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1 Why choose this syllabus?

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Cambridge IGCSE Latin is accepted by universities and employers worldwide as proof of knowledge and understanding of Latin language and literature.

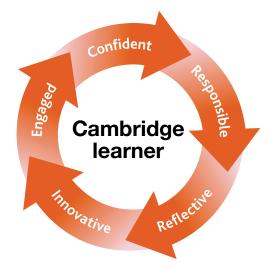
This Latin syllabus aims to develop learners' ability to understand Latin vocabulary, morphology and syntax, and to read, understand and appreciate some of the best of Latin literature.

Learners will develop an analytical approach to language and be better equipped to compare the structures of Latin with those of other languages, as well as be able to recognise the impact of Latin on modern English. The course also encourages learners to develop an appreciation of literature, in terms of both its content and style, and of its social and historical context.

Cambridge IGCSE Latin enables learners to gain:

- the ability to translate and understand Latin, and to relate the linguistic structures and vocabulary of Latin to other languages, including English
- an appreciation of some of the literature which forms much of the foundation of the Western tradition
- an interest in, and enthusiasm for, learning about the past
- the ability to present clear, logical arguments which are well supported by evidence.

Our approach in Cambridge IGCSE Latin encourages learners to be:



School feedback: 'The strength of Cambridge IGCSE qualifications is internationally recognised and has provided an international pathway for our students to continue their studies around the world.'

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2 Syllabus overview

Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

The aims are to enable students to develop:

- an understanding of the Latin language
- the ability to read, understand, appreciate and respond to some Latin literature
- an understanding of some of the elements of Roman civilisation
- an analytical approach to language by seeing English in relation to a language of very different structure and by observing the influence of Latin on English
- an awareness of the motives and attitudes of people of a different time and culture, while considering the legacy of Rome to the modern world
- a greater understanding of a range of aesthetic, ethical, linguistic, political, religious and social issues
- an excellent foundation of knowledge for advanced study.

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Content overview

The Cambridge IGCSE Latin syllabus places equal emphasis on the study of the Latin language and the study of Latin prose and verse literature in its social and historical context. No particular course is specified for this syllabus.

Assessment overview

All candidates take two components. Candidates will be eligible for grades A* to G.

All candidates take:		and:	
of Latin prose into IIn Section B, candi comprehension qui	dates translate a passage English. dates answer estions on a passage give four English words	prescribed texts.Questions test contractions	1 hour 30 minutes 50% ver questions on the omprehension, translation, preciation of the literature.

Externally assessed

Information on availability is in the Before you start section.

Assessment objectives

The assessment objectives (AOs) are:

AO1 Linguistic knowledge with understanding

To pass Cambridge IGCSE Latin, candidates should be able to:

- express, according to context, the meaning of linguistic elements (vocabulary, morphology and syntax)
- express, according to context, the meaning of Latin sentences written in Latin word order
- translate a passage of Latin into English
- understand the details and general meaning of a passage of Latin
- give English words which derive from given Latin words.

AO2 Literary knowledge with understanding

To pass Cambridge IGCSE Latin, candidates should be able to:

- describe character, action and context
- select details from the text
- explain meanings and references
- translate a portion of the text
- explain matters relating to the social and historical context
- scan two lines of hexameter verse.

AO3 Literary criticism with personal response

To pass Cambridge IGCSE Latin, candidates should be able to:

- analyse and evaluate style, tone and metre (where appropriate)
- select evidence to make judgements on the social and historical context
- make a reasoned personal response to the literature.

Weighting for assessment objectives

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

Assessment objectives as a percentage of the qualification

Assessment objective	Weighting in IGCSE %	
AO1 Linguistic knowledge with understanding	50	
AO2 Literary knowledge with understanding	25–30	
AO3 Literary criticism with personal response	20–25	
Total	100	

Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component

Assessment objective	Weighting in components %	
	Paper 1	Paper 2
AO1 Linguistic knowledge with understanding	100	0
AO2 Literary knowledge with understanding	0	50-60
AO3 Literary criticism with personal response	0	40–50
Total	100	100

3 Subject content

This syllabus gives you the flexibility to design a course that will interest, challenge and engage your learners. Where appropriate you are responsible for selecting topics, subject contexts, resources and examples to support your learners' study. These should be appropriate for the learners' age, cultural background and learning context as well as complying with your school policies and local legal requirements.

Paper 1 – Language

Vocabulary

A detailed vocabulary list is available in section 4.

