National Greek Exams - Syllabus - Attic Tragedy Exam
For High School and Collegiate Students

This syllabus should be used in conjunction with the syllabi for the previous Attic Exams (found on the website).

I. Forms
   Adjective, Nouns, Pronouns: dual
   Subordinating Conjunctions: see Syntax and Grammar - Subordinate Clauses below
   Verbs:
      Voice - Passive - all tenses and moods, including infinitives and participles
      Irregular verbs: ἡμαι, κεῖμαι
      - μι verbs: ἱμι
   Word Formation: aphaeresis; synizesis; suffix: -η, -σε

II. Grammar and Syntax
   Case Usage:
      Genitive: subjective; objective; of price / value; of material; of measure;
      with certain adjectives / adverbs / verbs; with prepositions: ἀμφί, ἄτερ,
      ἐμπρόσθεν, ἐναντίον, μέχρι, ὀπίσθεν, παρά, πλησίον
      Dative: of advantage / disadvantage; with certain adjectives / adverbs / verbs;
      with the preposition: ἂμα
   Accusative: accusative absolute; cognate; of specification
   Subordinate Clause:
      Adverbial: accusative absolute
      temporal (ἄχρι)
   Other: use of the optative in secondary sequence; correlatives; τά + genitive;
      use of the article to nominalize participles/infinitives/prepositional phrases, etc.

III. Meter
   Terms: foot; iamb; caesura; diaeresis
   Meters: iambic trimeter

IV. Mythical Content and Knowledge of Greek Drama
   Mythical Content:
      - Olympian immortals: name(s), standard epithets, usual sphere(s) of influence
         (consult the Introductory Syllabus)
      - events preceding, during, resulting from the Trojan War and the Atreidae
      - the Argonauts and Jason and Medea
      - events preceding Hercules’ birth, his life and death
      - the Theban cycle, Oedipus’ life and death
   Greek Drama:
      - general time and place of Sophocles, Euripides
      - general information about the genre and competition of Attic tragedy
      - technical terms such as parodos, choros

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

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