



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 $\mu\varepsilon$ -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 δ , η , $\tau\alpha$.
- (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, $\epsilon\gamma\omega$ and $\sigma\nu$
 - the third person personal pronoun and adjective, $\alpha\acute{u}t\alpha$, $-\dot{\eta}$, $-\dot{o}$
 - the demonstrative pronouns, $\mathbf{o}\acute{u}t\alpha$, $\alpha\acute{u}t\eta$, $\tau o\acute{u}t\alpha$ and $\mathbf{\acute{e}}k\acute{e}i\acute{n}\alpha$, $-\eta$, $-\mathbf{o}$
 - the relative pronoun, $\mathbf{\acute{o}}\zeta$, $\mathbf{\acute{\eta}}$, $\mathbf{\acute{o}}$
 - the indefinite pronoun and adjective, $\tau i\zeta$, τi
 - the interrogative pronoun and adjective, $\tau i\zeta$, τi
 - $\mathbf{o}\acute{u}\delta e\acute{i}\zeta$, $\mathbf{o}\acute{u}\delta e\mu\acute{m}\alpha$, $\mathbf{o}\acute{u}\delta e\acute{v}\alpha$
- (e) CONJUNCTIONS: $\mathbf{\grave{a}}\lambda\lambda\acute{a}$, $\gamma\acute{a}\mathbf{\grave{o}}$, $\delta\acute{e}$, $\mathbf{\grave{e}}\acute{a}\nu/\mathbf{\grave{e}}\iota$, $\mathbf{\grave{\eta}}$, $\kappa\alpha\acute{i}$, $\mu\acute{e}\nu$, $\mathbf{\grave{o}}\tau\iota$, $\mathbf{o}\acute{u}\nu$, $\mathbf{o}\acute{u}\tau\epsilon$, $\tau\epsilon$, $\mathbf{\grave{w}}\zeta$
- (f) PREPOSITIONS: $\mathbf{\grave{a}}\nu(\acute{a})$, $\mathbf{\grave{a}}\pi(\acute{o})$, $\delta\iota(\acute{a})$, $\mathbf{\grave{e}}\iota\zeta$, $\mathbf{\grave{e}}\kappa/\mathbf{\grave{e}}\xi$, $\mathbf{\grave{e}}\nu$, $\mathbf{\grave{e}}\pi(\acute{i})$, $\kappa\alpha\tau(\acute{a})$, $\mu\acute{e}\tau(\acute{a})$, $\pi\alpha\mathbf{\grave{o}}(\acute{a})$, $\pi\acute{e}\mathbf{\grave{o}}\iota$, $\pi\acute{q}\acute{o}\zeta$, $\mathbf{\grave{s}}\nu$, $\mathbf{\grave{u}}\pi\acute{e}\mathbf{\grave{o}}$, $\mathbf{\grave{u}}\pi(\acute{o})$

(g) ADVERBS: $\gamma\epsilon$, $\delta\eta$, $\varepsilon\tau\iota$, $\mu\eta$, $v\bar{\nu}n$, $o\bar{v}/o\bar{v}\kappa/o\bar{v}\chi$, $o\bar{v}\tau\omega\varsigma$, $\bar{\omega}\varsigma$. 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 $\bar{\sigma}\tau\iota/\bar{\omega}\varsigma$

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 $\dot{\epsilon}\kappa\varphi\acute{e}\rho\mu\epsilon\nu$ appears, the gloss will appear as “ $\dot{\epsilon}\kappa\varphi\acute{e}\rho\omega$: to carry out.”
- b. Words using constructions or forms for which students are not responsible will be glossed with a translation, for example: “ $\bar{\iota}\bar{\nu}\alpha \dots \varphi\acute{e}\nu\gamma\bar{\iota}\mu\epsilon\nu$ = so that ... we would escape.”

C. TRANSLITERATION and DERIVATIVES:

[example question] The English word “cycle” is derived from the Greek word (a) $\gamma\bar{\nu}\gamma\bar{\lambda}\bar{\o}\varsigma$ (b) $\kappa\bar{\nu}\kappa\bar{\lambda}\bar{\o}\varsigma$ (c) $\gamma\bar{o}\bar{v}\gamma\bar{\lambda}\bar{\o}\varsigma$ (d) $\kappa\bar{o}\bar{v}\kappa\bar{\lambda}\bar{\o}\varsigma$.

