
In your answer you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the text as a work of literature
 - present a logical and cohesive response to the question, supported by relevant examples
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Question 8 (10 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Read the extract, and then answer the question that follows. Use the extract and your knowledge of the text in your answer.

advolat Aeneas vaginaque eripit ensem
et super haec: ‘ubi nunc Mezentius acer et illa
effera vis animi?’ contra Tyrrhenus, ut aurās
suspiciens hausit caelum mentemque recepit:
‘hostis amare, quid increpitas mortemque minaris? 900
nullum in caede nefas, nec sic ad proelia veni,
nec tecum meus haec pepigit mihi foedera Lausus.
unum hoc per si qua est victis venia hostibus oro:
corpus humo patiare tegi. scio acerba meorum
circumstare odia: hunc, oro, defende furem
et me consortem nati concede sepulcro.’ 905
haec loquitur, iuguloque haud inscius accipit ensem
undantique animam diffundit in arma cruento.

Analyse how Virgil portrays Mezentius’ heroic qualities in this extract.

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