



CAMWS College Greek Exam Elementary Syllabus



The exam is divided into two parts. The first part consists of twenty (20) questions on grammar. The second part consists of twenty (20) questions based on a short passage drawn from an Attic prose work. All questions ask the student to choose the best from four different answers. The time limit for the exam is fifty (50) minutes. Past exams are available for review at: <https://camws.org/cgehistory>.

The following lists the grammar and vocabulary that students are expected to know.

A. FORMS

(a) VERBS: ω-verbs (including contract verbs) in (1) all persons (2) singular and plural (3) present, imperfect, future, aorist and perfect tenses (4) indicative, infinitive, participle, imperative (present and aorist active only) (5) active and middle voices. See vocabulary list of regular verbs for which students should know definitions and for μι-verbs. At least one question will ask students to recognize the correct form of a verb accented recessively.

(b) NOUNS: See vocabulary for a full list of nouns. The definite article *ὁ, ἡ, τό*.

(c) ADJECTIVES: See vocabulary for a full list of adjectives. Regular formations of the comparative and superlative degrees.

(d) PRONOUNS: All forms (gender, number, case) of

- the first and second person personal pronouns, *ἐγώ* and *σύ*
- the third person personal pronoun and adjective, *αὐτός, -ή, -ό*
- the demonstrative pronouns, *οὗτος, αὕτη, τοῦτο* and *ἐκεῖνος, -η, -ο*
- the relative pronoun, *ὅς, ἥ, ὃ*
- the indefinite pronoun and adjective, *τις, τι*
- the interrogative pronoun and adjective, *τίς, τί*
- *οὐδείς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν*

(e) CONJUNCTIONS: *ἀλλά, γάρ, δέ, ἐάν/εἰ, ἤ, καί, μέν, ὅτι, οὖν, οὔτε, τε, ὡς*

(f) PREPOSITIONS: *ἀν(ά), ἀπ(ό), δι(ά), εἰς, ἐκ/ἐξ, ἐν, ἐπ(ί), κατ(ά), μετ(ά), παρ(ά), περί, πρός, σύν, ὑπέρ, ὑπ(ό)*

(g) ADVERBS: γε, δῆ, ἔτι, μή, νῦν, οὐ/οὐκ/οὐχ, οὕτως, ὡς. Regular formations of the positive, comparative and superlative degrees.

(h) GRAMMAR and SYNTAX

1. Predicate and attributive positions.
2. Case Usage:
 - Nominative (subject, predicate)
 - Genitive (possession, partitive, and dependent on another noun [see p. 372 in *The Cambridge Grammar of Classical Greek*, section 30.28, example 51])
 - Dative (indirect object, means, respect)
 - Accusative (direct object, duration of time/extent in space, and respect)
 - Vocative (direct address)
3. Mood Usage:
 - participle (used in comprehension questions but questions do not ask to name a type of use)
 - infinitive (complementary)
 - imperative (command)
 - indirect statement with infinitive or ὅτι/ὡς

B. VOCABULARY: The attached vocabulary lists verbs, nouns and adjectives for which students are responsible.

a. In the reading passage, words of regular formation and analogous to (or compounds of) those in the vocabulary will be glossed with a vocabulary entry. For example, if ἐκφέρομεν appears, the gloss will appear as “ἐκφέρω: to carry out.”

b. Words using constructions or forms for which students are not responsible will be glossed with a translation, for example: “ἵνα ... φεύγοιμεν = so that ... we would escape.”

C. TRANSLITERATION and DERIVATIVES:

[example question] The English word “cycle” is derived from the Greek word (a) γύγλος (b) κύκλος (c) γοῦγλος (d) κοῦκλος.

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VOCABULARY
for the
COLLEGE GREEK EXAM (CGE)

This list contains 250 words for which students are expected to know basic definitions when taking the CGE. This list supplements the words listed above. Any words used on the exam which are not on this list will be glossed.

