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**Classics At-Interview Assessment**  
**For students with A Level (or equivalent) Latin**

Write your name at the top of your answer sheet. It is important to write good English. You have one hour.

**Translate the following passage into English.**

***For men to live up to their potential, both the soul and the body are important.***

omnes homines, qui sese student praestare ceteris animalibus, summa ope niti decet, ne vitam silentio transeant velut pecora, quae natura prona atque ventri oboedientia finxit. sed nostra omnis vis in animo et corpore sita est: animi imperio, corporis servitio magis utimur; alterum nobis cum dis, alterum cum beluis commune est. quo mihi rectius videtur ingeni quam virium opibus gloriam quaerere et, quoniam vita ipsa, qua fruimur, brevis est, memoriam nostri quam maxime longam efficere. nam divitiarum et formae gloria fluxa atque fragilis est, virtus clara aeternaque habetur. sed diu magnum inter mortalis certamen fuit, vine corporis an virtute animi res militaris magis procederet. nam et, priusquam incipias, consulto et, ubi consulueris, mature facto opus est. ita utrumque per se indigens alterum alterius auxilio eget. igitur initio reges – nam in terris nomen imperi id primum fuit – diversi pars ingenium, alii corpus exercebant.

*studeo, -ere, to be eager, strive*

*praesto, -are, to excel, surpass*

*nitor, niti, to strive, struggle*

*decet (impers.), it is fitting (+ acc. and inf.)*

*transeo, -ire, to pass*

*pecus, pecoris (n.), herd, flock*

*pronus, -a, -um, prone, subservient*

*venter, -tris (m.) belly*

*fungo, -ere, finxi, to fashion, shape, make*

*belua, -ae (f.) beast*

*fruor, frui, to enjoy, have use of*

*forma, -ae (f.), beauty*

*fluxus, -a, -um, flexible, fleeting*

*consultum, -i (n.), deliberation, planning*

*mature* (adv.) soon

*indigens, -entis*, in need, helpless, deficient

*diversus, -a, um*, -different

*exerceo, -ere*, to exercise, use