THUCYDIDES AND THE GREEK WORLD: 479–403 BC
(Essays)

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[3 hours]

Candidates should answer THREE questions. At least one question must be taken from Section A, and at least one question must be taken from Section B.

In their answers candidates should show knowledge of the set texts.

Candidates are strongly advised to show knowledge and understanding of more than a narrow portion of the period.

Marking scheme: 33⅓% for each essay.

Do not turn over until told that you may do so.
SECTION A

1. Was an Empire bound to result from the foundation of the Delian League?

2. Who was more responsible for the Peloponnesian War: Sparta or Corinth?

3. How significant a figure was Themistocles in fifth-century Greek history?

4. Are ‘helot revolts’ too facile an explanation for Spartan foreign policy?

5. ‘At no time during the fifth century can Greek history be fully understood without reference to Persia.’ Do you agree?

6. Did anyone in the Greek West care what was happening in the Greek world of the mainland and the Aegean during this period?

7. Did Athens lose the Peloponnesian War because it was a democracy?

8. ‘...he filled his country full of wealth’ (PLUTARCH). Is this all we can say about the aims and achievements of Lysander down to 404 BC?

SECTION B

9. Are religion and politics separable in Thucydides?

10. Do revised dates for fifth-century inscriptions radically transform our perception of Periclean imperialism?

11. To what extent did the ideas of the sophists influence Athenian politics?

12. Was peace a realistic aim during this period?

13. Does the Old Oligarch overestimate the importance of thalassocracy?

14. ‘Greek democracy must always have depended to a considerable extent on the exploitation of slave labour’ (DE STE CROIX). Discuss.

15. Can we see a tension between political friendship and civic loyalty within any state in this period?

16. Did Sparta and Athens have anything in common as hegemonical powers?
17. Comment on points of historical interest in ONE of the following, (a) OR (b) OR (c).

(a) [φιλία καὶ χρυσσακία Ἀθεναῖον καὶ] Ἑγεσταῖον[ων]
[ἐδοξον τῶ βολεὶ καὶ τὸ]δὲ[ι] δέμοι, ... 6... 5ς] ἐπίρματενε, 
[--- ἐγραμματεῦε, --- ]ο[...] ἐπεστάτε, ἡβρώπον ἐρχε, Ἄρξι[ξ]δε-
[μος εἶπε'................. 32.................] ταὐτὸ / [...] 
5 [19.................]ο[........... 18...........]α [ἥοῖτως]
[ἐξορκόσωσι ἀφικόμενοι ἐς Ἐγεσταῖον ἱελέσθασι] τὸ[ν] δὲ[ἐμον δὲ]-
[κα ἀνδρας αὐτὰ κα μάλα: π]ερ[ι δὲ τὸ... π... [ἡ]πορᾶ ἥοςομ[περ...]
[............. 19.................]ον ἡο[ρκ]ο[ν ὁμο]μα[τι, ἡο]τον δ' ἄν ὁμὸ[σος]-
[ιον ἄποντες, ηοι στρατεύοι ἐπιμελεθενί[ν] τον παραγ[ελι... 5...]
10 [............. 14...........μετὰ τὸν ἡο[ρ]κοτον ἡοτον... Σ'] Ἐγ[εσταίον]
[......... 11........... τὸ δὲ φοε'φωσα τοῖς καὶ τὸν [ἡρκ]ον[ν] ἀνα[γράφον]-
[ι ἐστελει λῆνει ἐμ' π]όλει τὸν γραμματέα τῆς βολές: [ἡοι δὲ π']-
[ολεται ἀπομυσθοςάντ]ον ἡο[ι] δὲ κολακρέται δο[π]ο[ν τὸ ἀργύρ]-
[ιον καλέσαι δὲ καὶ ἐπ']χαένα τὴν προσφειάν τὸν Ἐγ[εσταίον]
15 [ἐς προπειάνει ἐς τὸν νομίζομενον χρόνον. ὑ Ἐο[φε]μος εἶπε' τὰ]
[μὲν ἄλλα καθαπερ τῆ] βολές τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν ἐπειδῶν δ' [ρεσβες ε[λ]-
[θοςων ἀπ' Ἐγεσταίον ἡο κ]έρυξε προσαγ[έτο... 15........]

