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Paper 1 Language 1

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Additional materials: Answer Booklet (4 pages)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- You should answer this paper only if you have entered for the Higher Tier.
- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer questions 1, 2 and 3.
- Write your answers in blue or black ink in the answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- Total: 60 marks

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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Unprepared Comprehension and Translation

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3. The three passages form a continuous story, and you are advised to answer the questions in the order in which they appear.

1 Read the first section of the story carefully, then answer all the questions.

After Nero got rid of his mother's favourite, Pallas, she turned against him and supported his rival to the throne, Britannicus.

postquam Nero Pallantem expulit, Agrippina, mater imperatoris, iratissima erat. statim filium minari coepit. 'Britannicus,' inquit, 'cuius pater erat imperator Claudius, iam adultus est. ille, non filius meus, imperator esse debet.' Nero, his verbis territus, Britannicum interficere constituit. hoc aperte facere nolebat, quod cives Romani Britannicum maxime amabant; itaque militi cuidam imperavit ut venenum in cibum Britannici poneret. iuvenis tamen, consumpto veneno, non mortuus est.

Names

Nero, Neronis (m)	Nero
Pallas, Pallantis (m)	Pallas
Agrippina, Agrippinae (f)	Agrippina
Britannicus, Britannici (m)	Britannicus
Claudius, Claudii (m)	Claudius

Vocabulary

expello, expellere, expuli, expulsus	I get rid of
minor, minari, minatus sum	I threaten
adultus, adulta, adultum	adult
aperte	openly
venenum, veneni (n)	poison

(a) *postquam … coepit* (lines1-2):

(i) how did Agrippina feel? [1]

(ii) what did she do as a result of feeling this way? [1]

(b) *Britannicus … debet* (lines 2-4):

(i) what **two** facts does Agrippina give here about Britannicus? [2]

(ii) these two facts led Agrippina to express an opinion about Britannicus and Nero. What was this opinion? [2]

(c) *Nero … constituit* (lines 4-5): why did Nero decide to kill Britannicus? [1]

(d) Why did Nero not wish to kill Britannicus openly? [1]

(e) *itaque … mortuus est* (lines 6-8): describe Nero's attempt to kill Britannicus and its outcome. [2]

[10 marks]

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2 Read this next section carefully and then translate it into English. **Please write your translation on alternate lines.**

Nero's second attempt was more successful.

Britannicus cum familia et amicis sedebat ut cenam consumeret. quod semper timebat ne aliquis se interficere conaretur, unus ex servis omnem cibum vinumque gustavit, priusquam Britannico data sunt. ubi poculum vini nimis calidi, in quod nullum venenum positum erat, ei datum est, Britannicus iussit servum aquam frigidam vino addere. in hac aqua fuit venenum, validius quam antea; quod per totum corpus tam celeriter pervasit ut vox et spiritus statim raperentur. omnes Neronem spectabant: ille tamen dixit Britannicum haec saepe pati, et mox iterum locuturum esse. ceteris ad cenam reversis, Agrippina sola, quae filium suum bene cognoverat, intellexit Britannicum iam mori.

Vocabulary

familia, familiae (f)	family
gusto, gustare, gustavi, gustatus	I taste
poculum, poculi (n)	cup
nimis	too
calidus, calida, calidum	hot
venenum, veneni (n)	poison
frigidus, frigida, frigidum	cold
addo, addere, addidi, additus	I add
validus, valida, validum	strong
pervado, pervadere, pervasi	I spread
spiritus, spiritus (m)	breath

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3 Read this final section of the story carefully, then answer all the questions.

Agrippina tried unsuccessfully to build up opposition to Nero.

Agrippina ad tantam iram morte Britannici mota est, ut Nero nullis donis eam placare posset. Agrippina amicos ad se vocavit, a quibus pecuniam peteret. multa pecunia accepta, inter tribunos et centuriones ibat, viros quaerens qui manus militum pro se ducere vellent. hoc cognito Nero matrem transtulit ex sua in aliam domum, ne turba nobilium, quae saepe ad domum imperatoris ad eum salutandum veniebat, matrem quoque visitaret. Agrippina, iam ab omnibus amicis relicta, nesciebat quid facere deberet. cum libertus eam accusavisset coniurationis, Nero constituit matrem necandam esse.

Based on Tacitus, *Annals*, XIII

Vocabulary

placo, placare, placavi, placatus	I soothe, win over
tribunus, tribuni (m)	tribune (an army officer)
centurio, centurionis (m)	centurion
nobilis, nobilis (m)	nobleman
visito, visitare, visitavi, visitatus	I visit
accuso, accusare, accusavi, accusatus	I accuse
coniuratio, coniurationis (f)	conspiracy

(a) *Agrippina … posset* (lines 1-2):

(i) what made Agrippina angry? [1]

(ii) in what way did Nero try to win back his mother's favour? [1]

(iii) how do we know that Nero was unsuccessful? [1]

(b) Why did Agrippina call her friends to her? [1]

(c) Why did Agrippina visit tribunes and centurions? [4]

(d) *hoc cognito … visitaret* (lines 5-7): when Nero found out about his mother's plans, what did he do, and why? [5]

(e) *Agrippina … deberet* (lines 7-8):

(i) what was the immediate result of Nero's actions? [2]

(ii) how did this affect Agrippina's plans? [1]

(f) *cum … esse* (lines 8-10): describe fully how Agrippina's situation now became much worse. [4]

[Total: 20]

[Total mark for Paper 1 = 60]

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