

## A2 Latin Unseen Verse (OVID) Past Paper: 2015 (Jupiter destroys the earth with a huge storm)

### Unprepared Translation and Comprehension

- 1 Read the passage and answer **all** the questions.

*Jupiter decides to destroy the human race as the punishment for their behaviour. He decides against using his thunderbolts, however, and instead lets loose the south wind and a huge rainstorm.*

'The race of men must be destroyed; let them all quickly pay the penalty they have deserved; such is my decision.'

iamque erat in totas sparsurus fulmina terras,  
sed timuit ne forte sacer tot ab ignibus aether  
conciperet flammam totusque ardesceret axis<sup>1</sup>.  
esse quoque in fati reminiscitur<sup>2</sup> adfore<sup>3</sup> tempus  
quo mare, quo tellus correptaque<sup>4</sup> regia<sup>5</sup> caeli  
ardeat et mundi moles<sup>6</sup> operosa<sup>7</sup> laboret<sup>8</sup>. 5  
tela reponuntur manibus fabricata Cyclopum;  
poena placet diversa, genus mortale sub undis  
perdere et ex omni nimbos<sup>9</sup> demittere caelo.  
protinus Aeoliis Aquilonem claudit in antris 10  
emittitque Notum. madidis<sup>10</sup> Notus evolat alis,  
terribilem picea<sup>11</sup> tectus caligine<sup>12</sup> vultum;  
barba gravis nimbis<sup>9</sup>, canis<sup>13</sup> fluit unda capillis,  
fronte sedent nebulae<sup>14</sup>, rorant<sup>15</sup> pennaque<sup>16</sup> sinusque<sup>17</sup>.  
utque manu lata pendentia nubila<sup>18</sup> pressit, 15  
fit fragor: hinc densi funduntur ab aethere nimbi<sup>9</sup>.  
nuntia Iunonis varios induta<sup>19</sup> colores  
concipit Iris aquas alimenta<sup>20</sup>que nubibus<sup>20</sup> adfert;  
sternuntur segetes<sup>21</sup> et deplorata<sup>22</sup> colonis<sup>23</sup>  
vota iacent, longique perit labor inritus anni. 20

Ovid, *Metamorphoses* 1.253–273 (with omissions)

#### Names

<i>Cyclopes</i> , -um (m pl)	the Cyclopes (giants who forged Jupiter's thunderbolts)
<i>Aeolius</i> , -a, -um	belonging to Aeolus (king of the winds)
<i>Aquilo</i> , -onis (m)	the North Wind
<i>Notus</i> , -i (m)	the South Wind
<i>Iuno</i> , -onis (f)	Juno (wife of Jupiter)
<i>Iris</i> , -is (f)	Iris (a goddess)



## Words

<sup>1</sup> <i>axis, -is</i> (m)	the heavens
<sup>2</sup> <i>reminiscor, -i</i>	I remember
<sup>3</sup> <i>adfore</i>	future infinitive of <i>adsum</i>
<sup>4</sup> <i>corripio, -ere, -ripui, -reptus</i>	I seize by fire
<sup>5</sup> <i>regia, -ae</i> (f)	palace
<sup>6</sup> <i>moles, -is</i> (f)	mass, weight
<sup>7</sup> <i>operosus, -a, -um</i>	mighty
<sup>8</sup> <i>laboro, -are, -avi, -atus</i>	I suffer
<sup>9</sup> <i>nimbus, -i</i> (m)	rainstorm
<sup>10</sup> <i>madidus, -a, -um</i>	dripping
<sup>11</sup> <i>piceus, -a, -um</i>	pitch-black
<sup>12</sup> <i>caligo, -inis</i> (f)	darkness
<sup>13</sup> <i>canus, -a, -um</i>	white
<sup>14</sup> <i>nebula, -ae</i> (f)	mist
<sup>15</sup> <i>roro, -are</i>	I drip with moisture
<sup>16</sup> <i>penna, -ae</i> (f)	feather
<sup>17</sup> <i>sinus, -us</i> (m)	robe
<sup>18</sup> <i>nubila, -orum</i> (n pl)	clouds
<sup>19</sup> <i>indutus, -a, -um</i>	wearing
<sup>20</sup> <i>nubes, -is</i> (f)	cloud
<sup>21</sup> <i>seges, -etis</i> (f)	corn
<sup>22</sup> <i>deploro, -are</i>	I mourn for, give up as lost
<sup>23</sup> <i>colonus, -i</i> (m)	farmer