VOCABULARY
for the
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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

ἀγγέλλω announce
ἄγω lead, bring
αἴρεω 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
δηλώω show
διδάσκω teach
δίδωμι give
διώκω pursue
δοκεῖ it seems
δράω do
δύναμαι be able, can
ἐθέλω wish
εἰμί be
εἰμι go (future only)
εἶπον say (aorist only)
ἐλαύνω drive
ἐργάζομαι work
ἔρχομαι come, go (present only)
ἐρωτάω ask
εύρισκω find
ἔχω have, hold

ζάω live
ζητέω seek
θαυμάζω be amazed
ἴημι throw, shoot
ἴστημι 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)
όράω 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 -ῆς, ἡ love, charity
 ἀδελφός -οῦ, ὁ brother
 αἷμα -ατος τό blood
 αἰτία -ας, ἡ cause
 ἀλήθεια -ας, ἡ truth
 ἀνάγκη -ῆς, ἡ necessity
 ἀνήρ, ἀνδρός, ὁ man
 ἄνθρωπος -ου, ὁ/ἡ human being
 ἀρετή -ῆς, ἡ excellence
 ἀριθμός -οῦ, ὁ number
 ἀρχή -ῆς, ἡ beginning, authority, empire
 ἀρχων -οντος, ὁ ruler, archon
 βασιλεύς, βασιλέως, ὁ king
 βίος -ου, ὁ life
 γένος -ους, τό race, family
 γῆ, γῆς, ἡ earth
 γλῶττα -ῆς, ἡ tongue, language
 γνώμη -ῆς, 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 -ῆς, ἡ justice, lawsuit
 δόξα -ῆς, ἡ glory, opinion
 δοῦλος -ου, ὁ slave
 δύναμις -εως, ἡ power
 ἔθνος -ους, τό nation
 εἶδος -ους, τό form
 εἰρήνη -ῆς, ἡ peace
 ἐλπίς -ίδος, ἡ hope
 ἔργον -ου, τό work
 ἔτος -ους, τό year

ἥδονή -ῆς, ἡ pleasure
 ἥλιος -ου, ὁ sun
 ἡμέρα -ας, ἡ day
 θάλαττα -ῆς, ἡ sea
 θάνατος -ου, ὁ death
 θεά -ᾶς, ἡ goddess
 θεός -οῦ, ὁ god
 θυμός -οῦ, ὁ soul, spirit
 ἰατρός -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
 λεως -ώ (λαός -οῦ), ὁ the people, folk
 λίθος -ου, ὁ stone
 λόγος -ου, ὁ word
 μάρτυς -υρος ὁ/ἡ witness
 μάχη -ῆς, ἡ battle
 μέρος -ους, τό part, share
 μήτηρ, μητρός, ἡ mother
 νεώς -ώ (ναός -οῦ), ὁ temple
 νίκη -ῆς, 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
 ὄφθαλμός -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, ἡ safety
τέκνον -ου, τό child
τέλος -ους, τό end
τέχνη -ης, ἡ art, skill
τιμή -ῆς, ἡ value
τόπος -ου, ὁ place, topic
τρόπος -ου ὁ way, turn
τύχη -ης, ἡ luck
ὕδωρ, ὕδατος, τό water
νίός -οῦ, ὁ son
φόβος -ου, ὁ fear
φύσις -εως, ἡ nature
φωνή -ῆς, ἡ sound, voice
φῶς, φωτός, τό light
χάρις -ιτος, ἡ favor, thanks
χείρ, χειρός, ἡ hand
χρῆμα -ατος, τό thing, (pl.) money
χρόνος -ου, ὁ time
χώρα -ας, ἡ country
ψυχή -ῆς, ἡ 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
βαρύς -εῖα -ύ heavy
βελτίων -ον better
βραχύς -εῖα -ύ short
δεινός -ή --όν awesome
δεύτερος -α -ον second
δηλός -η -ον clear
ἕκαστος -η -ον each
ἕκατερος -α -ον each of two
ἐλάττων -ον smaller, less
ἐλεύθερος -α -ον free
ἐμός -ή -όν my, mine
ἔτερος -α -ον other
εὐθύς -εῖα -ύ straight
ἐχθρός -ά -όν hated
ἡδύς -εῖα, -ύ sweet
ἡμέτερος -α -ον our
ἡττων -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
ποῖος -α -ον what sort of?
πολύς πολλή πολύ many
πονηρός -α -ον evil, painful
πότερος -α -ον which of the two?
πρώτος -η -ον first
όρθιος -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