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**Instructions**

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1. Study the passage below (do not write a translation) and answer the questions which follow.

Complete sentences are not required.

*Augustus' wife Livia is impatient for her son Tiberius to become emperor. Worried that Augustus might favour his own adopted son Postumus, she comes up with a scheme.*

- 1 olim amicus ad villam Liviae festinavit. sine  
mora villam intravit et reginae verba mala  
sic nuntiavit: 'Livia,' inquit, 'est fama inter  
Romanos. Augustus testamentum mox  
5 mutabit! Postumo quam Tiberio favet.'

Livia irata erat; iram tamen celavit.  
'Augustus' inquit 'et Romam et uxorem  
regit. quod Augustum magnopere amo, ei  
parebo.'

fama, -ae f. = rumour  
testamentum, -i n. = will (a legal document)  
muto (1) = I change  
quam = rather than  
faveo (2 + dat.) = I favour  
celo (1) = I hide  
pareo (2 + dat.) = I obey

- a) i) *olim amicus ad villam Liviae festinavit.* (line 1)

Who hurried over?

..... [1]

- ii) Where did he hurry towards?

..... [2]

- b) *sine mora villam intravit...* (lines 1-2)

How quickly did he enter?

..... [1]

- c) *... reginae verba mala sic nuntiavit ...* (lines 2-3)

What did he do next?

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..... [4]

- d) *'Augustus testamentum mox mutabit! Postumo quam Tiberio favet.'*  
(lines 4-5)

Give **one** piece of bad news he delivered.

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..... [2]

- e) i) *Livia irata erat; iram tamen celavit.* (line 6)

How did Livia feel?

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[1]

- ii) What emotion did she show?

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[1]

- f) *'Augustus' inquit 'et Romam et uxorem regit.'* (lines 7-8)

What did Livia say Augustus ruled?

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[2]

- g) *'quod Augustum magnopere amo ...'* (line 8)

Why, according to Livia, did she intend to obey her husband?

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[1]

**TURN OVER FOR QUESTION 2**

2. Translate the passage below into good English.

*Livia carries out her deadly plan.*

- 1 Livia autem contra maritum consilium  
malum clam diu capiebat. ad culinam  
festinavit et ancillis sic magna voce  
clamavit: 'abite! statim discedite; nam vos  
5 aquam a flumine in villam portare cupio.  
nolite festinare. ego cenam Augusto  
parabo.'
- Livia, postquam ancillae e culina  
discesserunt, ficos veneno inquinavit.  
10 deinde in cubiculum Augusti ambulavit et  
eos marito dedit.
- clam = secretly  
culina, -ae f. = kitchen  
abeo, -ire (irreg.) = I go away  
figus, -i m. = fig  
venenum, -i n. = poison  
inquino (1) = I contaminate  
cubiculum, -i n. = bedroom

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3. Study the passage below (do not write a translation) and answer the questions which follow.

Complete sentences are not required.

*Livia announces Augustus' death to her son Tiberius.*

- 1 Livia, postquam ficos Augusto dedit, e cubiculo exiit. misera propter mortem mariti ad Tiberium appropinquavit et lacrimavit. diu tacuit. tandem 'imperator' inquit 'periit.'
- figus, -i m. = fig  
cubiculum, -i = bedroom  
exeo, -ire, -ii (irreg.) = I go out  
lacrimo (1) = I weep  
taceo (2) = I am silent

- a) From the passage give, in Latin, an example of:

- i) a conjunction;

..... [1]

- ii) a preposition followed by a noun in the accusative case;

..... [1]

- iii) an adverb.

..... [1]

- b) **dedit** (line 1).

- i) Give the person of this verb.

..... [1]

- ii) Give the tense of this verb.

..... [1]

c) **propter mortem** (line 2).

i) What is the case of *mortem*?

..... [1]

ii) Why is this case used?

..... [1]

iii) Explain the connection between *mortem* and the English word *mortuary*.

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..... [2]

d) **misera** (line 2) is in the nominative feminine singular. What would be the nominative feminine plural form?

[1]

**TURN OVER FOR QUESTION 4**

4. Translate the following English sentences into Latin.

a) The queen loved her son very much.

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..... [5]

b) The evil schoolmaster was warning the boys with his sword.

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..... [6]

c) The girls are walking towards the water.

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..... [5]

d) Livia was a bad woman.

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..... [4]

(Total marks: 75, to be expressed as a percentage)