

## A2 Latin Unseen Verse (OVID) Past Paper: 1991 (Jupiter in a rage enlists the help of Neptune)

2 *Jupiter, intending to destroy mankind, enlists the aid of Neptune to flood the Earth.*

At Jupiter's command, the South Wind flew forth on dripping wings, his face shrouded in the darkness of the storm, his beard heavy with rain clouds, his hair streaming with water. Thunder rolled as he crushed the clouds with his hand, and torrents of rain poured from the heavens. The crops in the fields were flattened, the farmers' hopes laid low, and the year's long labour lay in ruins.

nec caelo contenta suo est Iovis ira, sed illum  
caeruleus frater iuvat auxiliariibus undis:  
convocat hic amnes; qui, postquam tecta tyranni  
intravere sui, 'non est hortamine longo  
nunc' ait 'utendum. vires effundite vestras;  
sic opus est; aperite domos ac mole<sup>1</sup> remota  
fluminibus vestris totas inmittite habenas<sup>2</sup>."  
iusserat. hi redeunt ac fontibus ora relaxant,  
et defrenato<sup>3</sup> volvuntur in aequora cursu.  
ipse tridente suo terram percussit, et illa  
intremuit motuque vias patefecit aquarum.  
exspatiata<sup>4</sup> ruunt per apertos flumina campos,  
cumque satis<sup>5</sup> arbusta simul pecudesque virosque  
tecta<sup>6</sup> cumque suis rapiunt penetralia<sup>6</sup> sacris.  
si qua domus mansit potuitque resistere tanto  
indeiecta malo, culmen<sup>7</sup> tamen altior huius  
unda tegit, pressaeque latent sub gurgite turres;  
iamque mare et tellus nullum discrimen habebant;  
omnia pontus erant, deerant quoque litora ponto.

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Ovid, *Metamorphoses* I, 274ff.

<sup>1</sup> moles -is f. : barrier, dam.

<sup>2</sup> inmittere habenas : literally 'to slacken the reins'; to give freedom.

<sup>3</sup> defrenatus : unbridled

<sup>4</sup> exspatiatus : spreading out.

<sup>5</sup> sata n.pl. : crops

<sup>6</sup> penetralia n.pl. : shrine

<sup>7</sup> culmen n. : roof, top.

Write out and scan lines 13 and 15.

