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**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS (SECTION A [HOMER'S *ILIAD*]; SECTION B [HOMER'S *ODYSSEY*]) AND TEN PAGES, WHICH INCLUDES THE FRONT PAGE.**

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## **SECTION A: Homer's *Iliad***

### **Question 1: Multiple-choice**

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Answer the multiple-choice questions below by simply writing the number with the corresponding (correct) letter: e.g. 17 c

1. Homer's *Iliad* is about the...
  - a) Peloponnesian War
  - b) Macedonian War
  - c) Trojan War
  - d) Anglo-Boer War
2. The following friend and wartime companion of Achilles was killed by Hector:
  - a) Priam
  - b) Patroclus
  - c) Paris
  - d) Pateronius
3. Paris eventually gave the apple intended for "the fairest" to...
  - a) Hera
  - b) Athene
  - c) Aphrodite
  - d) Pandora
4. Who goes to the island of Scyros to find Achilles before the Greeks sail off to Troy?
  - a) Odysseus
  - b) Patroclus
  - c) Peleus
  - d) Menelaus
5. Which river runs through the city of Troy?
  - a) Euphrates
  - b) Tigris
  - c) Acheron
  - d) Scamander

6. Who successfully beseeches Achilles to release the body of Hector for burial?
- a) Priam
  - b) Patroclus
  - c) Menelaus
  - d) Penelope
7. The following god or goddess is on the side of Greece during the War:
- a) Apollo
  - b) Artemis
  - c) Athene
  - d) Aphrodite
8. When the gods are injured during the Trojan War, they are nursed back to health by...
- a) Hephaestus
  - b) Ares
  - c) Eros
  - d) Eris
9. The following person is not biologically related to Hector:
- a) Hecuba
  - b) Andromache
  - c) Astyanax
  - d) Circe
10. Who disguises herself as a man to fight in the Trojan War?
- a) Helen
  - b) Chryseis
  - c) Penthesilia
  - d) Andromache
11. Who goes mad and commits suicide after Odysseus receives the armour of Achilles?
- a) Ajax
  - b) Helen
  - c) Priam
  - d) Tiresias

12. What is the statue of Athene in Troy called?

- a) The Pediment
- b) The Frieze
- c) The Palladium
- d) The Parthenon

13. Who prophesies the fall of Troy, but is not believed or understood?

- a) Chryseis
- b) Cassandra
- c) Herodotus
- d) Hecuba

14. Who sends a sea serpent to strangle the priest Laocoon?

- a) Zeus
- b) Apollo
- c) Poseidon
- d) Hades

15. Who killed Patroclus?

- a) Agamemnon
- b) Priam
- c) Hector
- d) Achilles

**Question 2: Excerpt**

**(20)**

Answer the following questions about the passage below:

1. Why would Achilles choose the sea in particular as a place to speak or pray to his mother? [lines 1-3] (1)
2. What is the name of Achilles's mother? [line 3] (1)
3. Why is Achilles's life brief? [line 4] (1)
4. Who is "the lord of the great plains"? [line 7] (1)
5. What does the phrase "great plains" refer to? [line 7] (1)
6. What is the "prize" of Achilles that Agamemnon has? [line 8] (1)
7. What does the phrase "green deeps" refer to? [line 12] (1)
8. What does the word "loll" mean? [line 12] (1)
9. What is the name of the "old father" of Achilles's mother? [line 12] (1)
10. The verb "groan" is deliberately ambiguous in line 19. Give two reasons why this particular verb is used here [lines 10-19] (2)

11. Why does Achilles's mother already know the events he is about to tell her? [line 20] (1)
12. What two words in the preceding lines of the poem does the "division" of line 24 refer to? (In other words, what is being divided?) [lines 20-25] (2)
13. Why does Chryses (or Khrysês) have "the god's white bands on a golden staff"? [line 29] (1)
14. What does the verb "sue" mean in the context of this poem? [line 30] (1)
15. What are the names of "the two Atreidai"? [line 31] (2)
16. Which two words in this passage are used to reference some or all of the Greeks? (2)