lacuna

[The Alliance and] Oath [of the Athenians and] Egestaeans.1 | [Resolved by the Boule and] the [People, -8-] held the prytany, [.....] [was Secretary, -] o [-presided, -]on2 was Archon, Ar[......3] [made the motion. -]||[-]||[-]||[-]||[-] [as many victims [...]]||[-18-] swear the oath. That it [be] sworn ln [by everyone shall be the] generals’ responsibility [-]||[-14-] with the oath-commissioners so that [-]||[-11-] This decree and the [oath shall be inscribed on a marble stele on the] Akropolis by the Secretary of the Boule. [The Ploetai are to let out the contract.] The Kolakretai are to provide [the money. Invitation shall be offered for] hospitality to the embassy of the E[gestaeans || in the Prytaneion at the] accustomed time. Euphe[mos made the motion. Let l all the rest be as (resolved) by the] Boule, but in future, when [-9-]||[-19-] herald [shall] introduce [-14-]||[-]||[-] ||[-]||[-]||[-]||[-]

(Lacuna)

(Athenian alliance with Egesta in Sicily, ML 37, FORNARA 81, ll. 1-17)
ἐδοξοῦν τεί βολὴν καὶ [τοῖ δέμ]|-[οί, ἡ]πποθο[ντε]ς ἐπρυτάνευε, Μεγακλείδες [ἐγγραμμά]-
[τευ], Ἡ[κρ]ο[...5...] ἐπεστάτε, Κλεόνυμος ἐπε: Μ[θοναί]-
[οις] ἐναι ἐχ[σα]γον[τι] ἐν Ἁρκαντίῳ αἰτό μέχρι...α]-
[κε[χ]λίον μεθίμνου τὸ ἐναντίο ἐκάστῳ, ἦν [δὲ ἐλλε]-
[οιντοφύλακες] μέτε αὐτοὶ κολυόντων ἐχασάν τις (μετ)-
[ἐ ἀλ]λον ἐντὸν κολύειν, ἐ εὐθυνεθὸν μυρίας δρ[α]-
[με[ξ]ιν ἐκαστός-γραφομένος δὲ πρὸς τὸς ἐλλεπο[ν]-
[το]φύλακας ἐχασάν[ν] μεχρί τὸ τεταγμένο ἀξέμος [δὲ]
[ἐπ]το καὶ ἐ ναῦς ἐ ἐχασάνοσα. ἥ τι δ' ἂν κοινὸν φοσ[ιμ]-
[α π]ερὶ τὸν χυκμαμάχο[ν] φοσφίζονται Ἀθηναῖοι πε[ρὶ β]-
[ἐ σ]φόν [ἐ] περὶ τὸν πόλεον, ἥ τι ὁ ὁνομαστὶ περὶ τ[ἐ][π]-
[όλε]ος τέ[σ]ας Μεθοναίον φοσφίζονται τούτῳ προσέ[κεν]-
[αυτοῖς], ὑ[α] δὲ ἄλλα μὲ, ἀλλὰ φυλάττοντες τέν σφετ[έρα]-
[ν αὐτὸν ἔν τοι τεταγμένον ὄντων: ἢ δὲ ἡντ ό[δίκ][κ]-
[ο ἀ]δικεσθαὶ φασὶ βουλεύσασθαι Ἀθηναίος ἥ τι [δ'][ν][δο]-
[κ[ε]ι ἀγαθ[θ]ὸν εἶναι περὶ Μεθοναίον ἐπειδὰν ἀπα[πέ][τε]-
[e μετὰ ἩΗ]λεωτικὸ ο[χ]όμενοι καὶ ἕως μετὰ λεογ[ρ]ο-τέ]-
[σεν τέ]ί βολήν καὶ τού δέμοι, Κεκροπίς ἐπρ[τάνευε,]-
[...] ἐς ἐγγραμμάτε[ν], ἡ[λ]εροκλείδες ἐ[πεστάτε,]-
[...] ἐπε: ἐπειδὲ ἐ[...] 24[...].
Resolved by the Boule and [the People, H]ippotho[ntis] held the prytany, Megakleides [was Secretary,] Ni[k]o[-5-] presided, Kleonynmos made the motion. The M[ethonaians] shall be permitted to import grain from Byzantium up to the amount of [....] 1 thousand medimnoi each year. The [Helles-] pontine guards shall not themselves prevent them from exporting it or allow anyone else to prevent them, or (if they do,) they are to be liable to a fine of ten thousand drachmas each. After giving notice to the Hellespontine guards they shall export up to the permitted amount. Exemption shall also apply 1 to the ship carrying it. Whatever general decree is voted concerning the allies by the Athenians, relating to (military) assistance or enjoining some other action upon the cities, whether concerning (the Athenians) themselves or concerning the cities, any that specifically name the [city] of Methone, which they may vote, [shall] apply 1 to it, but no others. Instead, if they guard their own land, they shall be doing what is required of them. As to what they say of Perdikkas’ mistreatment of them,] the Athenians shall consider whatever seems best regarding the Methonians at the meeting before the People of the envoys (returning) from Perdikkas – [both thlos]e who went with [Pl]eistias and those who went with Leogoras. As regards the other cities, their business shall be attended to on the entrance into office [of the] second prytany, which, after the dockyard [session,] 1 shall immediately arrange for an assembly to be held. They shall continuously hold [the session there] until the matter is concluded, and nothing else [shall] take precedence 1 over this unless the generals require it. 4 [Resolved by the] Boule and the People, Kekropis held the prytany, [.][-6-]es was Secretary, H[i]erokleides [presided...] [-6-] made the motion: 7 since [-25-] 1

