

# **Greek III Honors Exam**

## **Study Guide**

Monday, October 16, 2006

8:00 – 9:05

Room 413

### **Exam Details**

- Part I: 8 English-to-Greek sentences from test;
  - do 6, omit 2
  - worth 40 points
- Part II: 3 Greek-to-English passages from Herodotus
  - ll. 51.25 – 54.6
  - with “copious” vocabulary words given
  - parse three of four words given from each passage, a total of 9 out of 12
- Worth 150 points total

## Greek Prose Composition

- 1A οἱ Ἕλληνες εἰσιν ἄει ἀνδρειοί.  
Greeks are always brave.
- το λεγειν ἐστι χαλεπον μοι.  
Speaking is difficult to me.
- ὁ ἀνδρειος νικᾷ τα χαλεπα.  
A brave man conquers difficulties.
- 3A οἱ τῶν Ἀθηναίων στρατιῶται ἀπεθανον ἀνδρειῶς.  
The soldiers of the Athenians died bravely.
- οἱ παλαι ἐτιμῶν τοὺς εὖ λεγοντας.  
Men of old used to honor good speakers.
- το ἐν τῇ πολει στρατευμα οὐκ ἠθελε μαχεσθαι.  
The army in the city was not willing to fight
- οἱ φυγοντες ἦλθον προς την πολιν.  
Those who fled came to the city.
- 7 τα ζῶα οὐκ ἐστιν ἄει καλα.  
Living creatures are not always beautiful.
- ὁ χρυσος και ὁ ἀργυρος φερονται εἰς την ἀγοραν.  
Gold and silver are brought to the market.
- οἱ παιδες εἰσι φιλοι τοις πατρασι.  
Children are dear to their fathers.
- ὁ σιτος και ὁ οἶνος εἰσι χρησιμοι τοις ἀνθρωποις.  
Corn and wine are useful to men.
- 8A οἱ πολιται ἐδιδουσαν πολλα δωρα τῷ βασιλει.  
The citizens used to give many presents to the king.
- αἱ νηες ἄει ἐφερον τον σιτον εἰς τον λιμενα.  
The ships always brought corn into the harbor.
- ἐπει το στρατευμα ἐνικηθη ἡ πολις ἦπεθη.  
When the army had been conquered, the city was taken.
- ἐτιμῶμεν ἄει τοὺς λεγοντας.  
We always honored speakers.

## **Herodotus**

ll. 51.25 – 54.6

### **Lydian History**

#### **Croesus the First to Reduce Greeks to Submission**

Croesus was Lydian by birth, the child of Alyattes, a tyrant of the peoples this side of the river Halys, which flowing from the south between the Syrians and Paphlagonians empties to the north into the sea called Black. This Croesus was the first of the foreigners whom we know who subdued some of the Greeks into the payment of tribute, but made friends of others. Indeed he subdued the Ionians and the Aeolians and the Dorians in Asia, and he made friends of the Lacedaemonians. Before the rule of Croesus all Greeks were free. For the army of the Cimmerians coming into Ionia, being older than Croesus, did not become the destruction of the cities, but a plundering by inroads.

#### **Story of Gyges**

The rule, being of the Heracleidae, thus passed to the family of Croesus, also called the Mermnadae. Candaules was the tyrant of Sardis, whom the Greeks call Myrsilus, a descendant of Alcaeus the son of Heracles. This Candaules then was in love with his own wife, and having loved her he considered the wife to him to be by far the most beautiful of all. And so considering these things, for there was to him of his spearmen Gyges son of Dascylus most pleasing, and to this Gyges Candaules entrusted the most important of his business matters and indeed praising above measure the beauty of his wife. And with not much time passing, for it was failed to turn out badly for Candaules, he said such things to Gyges: “Gyges, for I do not think that you believe me speaking about the beauty of my wife (for it happens to men ears being more distrustful than eyes), bring it about that you see her naked.” And shouting loudly, he said: “Master, what sort of a word are you saying not sound, ordering me to see my mistress naked? Together with her tunic put off a woman is stripped of her modesty also. Conventions by men of old were found, from these it is necessary to learn, among these this is one, to consider the things of oneself. And I believe that she is the most beautiful of all women, and I beg you not to ask lawless things.” Indeed saying these things he fought against it, fearing that some evil may become to him from these things. And he answered with such things: “Be of good courage, Gyges, and do not fear either me, making trial of you that I say this word, nor my wife, lest some harm come to you from her; for in the beginning I shall contrive in this way that she not know being seen by you. For I shall stand you in the room in which we sleep behind the open door; and after me entering my wife will be present. A chair lies near the entrance; on it she will put her clothes taking them off one by one and it will be possible with much ease for you to see her. And when she goes from the chair to the bed you will become behind her, let it be a care to you then that she not see you going through the doors.” When indeed he was not able to escape it, he was ready; and Candaules, when it seemed to be the hour of bed, led Gyges into the room, and after these things immediately the wife was present also; Gyges saw her entering and placing her clothing. When he became behind the back of the woman going into the bed, having slipped out from behind he went out. And the woman saw him going out. And knowing that which having been done by her husband she neither shouted out feeling shame nor did she seem to know, having in mind to punish Candaules; for among the Lydians, and among nearly all the other barbarians, for even a man to be seen naked bears him into great shame. The in this way having disclosed nothing she held quiet; as soon as day became, she saw the most trusted of her household slaves going to herself and having made them prepared she called for Gyges. And he thinking her to know nothing of the things having been done came having been called; for he was accustomed to go back and forth before, whenever the queen might call. When Gyges arrived the woman said these things: “Now there being present two roads for you I give you a choice, Gyges, which one you wish to take for yourself; for either having killed Candaules have me and the kingdom of the Lydians, or it is necessary for you yourself to die in this way immediately, so that believing Candaules in respect to all things hereafter you may not see things which it is not fitting for you to see. But either it is fitting for him planning these to be destroyed or for you seeing me naked and having done things not customary (to be destroyed).