Morphology

Nouns	the five declensions and irregular nouns from the vocabulary list.
Adjectives	of first, second and third declension.
Comparison of adjectives	all regular examples, including those in <i>-ilis</i> ; irregular adjectives <i>bonus</i> , <i>malus, magnus, parvus, multus, pauci.</i>
Adverbs and comparison of adverbs	all adverbial equivalents of regular adjectives and the irregular adjectives given above; also <i>diu, prope, saepe.</i>
Pronouns (etc.)	ego, tu, nos, vos, is, se, hic, ille, idem, ipse, iste, qui, quidam, quis, aliquis, quisque, nullus, solus, totus, alius, alter, uter.
Verbs	all parts of regular and irregular verbs, including deponent, semi-deponent and defective verbs <i>odi, coepi, memini,</i> but only <i>inquit</i> from <i>inquam</i> ; common compounds, e.g. <i>transeo = trans + eo</i> .
Prepositions	(a) those with the accusative: <i>ad</i> , <i>ante</i> , <i>apud</i> , <i>circum</i> , <i>contra</i> , <i>extra</i> , <i>inter</i> , <i>intra</i> , <i>ob</i> , <i>per</i> , <i>post</i> , <i>praeter</i> , <i>prope</i> , <i>propter</i> , <i>trans</i> ;
	(b) those with the ablative: a (ab), cum, de, e (ex), pro, sine;
	(c) those with the accusative and the ablative: <i>in, sub, super</i> .
Numerals	cardinal: 1 to 100, 500, 1000; ordinal: 1st to 10th.

Syntax

- Case usage
- Agent and instrument
- Expressions of place, time and space
- Expressions of price and value
- Verbs used with dative and ablative
- Ablative absolute
- Partitive genitive
- Verbs used with prolative infinitive
- Gerunds and gerundives
- Direct questions, including -ne, nonne, num and interrogative pronouns, adjectives and adverbs
- Direct command (2nd person)
- Prohibitions using noli, nolite
- Indirect statement
- Indirect command with prolative infinitive
- Conditional clauses with the indicative
- Common impersonal verbs
- Causal clauses with indicative (quod, quia, quoniam)
- Temporal clauses with indicative (including dum with the present)
- Concessive clauses with indicative (quamquam, etiamsi)
- Comparison clauses with indicative
- Indirect command with ut and ne
- Indirect question
- Purpose and result clauses
- Clauses of fearing
- Conditional sentences with subjunctive
- Causal clauses with subjunctive
- Temporal clauses with subjunctive
- Concessive clauses with subjunctive (quamvis, licet, cum, etiamsi)

Paper 2 – Literature

The prescribed texts for 2026, 2027 and 2028 are listed below.

Verse

Virgil, Aeneid Book 11, lines 532–596 (velocem interea ... turbine corpus), lines 648–698 (at medias ... ora cerebro) and lines 768–831 (forte sacer ... sub umbras).

No particular edition is specified as availability differs widely between countries.

Prose

Two Centuries of Roman Prose, eds. E C Kennedy and A R Davis (Bristol Classical Press, 1972 (later editions are also available) or Bloomsbury Publishing, 1998)

Sallust, Caesar and Cato Compared. Chapter 11, Catiline 53, 6 and 54. (BCP, pages 100–106.)

Pliny, Convalescence of a Sick Slave. Chapter 15(b), (5, 19). (BCP, pages 122–124.)

Tacitus, A Murder Ship Miscarries. Chapter 16, Annals XIV, 3–5. (BCP, pages 124–131.)

4 Details of the assessment

Paper 1 – Language

Written paper, 1 hour 30 minutes, 160 marks Candidates must answer both Section A and Section B.

In Section A, candidates translate into English a passage of Latin prose. The translation passage will be approximately 120 words in length. Candidates are expected to render the translation passage into sensible English and not rely on a word-for-word substitution translation. The maximum mark for Section A is 110.

In Section B, candidates answer comprehension questions on a passage of Latin prose. One question tests understanding of the derivation of English words from Latin words contained in the passage. The maximum mark for Section B is 50.

Paper 2 – Literature

Written paper, 1 hour 30 minutes, 80 marks Candidates must answer all the questions.

This paper contains two passages from each of the prescribed texts with questions on each passage. Through answering the questions, candidates are expected to show understanding of the literature, with reference to its subject matter, presentation, genre, metre and background. In addition, the questions test candidates' ability to translate the text. On each text there is one 10-mark question, which asks candidates to express opinions on matters relating to the social and historical context of the literature and/or the literature itself. Candidates are expected to support their opinions with evidence from the texts.

Vocabulary list

In addition to words on the list, candidates will be expected to be familiar with:

- all adverbial equivalents of regular adjectives, as well as those of irregular adjectives listed here
- comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs as detailed above
- cardinal numbers 1 to 100, 500, 1000, and ordinals 1st to 10th
- compound verbs which are formed using prepositions in the list, e.g. transeo.

Proper nouns and related adjectives (excluding Italia, Roma and Romanus) will be glossed.

