
In Question 3 you will be assessed on how well you:

- analyse and evaluate Latin poems in the lyric genre
 - present a structured response supported with references to the text
-

Marks

Question 3 (10 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Read the poem, then answer the question that follows.

eheu fugaces, Postume, Postume, 10
labuntur anni, nec pietas moram
rugis et instanti senectae
adferet indomitaque morti;

non, si trecenis, quotquot eunt dies, 5
amice, places inlacrimabilem
Plutona tauris, qui ter amplum
Geryonen Tityonque tristi

compescit unda, scilicet omnibus, 10
quicumque terrae munere vescimur,
enaviganda, sive reges
sive inopes erimus coloni.

frustra cruento Marte carebimus
fractisque rauci fluctibus Hadriae,
frustra per autumnos nocentem 15
corporibus metuemus Austrum.

visendus ater flumine languido
Cocytos errans et Danaï genus
infame damnatusque longi 20
Sisyphus Aeolides laboris.

linquenda tellus et domus et placens
uxor, neque harum, quas colis, arborum
te praeter invisas cupressos
ulla brevem dominum sequetur.

absumet heres Caecuba dignior 25
servata centum clavibus et mero
tinguet pavimentum superbo,
pontificum potiore cenis.

Horace *Odes* II.14
(Harrison 12)

Analyse the contribution of language, imagery and cultural references to the expression of this poem's themes.