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**Please fill in your answers on the scantron sheet. Don't forget to fill in your name, student number and the course code**

- ✓ 1. Zeus seduced Danae by  
a. locking her in a chest and would not let her out until she consented (b) coming to her as a shower of gold c. promising her that she would bear a great hero d. transforming himself into a swan
- ✓ 2. Perseus gets ample of help from divinities willingly or unwillingly. Which of the following divinities was NOT one of the many who helped?  
✗ Hermes. ✗ Athena (c) Poseidon. d. the Nymphs e. Graiae
- ✓ 3. Which one of the following is NOT among the special tools or devices that Perseus used to overcome Medusa?  
a. cap of invisibility (b) a leather pouch e. an unbreakable sickle  
d. a bronze breast plate e. winged sandals
- ✓ 4. One creature that sprang from the beheaded trunk of gorgon Medusa  
(a) a flying horse b. the unicorn c. the Harpy d. Iris e. the winged sphinx
- ✓ 5. One creation or *metamorphosis* is not related to Medusa  
a. the poisonous snakes of Libya b. the mountain Atlas (c) glass d. the coral
- ✗ 6. The *gorgoneium* was *apotropaic*. That means  
(a) The severed head of Medusa had still powers b. The glance of Medusa was petrifying  
c. Medusa's image was used to avert evil d. Medusa's blood had a dual quality; it could heal or kill
- ✓ 7. The name "Heracles" means a. athletic achiever b. the mighty warrior  
c. the invincible d. Hera's wrath. (e) the glory of Hera
- ✓ 8. Heracles required to perform the twelve labors for his cousin Eurystheus  
(a) as atonement for killing his wife and children b. as a punishment for killing his music teacher c. because he had tried to rob Eurystheus of his kingship d. because he had insulted Hera

- ✓ 9. ONE is NOT correct concerning Heracles' first labor
- Ⓐ He drove the lion out of its lair and shot it with his poisonous arrows
  - Ⓑ He skinned the lion with its own claws
  - Ⓒ He brought the dead animal to Eurystheus who, out of fear, jumped into a bronze jar
  - Ⓓ The animal was placed in the sky and became the constellation Leo

- ✓ 10. The establishment of the Olympic Games was a result of which labor?
- a. the killing of the Lernaean Hydra
  - b. The capture of the Erymanthian Boar
  - c. The capture of the Ceryneian Deer
  - Ⓓ the cleaning of the Augean Stables
  - e. The riddance of the Stymphalian Birds

- ✓ 11. Which myth is connected with an explanation for the origins of the dollar sign?
- a. the guardian snake curled around the sacred tree of the golden apples
  - Ⓑ The pillars that Hercules built on Gibraltar before he crossed the Ocean
  - c. The golden belt of the Amazon queen Hippolyta

- X \* 12. Heracles died because:

- Ⓐ he had wounded Hera, so she killed him
- Ⓑ He attempted to battle Apollo and Zeus struck him with his thunderbolt
- Ⓒ He had tried to battle Hades himself and lost
- d. He was poisoned by his wife with a blood soaked robe

- ✓ 13. Before he died he offered \_\_\_\_\_ to the person who would light his funeral pyre

- Ⓐ His bow and arrows
- b. his lion hide and club
- c. his daughter as a wife
- d. his throne in Trachis

- ✓ 14. What does *apotheosis* mean?

- a. Disappearing from the face of the earth
- Ⓑ becoming a god
- c. praising and worshipping a god
- d. being rejuvenated and resembling to a god

- X 15. Kadmos initially went to Delphi to inquire about

- a. his fate as the heir to the throne
- Ⓑ the exact location of the new city he was destined to establish
- c. the whereabouts of his sister
- d. his future bride

- X \* 16. ONE of the following does NOT belong to the story concerning the dragon slaying. Kadmos:

- a. skinned him and wore the hide for protection
- Ⓑ sowed the teeth to the ground
- Ⓒ had to serve god Ares for 8 year
- d. married Ares' daughter

- ✓ 17. The meaning of *Spartoi* is

- a. Invaders from Sparta
- b. the dragon's sons
- Ⓒ the sown people
- d the invincible giants
- e. armed men

- X \* 18. Kadmos is credited for ONE of these achievements  
 a. composition of poetry b. introduction of writing c. the use of snake venom for medicine **(d)** establishment of several Theban colonies in the East