Key

ind. indicative *subj.* subjunctive *dep.* deponent (1), (2), (3), (4) first, second, third, fourth conjugation *acc.* accusative *gen.* genitive *dat.* dative

A

a (ab) + abl. absum, abesse, afui accipio, -ere, accepi, acceptum acer, acris, acre ac, atque ad + acc. adeo adhuc adiuvo (1) adsum, adesse, adfui advenio (4) adulescens, adulescentis m f. aedifico (1) aeger, -gra, -grum ager, agri m aggredior, aggredi, aggressus sum agmen, agminis n. ago, -ere, egi, actum gratias ago agricola, agricolae m aliquis, -qua, -quid alius, -a, -ud (alii ... alii) alter, altera, alterum

abl. ablative sg. singular pl. plural m. masculine f. feminine n. neuter

by, from I am absent, I am away I receive, I accept keen, fierce and to, towards, near to such an extent, so much still, up till now I help I am present, I am here I reach, I arrive young man, young woman I build ill, sick field I attack column (of men) I do, drive, spend (time) I give thanks farmer someone, anyone another, other (some ... others) the other, second

high, deep

altus, -a, -um ambulo (1) amica, amicae f. amicus, amici m amitto, -ere, amisi, amissum amo (1) amor, amoris m an (utrum ... an) ancilla, ancillae f. animus, animi m in animo habeo (2) annus, anni m ante + acc. antea appareo (2) appropinquo (1) + dat. aptus, -a, -um apud + acc. aqua, aquae f. arcesso, -ere, -ivi, -itum arbor, arboris f. arma, armorum n. pl. ars, artis f. ascendo, -ere, ascendi, ascensum atrox, atrocis m. f. n. attonitus, -a, -um audax, audacis m. f. n. audeo, -ere, ausus sum audio (4) aufero, auferre, abstuli, ablatum aut (aut ... aut) autem auxilium, auxilii n.

B

barbarus, -a, -um	barbarian
bellum, belli <i>n.</i>	war
bene	well
benignus, -a, -um	kind
bibo, -ere, bibi, –	l drink
bonus, -a, -um	good
brevis, -is, -e	short

I walk friend (female) friend (male) I lose I love love or (whether ... or) slave-girl, maid mind, heart, feeling, spirit I have in mind, I intend year before, in front of previously I appear I approach suitable, appropriate with, among, at the house of water I summon, I call tree arms, weapons art, skill I climb, I go up harsh, terrible astonished bold I dare I hear I take away, I steal or (either ... or) but, however help

С

cado, -ere, cecidi, casum caedo, -ere, cecidi, caesum caelum, caeli n. callidus, -a, -um campus, campi m. canis, canis m. f. capio, -ere, cepi, captum captivus, captivi m. caput, capitis n. carus, -a, -um castra, castrorum n. pl. casus, casus m. causa, causae f. cedo, -ere, cessi, cessum celer, -is, -e celo (1) cena, cenae f. ceno (1) centurio, centurionis m. certus, -a, -um ceteri, -ae, -a cibus, cibi m. circum + acc. civis, civis m. f. civitas, civitatis f. clamo (1) clamor, clamoris m coepi, coepisse, coeptum (defective) cogito (1) cognosco, -ere, cognovi, cognitum cogo, -ere, coegi, coactum colligo, -ere, collegi, collectum colloquor (3 dep.) comes, comitis m. f. comparo (1) conficio, -ere, confeci, confectum coniunx, coniugis m. f. conor (1 dep.) consilium, consilii n. consilium capio, -ere, cepi, captum conspicio, -ere, conspexi, conspectum I fall I cut, I kill sky clever, cunning plain dog I take, I capture prisoner head dear camp event, accident, misfortune cause, reason I go, I give way, I yield swift, fast I hide, I conceal dinner I dine centurion certain, definite the rest (of) food around citizen state, community I shout shout I begin, I have begun I think I get to know, I find out I compel I collect I converse, I hold a conversation companion I prepare, I gain, I obtain I finish, I wear out husband, wife I try plan, policy I think of a plan, I have an idea I catch sight of, I see

constituo, -ere, constitui, constitutum consul, consulis m. consumo, -ere, consumpsi, consumptum contendo, -ere, contendi, contentum contentus, -a, -um contra + acc. convenio, -ire, conveni, conventum copiae, copiarum f. pl. corpus, corporis n. cotidie cras credo, -ere, credidi, creditum + dat. crimen, criminis n. crudelis, -is, -e culpo (1) cum + abl. cum + ind. cum + subj. cupio, -ere, cupivi, cupitum cur? cura, curae f. curro, -ere, cucurri, cursum custodio (4) custos, custodis m

D

de + abl. dea, deae f. debeo (2) decipio, -ere, decepi, deceptum dedo, -ere, dedidi, deditum defendo, -ere, defendi, defensum deinde deleo, -ere, delevi, deletum delibero (1) descendo, -ere, descendi, descensum despero (1) deus, dei m dico, -ere, dixi, dictum dies, diei m f. difficilis, -is, -e dignus, -a, -um + abl.