### Iliad (Book 1)

Leaving his friends in haste, Akhilleus wept,	1
and sat apart by the grey wave, scanning the endless sea.	2
Often he spread his hands in prayer to his mother:	3
"As my life came from you, though it is brief,	4
honour at least from Zeus who storms in heaven	5
I call my due. He gives me precious little.	6
See how the lord of the great plains, Agamémnon,	7
humiliated me! He has my prize,	8
by his own whim, for himself."	9
Eyes wet with tears	10
he spoke, and her ladyship his mother heard him	11
in green deeps where she lolled near her old father.	12
Gliding she rose and broke like mist from the inshore	13
grey sea face, to sit down softly before him,	14
her son in tears: and fondling him she said:	15
"Child, why do you weep? What grief is this?	16
Out with it, tell me, both of us should know."	17
Akhilleus, fast in battle as a lion,	18
groaned and said:	19
"Why tell you what you know?	20
We sailed out raiding, and we took by storm	21
that ancient town of Eëtiôn called Thêbê,	22
plundered the place, brought slaves and spoils away.	23
At the division, later,	24
they chose a young girl, Khrysêis, for the king.	25
Then Khrysês, priest of the Archer god, Apollo,	26
came to the beachhead we Akhaians hold,	27
bringing no end of ransom for his daughter;	28
he had the god's white bands on a golden staff	29
and sued for grace from the army of Akhaia,	30
mostly the two Atreidai, corps commanders.	31
All of our soldiers murmured in assent:	32
'Behave well to the priest. And take the ransom!'	33

But Agamemnon would not. It went against his desire,	34
and brutally he ordered the man away.	35
So the old man withdrew in grief and anger.	36
Apollo cared for him: he heard his prayer	37
and let black bolts of plague fly on the Argives.	38

**Question 3: Essay**

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Using specific examples, discuss the role and treatment of women in Homer's *Iliad*.

**SECTION B: Homer's *Odyssey***

**Question 1: Multiple-choice**

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Answer the multiple-choice questions below by simply writing the number with the corresponding (correct) letter: e.g. 16 c

1. What is the name of Odysseus's aged nurse?
  - a) Clytemnestra
  - b) Eurycleia
  - c) Nausicaa
  - d) Aphrodite
  
2. Odysseus appears for the first time in Homer's *Odyssey* in...
  - a) Book 1
  - b) Book 3
  - c) Book 5
  - d) Book 7
  
3. Why is Poseidon upset with Odysseus?
  - a) Odysseus blinded Polyphemus
  - b) Odysseus sacrificed to Apollo
  - c) Odysseus slept with Circe
  - d) Odysseus laughed at Calypso

4. Who gives Odysseus a bag of winds?
- a) Achilles
  - b) Aeolus
  - c) Laertes
  - d) Calypso
5. Who are portrayed in the *Odyssey* as cannibals?
- a) The Achaeans
  - b) The Trojans
  - c) The Phaeacians
  - d) The Laestrygonians
6. What is the name of Odysseus's father?
- a) Laertes
  - b) Sophocles
  - c) Helios
  - d) Eurylochus
7. Who killed Agamemnon?
- a) Clytemnestra and Aegisthus
  - b) Penelope and Odysseus
  - c) Achilles and Ajax
  - d) Telemachus and Laertes
8. Odysseus goes to the Underworld to see...
- a) Laertes
  - b) Agamemnon
  - c) Tiresias
  - d) Anticleia
9. Who gives Odysseus a moly plant to counteract the effect of Circe's magic?
- a) Athene
  - b) Aphrodite
  - c) Hades
  - d) Hermes

