Student Responses and Scoring Commentary

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Question 4

8 points total

Subquestion 1 (2 points):

huge, enormous, vast (*ingens/immanis*)
three-throated, three-headed (*trifauci*)
howling, barking, noisy (*latratu/personat*)
lying down, reclining (*recubans*)
in the cave (opposite) (*adverso . . . in antro*)

Subquestion 2 (1 point):

Apollo/Phoebus

Subquestion 3a (1 point):

seeing, looking at, watching, viewing

Subquestion 3b (1 point):

present tense

Subquestion 4 (1 point):

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Melle soporata ~~m~~ et medicatis frugibus offam

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The line must be completely correct in its scansion. Copying of the Latin need not be perfect. The final foot may be rendered as a spondee, or as a long-short, or as a long-anceps (X).

The student may put long and short marks over the Latin syllables or write out the names of each metrical unit. If the student offers both styles of scansion and they do not match, the better version will count.

Subquestion 5 (1 point):

opens/spreads (out) his mouths/throats
seizes/takes hold of the morsel/thrown (food/bit) [i.e., he eats the cake]
relaxes/loosens/stretching out his backs/necks
falls/sinks to the earth; spreads/relaxes/extends on the ground
spreads out/extends/stretching out in the (whole) cave [i.e., he falls asleep]

Subquestion 6 (1 point):

Hercules/Heracles

Begin your answer to Question 4 on this page.

1. Cerberus is huge (ingens)

2. ~~App~~ Apollo speaks through the Sibyl.

3. seeing - present

~~in melle soporataim et medicatis frugibus offam~~

4. melle soporataim et medicatis frugibus offam

5. He relaxes his immense backs (~~immensa terga resolvit~~)

6. Hercules was sent to retrieve Cerberus.

4B

egin your answer to Question 4 on this page.

1. "nuge" → "ingens"

2. Venus

3. "seeing" → present participle

4. mēllē / sōpōrātōem et medicatīs / frugībūs / cōfām
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5. He loosened his huge pack

o. Pyrrhus

4C

egin your answer to Question 4 on this page.

1. ~~trifurcatus~~ three-headed; ^{trifurcatus} "trifauci"

2. Athena

3. seen in the shadows

4. mēllē sōpōrōtāmī ēt | mēdīcatīs | frūgībūs | ōstām

5. resolves a great issue

6. Aeneas

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Question 4

Overview

Responses were expected to demonstrate overall comprehension of passages on the course syllabus, knowledge of Latin vocabulary in context, identification of specific grammatical constructions, identification of specific references to Roman culture, and accurate scansion of dactylic hexameter.

Sample: 4A

Score: 8

Student received credit for all subquestions.

Sample: 4B

Score: 5

Student received credit for all subquestions except:

Subquestion 2: Apollo misidentified as Venus
Subquestion 4: spondee instead of dactyl in first foot, etc.
Subquestion 6: Hercules misidentified as Pyrrhus

Sample: 4C

Score: 2

Student received credit for all subquestions except:

Subquestion 2: Apollo misidentified as Athena
Subquestion 3a: wrong voice/tense for *videns*
Subquestion 3b: omitted
Subquestion 4: dactyl instead of spondee in second foot, etc.
Subquestion 5: *terga* misconstrued as referring to an issue
Subquestion 6: Hercules misidentified as Aeneas