I decide consul I eat, I use up I hurry, I stretch, I fight satisfied, happy, content against I meet, I gather, I come together forces, troops body every day tomorrow I believe, I trust charge, accusation cruel I find fault with, I blame with when when, since, although I desire why? care, concern l run I guard guard

down from, concerning goddess I owe, I ought, I have to I deceive I surrender I defend then, next I destroy I deliberate, I consider seriously I descend I give up hope, I despair god I say, I tell day difficult worthy, deserving (of)

diligens, -ntis m. f. n. diligentia, diligentiae f. dirus, -a, -um discedo, -ere, discessi, discessum disciplina, disciplinae f. disco, -ere, didici, diu dives, divitis m. f. n. do, dare, dedi, datum doceo, -ere, docui, doctum dolor, doloris m. domina, dominae f. dominus, domini m. domus, domus f. donum, doni n. dormio (4) dubito (1) dubius, -a, -um duco, -ere, duxi, ductum dum + ind. durus, -a, -um dux, ducis m f.

Ε

e(ex) + abl.ecce! efficio, -icere, effeci, effectum effugio, -ere, effugi, ego egredior, egredi, egressus sum eheu! emo, -ere, emi, emptum enim eo eo, ire, i(v)i, itum epistula, epistulae f. eques, equitis m. equus, equi m. et (et ... et) etiam excito (1) exeo, exire, exii, exitum

diligent, hard-working diligence, industry, care awful, dreadful I depart, I go away training, education, discipline I learn for a long time rich, wealthy I give I teach pain, grief, sorrow mistress master house gift I sleep I doubt, I hesitate doubtful I lead while hard, harsh leader, commander, guide

out of, from look! behold! I bring about, I accomplish I escape, I flee L I go out oh dear! alas! I buy for to there, thither l go letter cavalryman, rider; pl. cavalry horse and (both ... and) even, also I rouse, I stir up I go out

exercitus, exercitus *m.* exspecto (1) extra + *acc.* extremus, -a, -um

F

fabula, fabulae f. facilis, -is, -e facio, -ere, feci, factum fallo, -ere, fefelli, falsum fama, famae f. felix, felicis m. f. n. femina, feminae f. fero, ferre, tuli, latum ferox, ferocis m. f. n. fessus, -a, -um fidelis, -is, -e fides, fidei f. filia, filiae f. filius, filii m. finis, finis m. fio, fieri, factus sum flumen, fluminis n. fons, fontis m. forma, formae f. forte fortis, -is, -e fortuna, -ae f. forum, fori n. frango, -ere, fregi, fractum frater, fratris m. frustra fuga, fugae f. fugio, -ere, fugi, -

G

gaudeo, -ere, gavisus sum gaudium, gaudii *n.* gens, gentis *f.* gero, -ere, gessi, gestum bellum gero army I expect, I wait for outside, beyond furthest, last

story, tale easy I make, I do I deceive, I trick rumour, reputation lucky, happy woman I carry, I bring, I bear, I endure fierce tired faithful, loyal faith, confidence, honesty daughter son end I become, I am made river spring, fountain form, beauty, shape by chance brave fortune, chance, luck forum, market-place I break brother in vain flight I flee, I run away

I am happy, I rejoice joy tribe, nation, race I do, I wear, I carry I wage war gladiator, gladiatoris *m.* gladius, gladii *m.* gloria, gloriae *f.* gravis, -is, -e

Η

habeo (2) habito (1) hasta, hastae *f.* heri hic hic hic, haec, hoc hinc hodie homo, hominis *m.* hora, horae *f.* hortor (1 *dep.*) hortus, horti *m.* hostis, hostis *m. f.*

iaceo (2) iacio, -ere, ieci, iactum iam ianua, ianuae f. ibi idem, eadem, idem idoneus, -a, -um igitur ignavus, -a, -um ignis, ignis m. ille, illa, illud illuc imperator, imperatoris m. imperium, imperii n. impero (1) + dat. impetus, impetus m. in + acc. in + abl. incendo, -ere, incendi, incensum gladiator sword glory heavy, severe, important

I have I live, I reside spear yesterday here this (he, she, it) from here, hence today man, person hour I encourage garden enemy to here, hither

l lie I throw now, already door, entrance there same suitable therefore lazy, cowardly fire that (he, she, it) to there, thither emperor, commander, general command, power, order I order charge, assault, attack into, onto, against in, on I set fire to

incipio, -ere, incepi, inceptum inde infelix, infelicis m. f. n. ingens, -ntis m. f. n. ingredior, ingredi, ingressus sum inimicus, -a, -um inquit (from inquam) (defective) insanus, -a, -um insignis, -is, -e insula, insulae f. intellego, -ere, intellexi, intellectum inter + acc. interea interficio, -ere, interfeci, interfectum intra + acc. intro (1) invideo, -ere, invidi, invisum + dat. invenio, invenire, inveni, inventum invito (1) invitus, -a, -um ipse, ipsa, ipsum ira, -ae f. iratus, -a, -um is, ea, id iste, ista, istud ita ita vero Italia, Italiae f. itaque iter, itineris n. iterum iubeo, -ere, iussi, iussum iudex, iudicis m. iudico (1) iungo, -ere, iunxi, iunctum iustus, -a, -um iuvenis, iuvenis m.