(Lacuna) 8

(Athenian relations with Methone and Macedon, ML 65, ll 32-60, FORNARA 128)
(c)

Front

[- - - - - - τοίς Λακ[ε]δαιμονίοις[...]ο[...]
[- - - - - - ακατάτοιο δαρικός. Ε[......]
[- - - - - - τοίς Λακ[ε]δαιμονίοις ποτ[τ]όν
[πόλεμον ἄν][ι]ά μνάς καὶ δέκα στατέρας.
[ - - - - - ]ος Ὄλε[θ]ος [ἐ]δο[κε τοῖς Λακε]-
[δαμνιοῖς] ποτ[τ]όν πόλεμον τριερεῖ. ΧΜ[...]
[- - ἀργυρίο μνὰς δεύ καὶ τριάκοντα. [ἐδο[ν]
[- - - - - ] τόν Χίον τοῖς φύλοι τοῖ τόν [- -]
10 [- - - - - ] στατέρας Αγιναίος. [ἐδο[ν] το[ί]
[- - - - - ] τοίς Λακ[ε]δαιμονίοις ποτ[τ]όν [πό]-
[λεμον μεδίμνος] τ[ε]ραικυ[χ]λίος καὶ ἄλλος
[μεδίμνος τετρ]ακυκλείος καὶ ἀσταφίδος
[ - - - - τά]λαντα.
[νόις - - - ] πολλά καὶ δαρικὸς ὀκτακτ[ιός]
[- καὶ ἄργυριο τρία τάλαντα.]
[- - - - - ] ἐ[δο]ν ποτ[τ]όν πόλεμον
[ἀργυρίο τάλαντον τριάκοντα μνάς [καὶ]
20 [- - - - - - τ]αρακελίος μεδίμνος καὶ [ἄλλος]
[μεδίμνος - -] κοντα καὶ ἄρ[γ]υριο[ς] ἐδείξ[εκ] [κοντα]
[μνάς. ἐδο[ν] το]ι ᾿Εφέσιοι τοῖς Λακ[ε]δαιμ[ό]-
[νόις ποτ[τ]όν πόλεμον χελίο[υς] δαρ[ικός].

Side

ἐδο[ν] το[ί] Μά-
λιοι το[ίς]
Λακ[ε]δαι-
μονίους
5 ἀργυρίο
ἐκατ[ε]
μνάς.
ἐδο[κε ΜΟ-
ΛΟΚΡΟΣ τοῖς
10 Δακηδάμο- νίους ταλαν-
τα τα ἄργυριο.
ἐθνον τοῖς
Μῳδοῖς
15 τοῖς
[Δ]ακηδα-
μονίοις

[- - to the Lacedaemonians, for the war, nine mnai and ten staters. ||]}
5 [There was given to the Lacedaemonians by Lykeidas’ son ||] [- - of Ole[n]os gave [to the Lacedaemonians,] for the war, trireme ||
[- in silver,] thirty-two mnai. [...] from friends among the
10 Chians who [...] Aeginetan staters. [...] to the Lacedaemo-
nians for the war, four thousand, and another ||] [- - four thousand
and, of raisins, [...] talents. [...] (-someone’s) son gave to [the Lace-
daemonians] in abundance, and 800 darics || [- in silver, three
15 talents. [...] gave, for the war, [...] a silver talent, thirty mnai [and]||
[- - three thousand medimnoi (of wheat) and [further || medimnoi (?)
(totaling) -]ty and, in silver, sixty || mnai. There was given by] the
20 Ephesians to the Lacedaemonians, for the war, one thousand darics.

(On the side of the stele)

5 Given by the Mellians to the Lacedaemonians || in silver, twenty ||
10 mnai. || Given by Moliokros to the Lacedaemonians, talents of
15 silver. || Given by the Melians || to the Lacedaemonians || [...-]

(Contributions to Spartan war fund, ML 67, FORNARA 132)