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You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

Make sure that you have Vocabulary Booklet L2–LATIV.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Read the passage below, and answer ALL the questions in English, except where a response in Latin is specified.

The main parts of the words used in this passage, together with their meanings, are listed in alphabetical order in the vocabulary booklet.

The passage is repeated on pages 4 and 6 so that you will not need to turn back to this page.

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QUESTION ONE

Refer to paragraph one (lines 1–4) to answer this question.

- (a) (i) What was happening in Rome as Augustus' health deteriorated?

- (ii) What suggestion is made by the author about the cause of this deterioration? Quote the Latin word that shows there is no proof for this view, and give its meaning in English.

- (b) What did Augustus tell Maximus?

- (c) Give details of how Livia found out what was said.

- (d) (i) What were the results of this for Maximus and his wife?

- (ii) Quote the Latin phrase that shows Maximus acted quickly, and give its meaning in English.

- (e) (i) Identify the construction *se ... velle* (lines 2–3).

- (ii) Who is meant by *se*?

- (iii) What tense is *velle*?

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QUESTION TWO

Refer to paragraph two (lines 5–9) to answer this question.

(a) (i) Why did Tiberius return to Italy?

(ii) Where had he been?

(b) (i) Give TWO reasons why it was difficult to find out about the state of Augustus' health.

(ii) Quote the Latin words that support one of these reasons, and explain what this shows about Livia's character.

(c) What TWO pieces of news did rumour convey?

(d) (i) Describe Postumus' death in detail.

(ii) Quote the Latin phrase that shows Postumus had no chance of surviving, and give its meaning in English.

(e) (i) What mood and tense is *reppererit* (line 6)?

(ii) What construction is it used in?

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QUESTION THREE

Refer to paragraph three (lines 10–13) to answer this question.

- (a) Explain in detail how Tiberius reacted to the death of Postumus.

- (b) What was Augustus' attitude to Postumus?

- (c) According to popular opinion, how likely is it that Augustus had Postumus killed? Quote the Latin words that support your answer, and give their meaning in English.

- (d) (i) Who else might have been responsible for Postumus' death?

- (ii) What motives are suggested? Quote the Latin phrases that support your answer, and give their meanings in English.

- (e) (i) Explain fully the grammatical form of *interfici* (line 11).

- (ii) On what Latin word is *interfici* dependent?

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