10. What enables the spirits in the Underworld to recognise and speak to Odysseus?
- a) A magic herb
  - b) A magic potion
  - c) Sacrificial blood
  - d) Sacrificial bones
11. What would Achilles rather do than be king of all the dead?
- a) Sleep with a temple priest
  - b) Eat with the Titans in Tartarus
  - c) Be the slave of a poor farmer
  - d) Go to war with the Egyptians
12. Who does Odysseus see in the Underworld pushing a boulder up a hill?
- a) Heracles
  - b) Tithos
  - c) Tantalus
  - d) Sisyphus
13. The Sirens are...
- a) Half man, half horse
  - b) Half man, half bull
  - c) Half woman, half bird
  - d) Half woman, half dolphin
14. What does Odysseus reveal to Penelope that convinces her of his true identity?
- a) How he built the Trojan horse
  - b) How he blinded the Cyclops
  - c) How he built their marital bed
  - d) How he strung his bow
15. With what ruse does Penelope manage to prolong the time before she has to marry one of her suitors?
- a) She weaves a shroud and unravels it at night
  - b) She hides her wedding gown in a well near her house
  - c) She shaves her son's beard at night to hide his true age
  - d) She disguises herself as the local witch



**Question 2: Excerpt****(20)**

Answer the following questions about the passage below:

1. Why is Dawn's bed "rose-shadowed"? [line 2] (1)
2. What is Tithonius to Dawn? [line 2] (1)
3. Why is light flooding the halls of Olympus? [line 4] (1)
4. What does the phrase "reel off" mean in this context? [line 7] (1)
5. What does the word "gall" mean? [line 8] (1)
6. What does the word "languish" mean? [line 15] (1)
7. What is the name of the island mentioned in line 15? (1)
8. What is the name of the island referred to by the phrase "his land" in line 17? (1)
9. What is the name of Odysseus's son? [line 20] (1)
10. In which country is the city-state of Sparta? (1)
11. To whom does the word "daughter" refer in line 25? (1)
12. What is the name of Telemachus's mother? [line 29] (1)
13. What physical trait of the nymph is described by the word "ringleted" in line 32? (2)
14. What is the name of the nymph mentioned in line 32? (1)
15. What does the word "rickety" mean? (1)
16. What is another name for the island of Schería? [line 36] (1)
17. What does the word "loot" mean? [line 42] (1)
18. What does the word "gable" mean? [line 44] (2)

**Odyssey (Book 5)**

Dawn reluctantly	1
Left Tithonus in her rose-shadowed bed,	2
Then shook the morning into flakes of fire.	3
Light flooded the halls of Olympus	4
Where Zeus, high Lord of Thunder,	5
Sat with the other gods, listening to Athena	6
Reel off the tale of Odysseus' woes	7
It galled her that he was still in Calypso's cave:	8
"Zeus, my father – and all you blessed immortals –	9
Kings might as well no longer be gentle and kind	10
Or understand the correct order of things.	11
They might as well be tyrannical butchers	12
For all that any of Odysseus' people	13
Remember him, a godly king as kind as a father.	14
No, he's still languishing on that island, detained	15
Against his will by that nymph Calypso,	16
No way in the world for him to get back to his land.	17
His ships are all lost, he has no crew left	18
To row him across the sea's crawling back.	19
And now the islanders are plotting to kill his son	20

As he heads back home. He went for news of his father	21
To sandy Pylos and white-bricked Sparta.”	22
Storm Cloud Zeus had an answer for her:	23
“Quite a little speech you’ve let slip through your teeth,	24
Daughter. But wasn’t this exactly your plan	25
So that Odysseus would make them pay for it later?	26
You know how to get Telemachus	27
Back to Ithaca and out of harm’s way	28
With his mother’s suitors sailing in a step behind.”	29
Zeus turned then to his son Hermes and said:	30
Hermes, you’ve been our messenger before.	31
Go tell that ringleted nymph it is my will	32
To let that patient man Odysseus go home.	33
Not with an escort, mind you, human or divine,	34
But with a rickety raft – tribulation at sea –	35
Until on the twentieth day he comes to Schería	36
In the land of the Phaeacians, our distant relatives,	37
Who will treat Odysseus as if he were a god	38
And take him on a ship to his own native land	39
With gifts of bronze and clothing and gold,	40
More than he ever would have taken back from Troy	41
Had he come safely with his share of the loot.	42
That’s how he’s destined to see his dear ones again	43
And return to his high-gabled Ithacan home.”	44

### **Question 3: Essay**

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Discuss the description of the Underworld in Homer’s *Odyssey*.