**Literacy Through Greek Beginners Language and Culture Test**



**Duration:** 25 minutes

**Name**

**Part 1: Vocabulary and Grammar**

Answer **all** questions

**1** Write down the Greek into the English letters.

The first one has already been done for you.

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| **Greek** | **English** |
| Ζευς | Zeus |
| ἰδεα |  |
| κομμα |  |

 **[2]**

**2** Write down the English into the Greek letters.

 The first one has already been done for you.

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| **English** | **Greek** |
| drama | δραμα |
| mania |  |
| iris |  |

 **[2]**

Match the Greek words to the picture.

**Example:** Which **one** of these pictures shows **ποταμος?** Tick (**✓**) the correct box.

 

RIVER

COUNCIL

HORSE

**✓**

**3** Which **one** of these pictures shows **πυλη?** Tick (✓) the correct box

  

ROCK

SHIP

GATE

**[1]**

**4** Which **one** of these pictures shows the action **λεγω?** Tick (✓) the correct box

  

I CHASE

I SPEAK

I WRITE

 **[1]**

**5** Match up the Greek to the English

ἀκουει we go

παυετε they chase

διωκουσι you (pl.) stop

βαινομεν he hears

**[4]**

**Turn over**

**6** Which **one** of these Greek sentences means:

 “I hear the shout”? Tick (✓) the correct box.

ἀκουω την βοην.

**OR**

ἀκουω την κωμην

**[1]**

**Part 2: Comprehension and Translation Skills**

**Odysseus and the Cyclops**

ὁ Ὀδυσσεὺς εἰς ἄντρον **βαίνει**. λέγει: “**βούλην** ἔχω. ὁ Κυκλωψ τὰς οἶς ἄγει πρὸς τὸν ποταμόν.”

οἱ σύμμαχοι **λέγουσιν**: “ὦ στρατηγέ, δόρυ εἰς ὀφθαλμὸν φέρεις καὶ τὴν νίκην ἔχομεν.”

Some words to help you:

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| ἄντρον  | Cave |
| οἶς | Sheep  |
| σύμμαχοι | From σύμμαχός, “Allies” |
| στρατηγέ | From στρατηγός |
| δόρυ | Spear (accusative) |
| ὀφθαλμὸν | From ὀφθαλμός, “eye” |

**Answer two of these questions about the words in bold.**

**1** Who is the subject of βαίνει?

**[ ]**

**2** How do you know that βούλην is the direct object?

**[ ]**

**3** Is λέγουσιν singular or plural?

**[ ]**

**4** ὁ Κυκλωψ τὰς οἶς ἄγει πρὸς τὸν ποταμόν. Can you translate this sentence?

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**Choose one of the following three topics and discuss it briefly.**

1. What was the importance of *xenia* for the Greeks?
2. What was the importance of *stories* for the Greeks?
3. What was the importance of *nostos* (homecoming) for Odysseus in the *Odyssey*?

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