- ✓ 19. What was the fate of Semele, Dionysos' mother?  
 a. She cheated on Zeus and he struck her with his thunderbolt.  
 b. She was turned into a cow and Hera sent a gadfly to harass her.  
**(c)** She asked to see Zeus in his true form and was blasted by his appearance.  
 d. She became mad and killed herself

- X \* 20. Who is the author of the play, the *Bacchae*, which portrays the myth of the resistance to Dionysos in the city of Thebes?  
 a. Aeschylus b. Sophocles c. Euripides d. Bacchylides

Match the term with the explanation

21. Xenia <b>d.</b> ✓	<b>a.</b> Losing the sense of personal identity and stand outside oneself
22. Enthusiasm <b>c.</b> ✓	<b>b.</b> belonging to or being connected with a certain place or region by virtue of birth or origin
23. Autochthony <b>b.</b> ✓	<b>c.</b> A state of consciousness when a person feels that he/she has been filled with the powers of the god
24. Ecstasy <b>a.</b> ✓	<b>d.</b> A formal institution of friendship and bond between a guest and a host

- ✓ 25. Laios brought a curse upon himself and his descendants because  
 a. he did not sacrifice to thank the gods after he was saved b. he intended to kill his own son **(c)** he raped the son of his host d. he married his own sister e. he killed the legitimate king

- ✓ 26. The name Oedipus means  
 a. earth born b. plague bringer c. self destructive **(d)** swollen foot e. curious inquirer

- ✓ 27. The Sphinx was  
**(a)** a hybrid female monster who demanded a solution to her riddle.  
 b. a beautiful woman with a wonderful singing voice who lured men to their death  
 c. A hybrid monster, partly eagle partly lion, a guardian of royal authority  
 d. An evil creature that, if offended, would bring infertility upon the land and its people

- ✓ \* 28. Which one is wrong about the tragic fate of Oedipus and his family?  
 a. Theseus gave him asylum in Athens **b.** His sons Eteocles and Polyneikes fought against each other and were killed **(c)** His daughter Ismene was raped by her uncle Kreon **d.** His daughter Antigone, defying Kreon's orders, buried her brother Polyneikes

- X \* 29. ONE of the following is NOT true about the mother of Minos  
 a. She was abducted by Poseidon b. Her name was Europa c. Her brother was Kadmos d. She was a Phoenician princess

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Daedalos invention  
✓ 30. Which of the following is Daedalos' invention:

- a. Hollow wooden cow b. an intricate prison c. a clue as a path finder d. Talos the bronze giant (e.) all of them

✓ 31. Minotaur's parents were

- a. Minos and Europa b. Pasiphae and the bull of Poseidon  
c. Ariadne and Daedalos (d.) Minos and Pasiphae e. Minos and the sacred cow

✓ 32. The original meaning of the word *labyrinth* comes from the word *labrys* which refers to

- a. A dark dungeon surrounded by a wall of bronze  
(b.) The double axes for the sacrifice of the bulls  
c. The architectural plan of the palace at Knossos  
d. The central court of the palace at Knossos where the bull acrobatics took place  
e. A sacred place for the initiation of boys

X 33. Theseus

- a. volunteered to join the band of sacrificial youths in order to kill the Minotaur  
b. after killing the Minotaur he married Ariadne out of gratitude for her help  
(c.) Together with Ariadne joined the rites of god Dionysus when they stopped at the island of Naxos

✓ 34. After the palace of Knossos was destroyed around 1450 BC the \_\_\_\_\_ seemed to have taken over Knossos

- (a.) Mycenaean Greeks b. Dorians c. Phoenicians d. Philistines e. Egyptians

✓ 35. The voyage of the Argo took place in the generation \_\_\_\_\_ the Trojan War. (a.) Before b. During c. After

✓ 36. ONE is NOT correct about Argo ~~a.~~ Athena helped in the shipbuilding (b.) Hera gave one of Argos' eyes to guard and direct the ship ~~c.~~ One of its timbers had prophetic powers coming from the sacred tree of Zeus' oracle in Dodona ~~d.~~ After the trip was over, it was dedicated to Poseidon in Corinth ~~e.~~ The mast of Argo fell on Jason's head and killed him

✓ 37. The blind prophet Phineus was tormented by a. the two Gorgons b. the Furies  
(c.) the Harpies d. the Sphinx e. the birds with the bronze talons

X 38. What useful advice did prophet Phineus give to Jason?