I begin from there, thence unlucky huge, enormous I enter, I go in hostile, unfriendly he/she says (I say) mad, insane distinguished, remarkable island, block of flats I understand, I realise between, among meanwhile l kill inside, within I enter I envy, I hate I come across, I find I invite reluctant, unwilling self anger angry this, that, he, she, it that one (that man, woman, thing) so, thus yes, indeed, certainly Italy and so, therefore journey, march again l order judge, juror l judge l join just, right young man

L

labor, laboris m. laboro (1) labor, labi, lapsus sum laboro (1) lacrimo (1) laetus, -a, -um latus, lateris n. latus, -a, -um laudo (1) laus, laudis f. legatus, -i m. legio, legionis f. lego, -ere, legi, lectum lente lex, legis f. libenter liber, libri m. liber, libera, liberum liberi, liberorum m. pl. libero (1) libertus, liberti m. licet + subj. licet, -ere, licuit, licitum litus, litoris n. locus, loci m. (pl. loca n.) longe longus, -a, -um loquor, loqui, locutus sum ludo, -ere, lusi, lusum ludus, ludi m. luna, lunae f. lux, lucis f.

Μ

magister, magistri *m.* magnopere magnus, -a, -um malo, malle, malui, – malus, -a, -um maneo, -ere, mansi, mansum manus, manus *f.*

work I work I slip, I slide, I glide I work I weep, I cry happy side broad, wide I praise praise, glory envoy, senior officer legion I read slowly law gladly, willingly book free children I free freedman although it is allowed shore place far off long I speak I play game, play, school moon light

teacher very much, especially large, great I prefer bad I remain, I stay hand, band (of men) mare, maris n. mater, matris f. matrimonium, matrimonii n. medicus, medici m. medius, -a, -um memini, meminisse, - (defective) mens, mentis f. mensa, mensae f. mercator, mercatoris m. metus, metus m. meus, -a, -um miles, militis m. mirabilis, -is, -e miror (1 dep.) miser, misera, miserum mitto, -ere, misi, missum modo modus, modi m. moneo (2) mons, montis m. morbus, morbi m. morior, mori, mortuus sum mors, mortis f. mos, moris m. moveo, -ere, movi, motum mox multitudo, multitudinis f. multus, -a, -um munio (4) murus, muri m.

Ν

nam (namque) narro (1) nascor, nasci, natus sum nauta, nautae *m.* navigo (1) navis, navis *f.* ne -ne nec (neque) (nec ... nec/neque ... neque) necesse

sea mother marriage doctor middle, the middle of I remember, I recollect mind, intellect, purpose table merchant fear my soldier wonderful, amazing I wonder at, I admire wretched, unfortunate I send only, just now way, method, measure, end, limit I advise, warn mountain disease, illness, sickness I die death custom I move soon crowd, a great number much, many I fortify, I protect wall

for I tell, I relate I am born sailor I sail ship lest, in case, in order that ... not (introduces question)? neither (neither ... nor) necessary neglego, -egere, neglexi, neglectum nego (1) nemo, nullius m. f. nescio, -ire, nescivi, nescitum nihil (indeclinable) n. nisi nolo, nolle, nolui nomen, nominis n. non modo ... sed etiam nondum nonne? nonnullus, -a, -um nos noster, nostra, nostrum novus, -a, -um nox, noctis f. nullus, -a, -um num? num numquam nunc nuntio (1) nuntius, nuntii m. nuper

0

ob + acc. obliviscor, oblivisci, oblitus sum + gen. occasio, occasionis f. occido, -ere, occidi, occisum occupo (1) occurro, -ere, occurri, occursum + dat. oculus, oculi m. odi, odisse, - (defective) odium, odii n. offero, offerre, obtuli, oblatum olim omnis, -is, -e onus, oneris n. oppidum, oppidi n. opprimo, -ere, oppressi, oppressum oppugno (1)

I neglect I deny, I say that ... not nobody I do not know nothing unless, except (if ... not) I do not want, I am unwilling name not only ... but also not yet surely? some, several we our new night none, no surely ... not? whether never now I announce messenger, message recently

on account of, because of I forget, I am forgetful of opportunity I kill, I strike down I seize, I occupy, I attack I meet, I run up to eye I hate hatred I offer, I present once upon a time, once all, every burden, load town I overwhelm, I crush I attack

opus, operis *n.* orno (1) oro (1) os, oris *n.* ostendo, -ere, ostendi, ostentum otium, otii *n.*

