

Answers

Paper B

- 1** a Fortunate Isles
b Hyperboreans
c Mediterranean
d South
- 2** Yes, the gods did come down to earth. [1] mark each for including any two pieces of appropriate evidence, such as:
- 'the gods often went to visit them' (line 8)
 - 'sent his servants, the Furies, to punish men and women' (lines 20–21)
 - 'his father in a fit of anger threw him out of heaven' (lines 26–27)
 - 'when he reached the island of Lemnos' (lines 27–28)
 - 'flowers sprang up where her feet touched' (lines 34–35)
 - 'in her house upon Mount Olympus' (line 40)
 - 'whom Zeus in the form of an eagle carried away to heaven' (lines 61–62)
 - 'Under the waves he had a shining palace' (lines 65–66)
 - 'the road by which she travelled from heaven to earth was the rainbow' (line 71)
 - 'All these went and came as they pleased, being sometimes in the sky, sometimes on earth' (lines 85–86)
- 3** Zeus
- 4** The Fortunate Isles (Islands of the Blessed)
- 5** [1] mark each for any five of these points:
- She was very attractive (line 22).
 - She was dignified (line 23).
 - Her eyes were like those of an ox – large and dark (line 23).
 - She was conceited (line 24).
 - She was argumentative (line 24).
 - She was prepared to hurt those who angered her (line 24).
- 6** *Hephæstus was the blacksmith god and he would have needed intense heat and fire to make his metal goods* [1]. *The fire and heat of a volcano would therefore have made an ideal place for him to work in* [1].
- 7** *This statement is false* [1] *because the text states that 'she made some people happy, but for others she caused much grief and trouble'* [1] (line 35–36).
- 8** A, C
- 9** a Hermes (Mercurius)
b Demeter (Ceres)
- 10** a *threw*
b *scraps*
- 11** brass
- 12** a *The Furies were Zeus's servants* [1] (line 20) *and their job was to follow wicked men and women and whip them as a punishment* [1] (lines 78–79).
b *The Furies looked frightening because of the snakes on their heads* (line 77). *Their role was to scare and punish people, so their appearance fit their job* (line 78).
- 13** [1] mark each for any eight of these points:
The gods:
- lived mostly above or below the ground (in heaven or the sea) (lines 12 and 65)
 - were larger, stronger and more attractive than humans (line 14)
 - were able to control nature (e.g. the weather, volcanoes, the sun and the moon, rainbows, harvests, plant growth) (lines 16, 31, 41, 43, 67)
 - were born in strange ways (from the foam of the sea or from inside Zeus's head, for example) (lines 33 and 38)
 - often had wings and could fly between heaven and earth (line 85)
 - sometimes had animalistic features (the Furies had snakes on their head instead of hair, for example) (line 77)
 - were able to affect the course of human lives (sometimes helping, hindering or punishing) (lines 88–90)
 - ate strange foods such as nectar and ambrosia (line 59)
 - could transform into different states (Zeus took the form of an eagle, for example) (line 61)
 - could not be killed (line 87)
 - had ichor instead of blood in their veins (line 88)