- a. to sail quickly past Scylla and Charybdis (b.) to release a dove and see if it passed through the Symplegades c. to visit the Graeae and receive divine armor d. to offer a sacrifice to Poseidon

39. When Jason arrived to get the Golden Fleece, the king assigned him a set of impossible tasks: to yoke two bronze hooved fire-breathing bulls, plough with them and sow the teeth of a serpent. One of the following is NOT connected to this story

A) serpent of Kadmos b) oil from Prometheus plant c) help of Athena

\* ~~a~~ the serpent of Kadmos ~~b~~ the oil from Prometheus plant ~~c~~ the help of Athena  
d. the help of Medea

✓ 40. Medea took vengeance on King Pelias by: a. cutting up his son and feeding him to the king  b. tricking his daughters into cutting him up and boiling him c. giving him a poisoned cloak which consumed him in flames d. concealing a poisoned snake on his throne

✓ \* 41. Who wrote the tragic play *Medea*?  
a. Aeschylus b. Sophocles  c. Euripides d. Apollonius of Rhodes

✓ 42. According to that tragedy, Medea kills her own children a. in order to save Corinth from a horrible plague b. thinking in her delusional mind that they were her enemies  c. as a revenge to Jason for leaving her to marry a younger woman

These prophecies are connected to the life of which hero?

X 43. *No living man would kill you but you would die from the hand of the dead*  
 a. Perseus ~~b~~. Heracles ~~c~~. Oedipus ~~d~~. Jason

✓ 44. *You will have no male heirs but you will perish from the hand of your grandson.*  
Which of the following is the grandson?  a. Perseus b. Heracles c. Oedipus d. Jason

✓ 45. *This day a baby will be born of a family with my blood in its veins who will have dominion over all his neighbors*  
 a. Perseus  b. Heracles c. Oedipus d. Jason

✓ 46. *Beware of the man who wears one sandal*  
 a. Perseus b. Heracles c. Oedipus  d. Jason

✓ 47. *The city will be saved if the killer of the previous king is punished*  
a. Perseus b. Heracles  c. Oedipus d. Jason

✓ \* 48. One of the leaders that was NOT bound by the oath of Tyndareos was  
 a. Achilles b. Diomedes c. Ajax d. Philoctetes e. Odysseus

✓ \* 49. Which of the following is NOT one of the words Homer uses in the *Iliad* to refer to the Greek warriors at Troy? ~~a~~. Achaeans ~~b~~. Danaans  c. Hellenes  d. Argives

✓ 50. The Greeks were ready to sail but the winds blew constantly the wrong direction so: ~~a~~. Nestor suggested to Agamemnon to appease the god of winds, Aeolos, with a sacrifice of 100 rams b. Odysseus suggested to change locations and sail off the north coast of Artemision where it was always calmer  c. The prophet Calchas revealed that Agamemnon had offended the goddess Artemis and so he had to sacrifice his daughter d. The prophet Calchas revealed that Aphrodite was preventing the Greeks from reaching Troy and suggested that Achilles would ask Thetis to go and plead with Zeus

✓ 51. The name of the poem *Iliad* comes from a short form of the word *Achiliad*.  
a. True  b. False

^ 52. The events described in the *Iliad* lasted approximately: a. 20 years (b) 10 years  
c. 1 year d. 1 month e. 1 week

X 53. Literally, the word *timê*, means: a. value b. courage c. a warrior's finest moments in a battle d. promise (e) pride

✓ 54. ONE is NOT correct concerning the embassy to Achilles in book 9 of the *Iliad*  
a. Agamemnon weeps before the army and wants to apologize to Achilles for taking away his prize b. Agamemnon sends envoys to ask Achilles to return to battle  
c. If Achilles would return, then among other promises he would be given one of Agamemnon's daughters as a wife (d) Achilles accepts all Agamemnon's offers and once again is ready to return to battle.

✓ 55. On Patroclus a. stole Achilles' armour and went to battle to achieve glory  
b. killed Aeneas, the son of Aphrodite c. After he was killed, Hector abused his body  
(d) Achilles organized funeral games to his honor where he killed twelve Trojans on his tomb

✓ 56. ONE is NOT correct concerning the death of Hector a. Hector pleaded with Achilles to respect his body and give it to his parents b. Athena tricked Hector and thought he had the support of his brother against his fight to Achilles (c) Achilles killed Hector by plunging his sword into his stomach d. Hector's last words to Achilles was that Paris and Apollo will kill him

✓ 57. Which one of the following was a factor that ended the wrath of Achilles ?