Ρ

paene panis, panis m. parco, -ere, peperci, parsum + dat. parens, parentis m. f. pareo (2) + dat. paro (1) pars, partis f. parvus, -a, -um pater, patris m. patior, pati, passus sum patria, patriae f. pauci, -ae, -a paulisper pauper, pauperis m. f. n. pax, pacis f. pecunia, pecuniae f. per + acc. pereo, perire, perii, peritum periculum, periculi n. permitto, -ere, permisi, permissum + dat. persuadeo, -ere, persuasi, persuasum + dat. perterritus, -a, -um pervenio, pervenire, perveni, perventum pes, pedis m. peto, -ere, petivi, petitum placet (2) (from placeo) plebs, plebis f. plenus, -a, -um poena, poenae f. poenas do, dare, dedi, datum poeta, poetae m. pono, -ere, posui, positum pons, pontis m. populus, populi m.

work, piece of work I adorn, I decorate, I make attractive I beg, I pray mouth, face I show, I display leisure

almost bread I spare parent I obey I prepare part small father I suffer, I endure, I allow homeland few, a few for a short while poor, a poor person peace money through I perish, I am lost, I am destroyed danger I allow, I entrust I persuade terrified I arrive foot I seek, I make for, I attack it pleases (I please) common people full punishment, penalty I pay the penalty poet I place, I put bridge people

porta, portae f. porto (1) portus, portus m. posco, -ere, poposci, possum, posse, potui post + acc. postea postquam postridie potestas, potestatis f. praebeo (2) praeda, praedae f. praefectus, praefecti m. praemium, praemii n. praeter + acc. praeterea pretium, pretii n. primo primum princeps, principis m. priusquam pro + abl. procedo, -ere, processi, processum procul prodo, -ere, prodidi, proditum proelium, proelii n. proficiscor, proficisci, profectus sum progredior, progredi, progressus sum prohibeo (2) promitto, -ere, promisi, promissum prope + acc. prope (adverb) propter + acc. proximus, -a, -um prudens, prudentis m. f. n. publicus, -a, -um puella, puellae f. puer, pueri m. pugna, pugnae f. pugno (1) pulcher, pulchra, pulchrum punio (4) puto (1)

gate I carry port, harbour I demand, I ask I can, I am able after, behind afterwards after, when next day power I offer, I supply, I show plunder, booty, prey prefect, commander, chief reward except, apart from moreover, furthermore price first, at first first, at first chief, leader before on behalf of I proceed, I go forwards in the distance, far off I betray battle I set out I advance I prevent, I forbid I promise near near, almost on account of nearest, next wise, sensible public girl boy battle, fight I fight beautiful I punish I think

Q

quaero, -ere, quaesivi, quaesitum qualis, -is, -e? quam quam + superlative quamquam quamvis + subj. quando? quantus, -a, -um? -que qui, quae, quod quia quidam, quaedam, quoddam quidem quis, quis, quid? (interrogative) quisque, quaeque, quidque quo? quod quomodo? quoniam quoque quot? (indeclinable)

R

rapio, -ere, rapui, raptum reddo, reddere, reddidi, redditum redeo, redire, redii, reditum refero, referre, rettuli, relatum regina, -ae f. regnum, regni n. rego, -ere, rexi, rectum regredior, regredi, regressus sum relinguo, -ere, reliqui, relictum reliquus, -a, -um res, rei f. res publica, rei publicae f. resisto, -ere, restiti respondeo, -ere, respondi, responsum responsum, responsi n. rex, regis m. rideo, -ere, risi, risum

I search, I look for, I inquire of what sort? than, as as ... as possible although although when? how large, how great? and who, who, which because a (certain) indeed who, who, what? each where to? whither? because how? since, because also how many?

I seize, I snatch I return, I give back I return, I go back I bring back, I return, I tell queen kingdom I rule I go back I leave behind remaining, the rest of thing, matter (or appropriate noun) state, republic I resist, I oppose I reply answer king I laugh, I smile

ripa, ripae *f.* rogo (1) Roma, Romae *f.* Romanus, -a, -um Romanus, -i *m.* rus, ruris *n.*

