



## DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING ANSWER SHEET

### ANCIENT OLYMPIC ADVENTURE READING COMPREHENSION – STANDARD Qs

#### Question One (1 Mark)

**1 mark for finding and copying the following phrase:**

'His heart thumping in his chest'

#### Question Two (1 Mark)

**1 mark for matching all characters and their traits correctly**

Alexius - ambitious and hopeful

Hector - trusted

Pollux - conceited

Zeus - majestic

#### Question Three (2 Marks)

**1 mark for a simple explanation**

E.g. Yes because he is looking in a mirror.

**2 marks for a more developed response**

E.g. Yes because he spends most of his time looking in the mirror and Alexius says he cares more about his hair than racing.

#### Question Four (2 Marks)

**1 mark for a simple explanation**

E.g. He is nervous.

He is excited.

**2 marks for a more developed response**

E.g. He is nervous because he has never raced in front of such a big crowd before but he is also excited because he thinks he can win.

#### Question Five (1 Mark)

**1 mark for a relevant explanation**

E.g. There were four people taking part in the race.

#### Question Six (2 Marks)

**1 mark for a simple explanation**

E.g. It makes it feel quick/there is a quick pace.



**2 marks for a more developed response showing an understanding of the building tension**

E.g. The sentences are short and sharp to make you feel excited for the start of the race like Alexius.

**Question Seven (1 Mark)**

**1 mark for ordering the events correctly:**

A bolt flew out from a chariot's wheel - **5**

Pollox led the pack - **3**

Alexius flicked his reins - **1**

The stick-thin man lost control of his chariot - **4**

The shorter competitor was to Alexius' right - **2**

**Question Eight (1 Mark)**

**1 mark for circling the correct phrases**

burst into action

careered in perfect unison

**Question Nine (1 Mark)**

**1 mark for circling the correct phrase**

hold stiffly in position

**Question Ten (1 Mark)**

**1 mark for a sensible prediction based on the text**

E.g. I think Alexius will travel to other races as he enjoyed winning this one.

E.g. I think Alexius will return home as a hero.

E.g. I think Pollux will want to race against Alexius again as he didn't like losing.