VERBS

ἄγγελλω announce

ἄγω lead, bring

αἰρέω take (mid: choose)

αἴρω raise

αἰτέω ask

ἀκούω hear

ἀμαρτάνω make a mistake, miss the target

ἀποθνήσκω die

ἀποκρίνομαι answer

ἀποκτείνω kill

ἀπόλλυμι kill, destroy; (mid.) die

ἄρχω rule

βαίνω walk

βάλλω throw

βλέπω see

βουλεύω deliberate

βούλομαι want, wish

γίγνομαι become, be

γιγνώσκω come to know, learn

γράφω write

δεῖ it is necessary

δείκνυμι show

δέχομαι welcome

δηλόω show

διδάσκω teach

δίδωμι give

διώκω pursue

δοκεῖ it seems

δράω do

δύναμαι be able, can

ἐθέλω wish

εἰμί be

εἶμι go (future only)

εἶπον say (aorist only)

ἐλαύνω drive

ἐργάζομαι work

ἔρχομαι come, go (present only)

ἐρωτάω ask

εὐρίσκω find

ἔχω have, hold

ζάω live

ζητέω seek

θαυμάζω be amazed

ἵημι throw, shoot

ἵστημι stand

καλέω call

κελεύω order

κρατέω rule over (+gen.)

κρίνω judge, decide

κωλύω prevent

λαλέω talk, babble

λαμβάνω take

λανθάνω do without being noticed

λέγω say, speak

λείπω leave

λύω loosen, destroy

μανθάνω learn

μέλλω intend, going to

μένω stay

νικάω conquer, win

νομίζω consider

οἶδα know (perfect only)

ὄράω see

πάσχω suffer, experience

παύω stop

πείθω persuade

πειράζω try, test (+ gen.)

πέμπω send

πίπτω fall

πιστεύω trust (+ dat.)

ποιέω make

πορεύομαι go, march

πράττω do

σκοπέω look at

σώζω save

τέμνω cut

τίθημι put

τίκτω give birth

τιμάω honor

τρέπω turn

τρέφω nourish

τυγχάνω happen (+ *part.*) hit, meet (+ *gen.*)
ύπάρχω exist, be, belong to
φαίνω show, appear
φέρω carry
φεύγω flee, run away
φημί say
φρονέω think
φυλάττω guard
φύω produce
χαίρω be happy
χρή it is necessary

NOUNS

ἀγάπη -ης, ἡ love, charity
ἀδελφός -οῦ, ὁ brother
αἷμα -ατος τό blood
αἰτία -ας, ἡ cause
ἀλήθεια -ας, ἡ truth
ἀνάγκη -ης, ἡ necessity
άνηρ, άνδρός, ὁ man
άνθρωπος -ου, ὁ/ἡ human being
ἀρετή -ῆς, ἡ excellence
ἀριθμός -οῦ, ὁ number
ἀρχή -ῆς, ἡ beginning, authority, empire
ἄρχων -οντος, ὁ ruler, archon
βασιλεύς, βασιλέως, ὁ king
βίος -ου, ὁ life
γένος -ους, τό race, family
γῆ, γῆς, ἡ earth
γλῶττα -ης, ἡ tongue, language
γνώμη -ης, ἡ thought, intelligence, opinion
γράμμα -ατος, τό letter
γραφή -ῆς, ἡ drawing, writing, indictment
γυνή, γυναικός, ἡ woman
δαίμων -ονος, ὁ spirit, god, demon
δεσπότης -ου, ὁ master
δῆμος -ου, ὁ people
δίκη -ης, ἡ justice, lawsuit
δόξα -ης, ἡ glory, opinion
δοῦλος -ου, ὁ slave
δύναμις -εως, ἡ power
ἔθνος -ους, τό nation
εἶδος -ους, τό form
εἰρήνη -ης, ἡ peace
ἐλπίς -ίδος, ἡ hope
ἔργον -ου, τό work
ἔτος -ους, τό year

