



CAMWS College Greek Exam Tragedy Syllabus



The exam consists of forty (40) questions based on a passage selected from Attic Tragedy. The text will not be adapted in any way. All questions ask the student to choose the best from four different answers. The time limit for the exam is fifty (50) minutes.

A list of vocabulary words the student is expected to know may be found at: <https://camws.org/cgehistory>. All other words will be glossed. Past exams are also available for review at this address.

In addition, the student should know the following:

I. All grammar, morphology, and syntax covered by the end of the elementary level.

II. Meter

- Terms: foot; iamb; caesura; diaeresis
- Meters: iambic trimeter

III. Mythical Content and Knowledge of Greek Drama Mythical Content

Mythical content:

- Olympian immortals: name(s), standard epithets, usual sphere(s) of influence
- events preceding, during, resulting from the Trojan War and the Atreidae
- the Argonauts and Jason and Medea
- events preceding Hercules' birth, his life and death
- the Theban cycle, Oedipus' life and death

Greek Drama:

- general time and place of Sophocles, Euripides
- general information about the genre and competition of Attic tragedy
- technical terms such as parodos, choras

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