

90115 Sample question

As in previous years, the passage will appear on the left facing page, and the questions on the right. Instructions will appear at the top of the page on which the questions begin, and will look similar to this:

Answer **ALL** the questions for each paragraph in **ENGLISH**, except where Latin words are requested.

Line or sentence references are for that paragraph only.

QUESTION ONE

Read paragraph one (this sample question refers to paragraph one in the 2007 90115 examination) and answer questions (a)–(d).

(a) Give any **THREE** pieces of information from the first sentence (*Caligula...habuerat*).

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(b) Explain in detail who were in the passageway and what they were doing there.

(c) Explain in detail why Caligula did not get to see what he wanted.

(d) Identify a verb in the subjunctive, and explain why the subjunctive has been used here.

Questions Two and Three follow a similar format. There may be up to five components to a question.

One grade is awarded for each of the three questions; grades are not allocated for each part of a question. Each of the three questions will give candidates the opportunity to provide evidence at Achievement, Merit and Excellence level. As in previous years, the overall grade will be aggregated across the entire paper.

For the purposes of illustration, it is likely that the guiding principles for responses to questions would look something similar to this:

Question One		
Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
The candidate shows some understanding of the ideas and language in the passage by providing approximately half of the information required by the question. One or two parts of the question might be omitted. The answers lack specific detail.	The candidate shows a detailed understanding of the ideas and language in the passage by providing the information required by the question on several occasions. One part of the question might be omitted. The answers have supporting detail.	The candidate shows a comprehensive understanding of the ideas and language in the passage by providing the information required by the question on almost all occasions. All parts of the question will be attempted. The answers have supporting detail. A minor slip or omission does not necessarily preclude an Excellence grade.