ἡδονή -ῆς, ἡ pleasure
ἥλιος -ου, ὁ sun
ἡμέρα -ας, ἡ day
θάλαττα -ης, ἡ sea
θάνατος -ου, ὁ death
θεά -ᾶς, ἡ goddess
θεός -οῦ, ὁ god
θυμός -οῦ, ὁ soul, spirit
ιατρός -οῦ, ὁ doctor
ἵππος -ου, ὁ horse
καιρός -οῦ, ὁ the right time
κεφαλή -ῆς, ἡ head
κόσμος -ου, ὁ order
κύκλος -ου, ὁ circle
κύριος -ου, ὁ lord, master
λεώς -ώ (λαός -οῦ), ὁ the people, folk
λίθος -ου, ὁ stone
λόγος -ου, ὁ word
μάρτυς -υρος ὁ/ἡ witness
μάχη -ης, ἡ battle
μέρος -ους, τό part, share
μήτηρ, μητρός, ἡ mother
νεώς -ώ (ναός -οῦ), ὁ temple
νίκη -ης, ἡ victory
νόμος -ου, ὁ custom, law
νύξ, νυκτός, ἡ night
ξένος -ου, ὁ foreigner, stranger
ὁδός -οῦ, ἡ road
οἰκία -ας, ἡ building, house
οἶκος -ου, ὁ house
ὄνομα -ατος τό name
ὄρος -ους, τό mountain, hill
οὐρανός -οῦ, ὁ sky, heaven
ὀφθαλμός -οῦ, ὁ eye
πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ father
πίστις -εως, ἡ trust
πνεῦμα -ατος, τό wind, breath, spirit
ποιητής -οῦ, ὁ creator, poet
πόλεμος -ου, ὁ war
πόλις -εως, ἡ a city
ποταμός -οῦ, ὁ river
πρᾶγμα -ατος, τό thing
πρόσωπον -ου, τό face
πῦρ, πυρός, τό fire
στόμα -ατος, τό mouth
στρατηγός -οῦ, ὁ general
στρατιώτης -ου, ὁ soldier

σῶμα -ατος, τό body
σωτηρία -ας, ή safety
τέκνον -ου, τό child
τέλος -ους, τό end
τέχνη -ης, ή art, skill
τιμή -ῆς, ή value
τόπος -ου, ό place, topic
τρόπος -ου ό way, turn
τύχη -ης, ή luck
ὔδωρ, ὔδατος, τό water
υἱός -οῦ, ό son
φόβος -ου, ό fear
φύσις -εως, ή nature
φωνή -ῆς, ή sound, voice
φῶς, φωτός, τό light
χάρις -ιτος, ή favor, thanks
χείρ, χειρός, ή hand
χρῆμα -ατος, τό thing, (pl.) money
χρόνος -ου, ό time
χώρα -ας, ή country
ψυχή -ῆς, ή breath, soul

ADJECTIVES

ἀγαθός -ή -όν good
ἀληθής -ές true
ἄλλος -η -ον other
ἀμείνων -ον better
ἄξιος -α -ον worthy
ἄριστος -η -ον best
βαρῦς -εῖα -ύ heavy
βελτίων -ον better
βραχύς -εῖα -ύ short
δεινός -ή --όν awesome
δεύτερος -α -ον second
δῆλος -η -ον clear
ἕκαστος -η -ον each
ἐκάτερος -α -ον each of two
ἐλάττων -ον smaller, less
ἐλεύθερος -α -ον free
ἐμός -ή -όν my, mine
ἕτερος -α -ον other
εὐθύς -εῖα -ύ straight
ἐχθρός -ά -όν hated
ήδύς -εῖα, -ύ sweet
ήμέτερος -α -ον our
ήττων -ον less, weaker
κακός -ή -όν bad
καλός -ή -όν beautiful
κρείττων -ον stronger
μακρός -ά -όν long
μέγας μεγάλη μέγα big
μικρός -ά -όν small
μόνος -η -ον alone, single
μυρίος -α -ον countless
ὀξύς -εῖα -ύ sharp
πᾶς πᾶσα πᾶν all
πλείων, πλέον/πλεῖον more
ποιός -α -ον what sort of?
πολύς πολλή πολύ many
πονηρός -α -ον evil, painful
πότερος -α -ον which of the two?
πρῶτος -η -ον first
ῥάδιος -α -ον easy
σαφής -ές clear
σός -ή -όν your, yours
σοφός -ή -όν wise
ταχύς -εῖα -ύ quick
φίλος -η -ον beloved, dear
χαλεπός -ή -όν difficult