S

sacer, sacra, sacrum saepe saevus, -a, -um sagitta, sagittae f. salus, salutis f. saluto (1) salve! salvete! sanguis, sanguinis m. sapiens, sapientis m. f. n. sapientia, sapientiae f. satis saxum, saxi n. scelestus, -a, -um scilicet scio, -ire, scivi, scitum scribo, -ere, scripsi, scriptum se se recipio, -ere, recepi, receptum sed sedeo, -ere, sedi, sessum semper senator, senatoris m. senex, senis m. sentio, sentire, sensi, sensum sequor, sequi, secutus sum sermo, sermonis m. servo (1) servus, servim. si sic sicut, sicuti signum, signi n. silva, silvae f. similis, -is, -e

river bank I ask Rome Roman a Roman country, countryside

holy often savage, fierce arrow safety I greet hello! blood wise wisdom enough rock wicked obviously, clearly I know I write himself, herself, itself, themselves I retreat, I withdraw but l sit always senator old man I feel, I notice I follow conversation, discussion, speech I save, I keep slave if so, thus just as, like sign, signal, standard wood like, similar

simul simulac, simulatque simulo (1) sine + abl. sino, -ere, sivi, situm socius, socii m. sol, solis m. soleo, -ere, solitus sum solus, -a, -um somnus, somni m. soror, sororis f. spectaculum, spectaculi n. specto (1) spero (1) spes, spei f. statim stilus, stili m. sto, stare, steti, statum stola, stolae f. studium, studii n. stultus, -a, -um sub + abl. /acc. subito subitus, -a, -um sum, esse, fui summus, -a, -um sumo, -ere, sumpsi, sumptum super + abl. /acc. superbus, -a, -um supero (1) surgo, -ere, surrexi, surrectum suscipio, -ere, suscepi, susceptum sustineo, -ere, sustinui, sustentum suus, -a, -um

Τ

taberna, tabernae *f.* taceo (2) talis, -is, -e tam tamen tandem tandem

at the same time as soon as I pretend without I allow ally, friend, companion sun I am accustomed alone, only sleep sister spectacle, show I look at, I watch I hope, I expect hope at once, immediately stylus, pen I stand dress enthusiasm, eagerness, study stupid under, up to, just before suddenly sudden I am highest, greatest I take, I put on above, upon, on top of proud I overpower I lift, I raise up I take up, I undertake I support, I withstand his, her, its, their

inn, tavern, shop I am silent such, of such a kind so however, yet at last, finally I touch tantus, -a, -um tego, -ere, texi, tectum telum, teli n. tempestas, tempestatis f. templum, templi n. tempus, temporis n. teneo, -ere, tenui, tentum terra, terrae f. terreo (2) timeo (2) timor, timoris m. toga, togae f. tollo, -ere, sustuli, sublatum tot (indeclinable) totus, -a, -um trado, -ere, tradidi, traditum traho, -ere, traxi, tractum trans + acc. tristis, -is, -e tu tum tunica, tunicae f. turba, turbae f. tutus, -a, -um tuus, -a, -um

U

ubi? ubi ubique ullus, -a, -um umquam unde? urbs, urbis *f.* ut uter, utra, utrum utilis, -is, -e utor, uti, usus sum + *abl.* uxor, uxoris *f.*

so large, so great I cover weapon, missile storm, season, weather temple time I hold earth, land I frighten, I terrify I fear, I am afraid fear, fright toga I lift, I raise so many all, the whole of I hand over I pull, I drag across sad, mournful, gloomy you (sg.) then tunic crowd, disturbance safe your (sg.)

where? when everywhere any ever where from? whence? city in order that, so that which (of two) useful I use wife

V

valde vale! valete! vallum, valli n. vehementer veho, -ere, vexi, vectum vendo, -ere, vendidi, venditum venenum, veneni n. venio, venire, veni, ventum ventus, venti m. verbum, verbin. vereor, vereri, veritus sum vero verto, -ere, verti, versum verus, -a, -um vester, vestra, vestrum vestimentum, vestimenti n. veto, -are, vetui, vetitum vetus, veteris m. f. n. via, viae f. video, -ere, vidi, visum videor, videri, visus sum villa, villae f. vinco, -ere, vici, victum vinum, vini n. vir, viri m. virgo, virginis f. virtus, virtutis f. vis, vis (pl. vires) f. vita, vitae f. vitupero (1) vivo, -ere, vixi, victum vivus, -a, -um vix voco (1) volo, velle, volui VOS vox, vocis f. vulnero (1) vulnus, vulneris n. vultus, vultus m.

very goodbye! farewell! rampart violently I carry, I convey l sell poison I come wind word I fear in fact, indeed, truly I turn (transitive) true your (pl.) garment, clothes I forbid, I order ... not to old street, road l see I seem house, farm, villa I conquer, I defeat, I win wine man, husband girl, maiden manliness, courage, virtue force (strength) life I curse, I blame l live alive, living hardly, scarcely I call I want, I wish, I am willing you (pl.) voice I wound wound face, expression

5 What else you need to know

This section is an overview of other information you need to know about this syllabus. It will help to share the administrative information with your exams officer so they know when you will need their support. Find more information about our administrative processes at **www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide**

Before you start

Previous study

We recommend that learners starting this course should have studied a broad curriculum such as the Cambridge Lower Secondary programme or equivalent national educational framework.

We do not expect learners starting this course to have previously studied Latin.

