

National Greek Exam Syllabi

GENERAL

The syllabi contain items usually taught by the first week of March in any given year of study. Please match your students to the exam. Students may take the Attic Prose, Attic Poetry, or Homeric exam for two years in a row.

Each exam consists of 40 multiple choice questions, covering forms, grammar and syntax, English derivatives, meter (Attic Poetry and Homeric only) and Greek myth and general knowledge (Attic Poetry and Homeric only).

Students will not be tested on vocabulary.

Students are expected to name grammatical constructions listed for the exam, and lower level exams. **Any level may contain questions based on the content of a lower level.**

PASSAGES

Length

Beginning Attic*	180-200 words (includes articles, particles, etc.)
Intermediate Attic*	180-200 words (includes ...)
Attic Prose*	200-225 words (includes ...)
Attic Poetry	25-30 lines
Homeric	20-23 lines

*may be two passages of roughly equal length

Authors

Beginning Attic	any appropriate Attic passage
Intermediate Attic	Plato, Xenophon, Attic orators, late Attic Greek authors (such as Plutarch, Diogenes Laertius, etc.)
Attic Prose	Plato, Xenophon, Attic orators, late Attic Greek authors
Attic Poetry	Euripides, Sophocles
Homeric	<u>Odyssey</u>

Other

The general context of each passage will be given.

Vocabulary and grammatical aids will be given as necessary. In the Beginning and Intermediate Attic exams, the passage(s) may be adapted. In the Attic Prose and Poetry exams, vocabulary aids will be based on the appropriate dictionary entry.

QUESTIONS

Categories

14-16: Comprehension

1-2: English derivatives

1-2 (Attic Poetry, Homeric only): Greek Myth and General knowledge

1 (Attic Poetry, Homeric only): Meter

Remainder: Forms, Grammar and Syntax

includes items listed for each exam and lower level exams

may also include transformations (plural to singular, aorist to present, etc.)

may also include testing on declension, dictionary entry, etc.

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National Greek Exams - Syllabus - Homeric Exam (Odyssey)

Material listed in Beginning and Intermediate Attic exams, plus the following:

**NOTE: WILL NOT BE ADAPTED IN ANY WAY
AIDS (VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR) WILL BE GIVEN AS NEEDED**

I. Forms

See Beginning and Intermediate Attic exams
Homeric forms are assumed for all items listed

II. Grammar and Syntax

See Beginning and Intermediate Attic exams

III. Meter

Terms: foot; dactyl; spondee; caesura; diaeresis
Meters: dactylic hexameter

IV. Greek Myth / General Knowledge

General Knowledge:

Olympian immortals: name(s), standard epithets, usual sphere(s) of influence
general information about the genre of Homeric epic including: epic simile;
epithet; patronymic

your students should read a translation or paraphrase of the entire Odyssey

Greek Myth: events preceding, during, resulting from the Trojan War