

## Classical Greek Placement Exam

On the basis of this exam, you may be placed in Beginning or Intermediate Greek at The George Washington University.

Please remember that language placement is an art, not a science! After classes begin, you or your teacher may see the necessity for you to move into a different class level.

The Department reserves the right to help you do this.

You may use any books or notes you like in completing the exam, but do not consult other living persons. When you have finished, send the exam by mail or fax to Department of Classics/ Semitics, Phillips Hall 345, The George Washington University, Washington DC 20052 (attn. Classics Coordinator)

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**Part I.** Read each of the Greek passages below, using the notes to help you. Answer the English questions in English, citing the line(s) in Greek where you find support for each answer. Complete the word analysis grids and move on to the next passage.

The plague undermined Athenian morale. The people blamed Pericles for their sufferings and sent envoys to Sparta to discuss peace terms. Pericles made a speech to try to raise their spirits. Thucydides here summarizes the achievements of Pericles.

τοιαῦτα ὁ Περικλῆς λέγων ἐπειρᾶτο τοὺς Ἀθηναίους τῆς ἐς αὐτὸν ὀργῆς παραλῦειν. οἱ δὲ δημοσίᾳ μὲν τοῖς λόγοις ἐπέιθοντο καὶ οὔτε πρὸς τοὺς Λακεδαιμονίους πρέσβεις ἔτι ἔπεμπον ἐς τε τὸν πόλεμον μᾶλλον ὄρμηντο, ἰδίᾳ δὲ τοῖς παθήμασιν ἐλύποῦντο. οὐ μὲντοι πρότερόν γε ἐπαύσαντο ἐν ὀργῇ ἔχοντες αὐτὸν πρὶν ἐζημίωσαν χρήμασιν. ὕστερον δὲ οὐ πολλῶ ἀθις στρατηγὸν αὐτὸν εἴλοντο 5 καὶ πάντα τὰ πράγματα ἐπέτρεψαν.

[ἐς + acc., *against* παραλῦειν, *to rid X (acc.) of Y (gen.)* δημοσίᾳ, *publicly* οὔτε = οὐ ὄρμηντο (pluperfect passive of ὀρμάω), *they had been aroused, were in a state of eagerness* τοῖς παθήμασιν, *sufferings* πρὶν, *until* ἐζημίωσαν, *they penalized, fined* χρήμασιν, *dat. of χρήματα, money, with ἐζημίωσαν* εἴλοντο, *they chose*]

1. What was Pericles attempting to do? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What three things did the Athenians do in response? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did they do in private? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did the Athenians have to do before they could stop being angry at Pericles?  
Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did they do shortly thereafter? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Analyze these verb forms by identifying the tense and first-person present form of each

<i>verb</i>	<i>tense</i>	<i>first-person present form</i>
ex. l. 3 ἔπειμιτον	<i>imperfect</i>	πέμιτω
l. 1 ἀπειράτο		
l. 2 ἐπέειθοντο		
l. 3 ὤρμηγτο		
l. 6 ἀπέτρεψαν		

Analyze these noun and adjective forms; give case, number, and nominative singular

<i>noun or adjective</i>	<i>case and number</i>	<i>nominative singular</i>
ex. l. 4 ὄργῃ	<i>dative singular</i>	ὄργή
l. 2 λόγοις		
l. 3 πρέσβεις		
l. 6 πάντα		

ὅσον τε γὰρ χρόνον προΐστη τῆς πόλεως ἐν τῇ εἰρήνῃ, μετρίως ἡγεῖτο καὶ ἀσφαλῶς ἐφύλαξεν αὐτήν, καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπ' ἐκείνου μεγίστη· ἐπειδὴ τε πόλεμος κατέστη, φαίνεται ὁ Περικλῆς καὶ ἐν τούτῳ προγνοῦς τὴν δύναμιν αὐτῆς. ἐπεβίω δὲ δύο ἔτη καὶ ἕξ μῆνας· καὶ ἐπειδὴ ἀπέθανεν, ἐπὶ πλεόν ἐγνώσθη ἢ πρόνοια αὐτοῦ ἢ ἐς τὸν πόλεμον.

[ὅσον . . . χρόνον, *as long as* προΐστη (from προΐστημι) + gen., *he was at the head of, in charge of* μετρίως, *moderately* ἐπ' ἐκείνου, *in his time* κατέστη, *began* προγνοῦς (from προγιγνώσκω), *having foreknown* ἐπεβίω (from ἐπιβιώω), *he lived on, survived* μῆνας, *months* ἐπὶ πλεόν, *more, further* ἐγνώσθη ἢ πρόνοια αὐτοῦ, *his foresight was recognized* ἐς τὸν πόλεμον, *with regard to the war*]

6. How did the city fare with Pericles in charge of it during peacetime? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

7. When war came did Pericles appear to be right or wrong in his thinking about the city? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What was recognized even more after Pericles' death? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Analyze these verb forms by identifying the tense and first-person present form of each

<i>verb</i>	<i>tense</i>	<i>first-person present form</i>
1. 8 ἐφύλαξε		
1. 9 κατέστη		
1. 10 ἐγνώσθη		

Analyze these noun and adjective forms; give case, number, and nominative singular

<i>noun or adjective</i>	<i>case and number</i>	<i>nominative singular</i>
1. 7 πόλεως		
1. 10 ἄτη		

ὁ μὲν γὰρ ἔφη ἡσυχάζοντάς τε καὶ τὸ ναυτικὸν φυλάσσοντας καὶ ἀρχὴν μὴ ἐπικτωμένους ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ μηδὲ τῇ πόλει κινδυνεύοντας αὐτοὺς νικήσειν. οἱ δὲ ταῦτα πάντα ἐς τὸ ἐναντίον ἔπραξαν καὶ κατὰ τὰς ἰδίᾳς φιλοτιμίᾳς καὶ ἴδια κέρδη κακῶς ἐπολίτευσαν. αἴτιον δὲ ἦν ὅτι ἐκεῖνος δυνατὸς ὦν οὐκ ἤγετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δήμου μᾶλλον ἢ αὐτὸς ἦγε. ἐγένετό τε λόγῳ μὲν δημοκρατίᾳ, ἔργῳ δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ πρώτου ἀνδρὸς ἀρχῆ.

[ἐπικτωμένους, *increasing, adding to* τῇ πόλει κινδυνεύοντας, *putting the city at risk* οἱ δὲ, *but they* (i.e., his successors) ἐς τὸ ἐναντίον, *in the opposite way* τὰς ἰδίᾳς φιλοτιμίᾳς, *their private ambitions* κέρδη, *profits* κακῶς ἐπολίτευσαν, *pursued bad policies* αἴτιον, *the reason*]

9. What four things had Pericles said the citizens should do if they were to be victorious?

Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Did the Athenians do as Pericles said they should? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

11. What two things motivated the Athenians? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

12. How did they conduct themselves as citizens? Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

13. What reasons does Thucydides give for Pericles' success as a leader?

Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

14. How does Thucydides describe the system of government under Pericles?

Line(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Analyze these verb forms by identifying the tense and first-person present form of each

verb	tense	first-person present form
l. 12 φυλάσσοντας		
l. 13 νικήσειν		

Analyze these noun and adjective forms; give case, number, and nominative singular

<i>noun or adjective</i>	<i>case and number</i>	<i>nominative singular</i>
l. 14 ἴδια		
l. 17 ἀνδρός		

**Part II.** Using vocabulary from the passages above, write in Greek:

The Athenians tried to fine Pericles, although he knew all things beforehand.