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Paper 8282/02

Literature

## General comments

Candidates' performance overall on the Literature paper was impressive, though some of this year's larger cohort found certain aspects of the paper more difficult than others.

As already remarked in the report on the Language paper at this session, both papers making up the syllabus were demanding but fair and provided an appropriately broad coverage of both language and literature.

## Comments on specific questions

The standard of knowledge of the Virgil (**Section A**) and Caesar (**Section B**) texts shown by candidates was impressive; the large majority of translations were near-perfect. The quality of responses to **Question A1.7** was particularly noteworthy, and this year a much larger proportion of candidates offered the literary alternatives to the grammatical questions. Scansion proved to be a surprising obstacle to many candidates. Elements with which candidates struggled on **Section B** were the precise dates in **Questions B2.2** and **B2.3**; the rank of Volusenus; and the difference between agent and instrument.