Guided learning hours

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses to require about 130 guided learning hours for each subject. This is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to each school and the learners' previous experience of the subject.

Availability and timetables

All Cambridge schools are allocated to one of six administrative zones. Each zone has a specific timetable. Find your administrative zone at **www.cambridginternational.org/adminzone**. This syllabus is **not** available in all administrative zones. To find out about availability check the syllabus page at **www.cambridgeinternational.org/0480**

You can view the timetable for your administrative zone at www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables

You can enter candidates in the June exam series.

Check you are using the syllabus for the year the candidate is taking the exam.

Private candidates can enter for this syllabus. For more information, please refer to the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*.

Combining with other syllabuses

Candidates can take this syllabus alongside other Cambridge International syllabuses in a single exam series. The only exceptions are:

• syllabuses with the same title at the same level.

Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge IGCSE (9-1) and Cambridge O Level syllabuses are at the same level.

Group awards: Cambridge ICE

Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education) is a group award for Cambridge IGCSE. It encourages schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of learners who pass exams in a range of different subjects.

Learn more about Cambridge ICE at www.cambridgeinternational.org/cambridgeice

Making entries

Exams officers are responsible for submitting entries to Cambridge International. We encourage them to work closely with you to make sure they enter the right number of candidates for the right combination of syllabus components. Entry option codes and instructions for submitting entries are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Your exams officer has access to this guide.

Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as administrative zones. We allocate all Cambridge schools to an administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable.

Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

Support for exams officers

We know how important exams officers are to the successful running of exams. We provide them with the support they need to make entries on time. Your exams officer will find this support, and guidance for all other phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle, at **www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide**

Retakes

Candidates can retake the whole qualification as many times as they want to. Information on retake entries is at **www.cambridgeinternational.org/retakes**

Language

This syllabus and the related assessment materials are available in English only.

Accessibility and equality

Syllabus and assessment design

At Cambridge International, we work to avoid direct or indirect discrimination in our syllabuses and assessment materials. We aim to maximise inclusivity for candidates of all national, cultural or social backgrounds and candidates with protected characteristics, which include special educational needs and disability, religion and belief, and characteristics related to gender and identity. We also aim to make our materials as accessible as possible by using accessible language and applying accessible design principles. This gives all candidates the fairest possible opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding and helps to minimise the requirement to make reasonable adjustments during the assessment process.

Access arrangements

Access arrangements (including modified papers) are the principal way in which Cambridge International complies with our duty, as guided by the UK Equality Act (2010), to make 'reasonable adjustments' for candidates with special educational needs (SEN), disability, illness or injury. Where a candidate would otherwise be at a substantial disadvantage in comparison to a candidate with no SEN, disability, illness or injury, we may be able to agree pre-examination access arrangements. These arrangements help a candidate by minimising accessibility barriers and maximising their opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding in an assessment.

Important:

Requested access arrangements should be based on evidence of the candidate's barrier to assessment and should also reflect their normal way of working at school. This is explained in the *Cambridge Handbook* **www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide**

- For Cambridge International to approve an access arrangement, we will need to agree that it constitutes a reasonable adjustment, involves reasonable cost and timeframe and does not affect the security and integrity of the assessment.
- Availability of access arrangements should be checked by centres at the start of the course. Details of our standard access arrangements and modified question papers are available in the *Cambridge Handbook* www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide
- Please contact us at the start of the course to find out if we are able to approve an arrangement that is not included in the list of standard access arrangements.
- Candidates who cannot access parts of the assessment may be able to receive an award based on the parts they have completed.

After the exam

Grading and reporting

Grades A*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicate the standard a candidate achieved at Cambridge IGCSE.

A* is the highest and G is the lowest. 'Ungraded' means that the candidate's performance did not meet the standard required for grade G. 'Ungraded' is reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate.

In specific circumstances your candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (PENDING)
- X (NO RESULT).

These letters do not appear on the certificate.

On the statement of results and certificates, Cambridge IGCSE is shown as INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE).

How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge IGCSE has two purposes:

1 to measure learning and achievement

The assessment confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus.

2 to show likely future success

The outcomes help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful.

The outcomes help students choose the most suitable course or career.

Changes to this syllabus for 2026, 2027 and 2028

The syllabus has been updated. This is version 1, published September 2023.

You must read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme. We review our syllabuses regularly to make sure they continue to meet the needs of our schools. In updating this syllabus, we have made it easier for teachers and students to understand, keeping the familiar features that teachers and schools value.

Changes to syllabus	•	The set texts have been changed for 2026, 2027 and 2028. Please see
content		section 3 of this syllabus for the set texts.

Significant changes to the syllabus are indicated by black vertical lines either side of the text.

School feedback: 'While studying Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International A Levels, students broaden their horizons through a global perspective and develop a lasting passion for learning.' **Feedback from:** Zhai Xiaoning, Deputy Principal, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

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