National Greek Exams - Syllabus - Homeric *Iliad* Exam
for Middle and High School students, and Undergraduates

Important: this syllabus should be used in conjunction with the syllabi for the previous Attic Exams (found on the Website).

I. **Morphology**
See Beginning and Intermediate Attic syllabi.
Homeric forms are assumed for all items listed.

II. **Grammar and Syntax**
See Beginning and Intermediate Attic syllabi.
Knowledge of Homeric grammatical and syntactical usage is assumed.

III. **Meter**
Metrical Terms: foot; dactyl; spondee; caesura; diaeresis; synizesis; epic correption
Meter: dactylic hexameter

IV. **Mythical Content**
- Olympian immortals: name(s), standard epithets, usual sphere(s) of influence (consult the Introductory Syllabus)
- events preceding, during, and resulting from the Trojan War; basic knowledge of the Homeric oral tradition, the historical context of the Trojan War, and the archaeological discovery of the site of Troy
- Students should read a translation or paraphrase of the entire *Iliad* in preparation for this exam.

**NOTE:** THE HOMERIC TEXT WILL NOT BE ADAPTED IN ANY WAY ON THE EXAM. AIDS (VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR) WILL BE GIVEN AS NEEDED.