- a. Patroclus' ghost appeared to Achilles and told him that he was satisfied now that Hector was killed
- b. Priam's ransom was very adequate and Achilles accepted to give Hector's body back
- (c) Priam asked him to show pity and remember his own father, Peleus
- d. Hermes came to Achilles and ordered him to give the body back because the gods were getting angry

Match the name with the description from the *Iliad* (no answer has the same name)

✓ 58. *You wine sack, with a dog's eyes, with a deer's heart. Never once have you taken courage in your heart to arm with your people for battle...Far better to your mind it is, all along with the widespread host of the Achaeans to take away the gifts of any man who speaks up against you.*

This speech is directed to: ~~a~~ Achilles (b) Agamemnon ~~c~~ Paris d. Menelaos ~~e~~ Hector

✓ 59. *I would feel deep shame...if like a coward I were to shrink aside from the fighting and the spirit will not let me, since I have learned to be valiant and to fight always among the foremost ranks...winning for my own self great glory, and for my father.;*

The speaker is a. Achilles b. Agamemnon c. Paris d. Menelaos (e) Hector

✓ 60. *Lions do not come to terms with men, the wolf doesn't see eye to eye with the lamb-they are enemies to the end. Friendship between us is impossible and there will be no truce of any kind till one of us has fallen...*

The speaker is (a) Achilles b. Agamemnon c. Paris d. Menelaos e. Hector

- ✓ 61. Zeus, lord, grant me to punish this man who first did me injury, and beat him down under my hands' strength that any one of the men to come may shudder to think of doing evil to kindly host, who has given him friendship
- ✓ The speaker is a. Achilles b. Agamemnon c. Paris (d.) Menelaos e. Hector
- ✓ 62. Surely now the flowing-haired Achaeans laugh at us, thinking that you are our bravest champion, only because your looks are handsome, but there is no strength in your heart, no courage
- This speech is directed to: a. Achilles b. Agamemnon (c.) Paris d. Menelaos e. Hector

Match the name with the woman's fate

✓ 63. Hecabe b.	a. Agamemnon forcefully took her away from Achilles
✓ 64. Andromache d.	b. Lost many sons in the war
✓ 65. Cryseis e.	c. After the destruction of Troy she was raped in Athena's temple
✓ 66. Briseis a.	d. After the destruction of Troy her son was thrown off the walls of Troy
✓ 67. Cassandra c.	e. She was ransomed by her father, priest of Apollo

- ✓ 68. According to the ancient Greek sources, Achilles did NOT
- a. fall in love with an Amazon queen that he fatally wounded b. kill the son of Goddess Eos and Tithonus (c.) jump first out of the Wooden Horse d. die because he was wounded in his heel
- ✓ 69. The arms of Achilles were awarded to (a) Odysseus b. Diomedes c. Menelaos d. Agamemnon e. Neoptolemos
- ✓ 70. According to the tragedy *Ajax*, Ajax the Greater being upset that he did not win Achilles' armour
- a. he killed during the night all the horses that belonged to the winner of the armour b. He planned to kill the Greek leaders but in his madness he killed their slaves. c. He planned to burn the ships that belonged to the winner of the armour but in his madness he burned his own (d.) He committed suicide by throwing himself over his sword
- ✓ 71. What plant did Odysseus' men eat that almost lulled them into staying in a foreign land forgetting their homeland? (a) lotus fruit b. molly c. pomegranate d. coca leaves e. golden mushrooms
- ✓ 72. "Polyphemus, if anyone asks you how you became blind, tell him that your eye was put out by Odysseus, sacker of cities". Which one of the following is correct?
- a. Odysseus blinded Polyphemus because he ate 2 of his comrades b. Polyphemus told about his misfortune to all his friends and relatives who gathered an army and killed Odysseus' comrades. (c.) Polyphemus prayed to his father Poseidon to punish Odysseus. d. Because of that statement, Odysseus had to serve the blind prophet Tiresias for 7 years

Dangerous temptations found in the Odyssey. Match the temptation with the result w/ the result

- a. They fell into temptation and that brought misery to all involved  
 b. They managed to continue to their next step/destination successfully

- ✓ 73 ...no one has ever sailed past this place in his black ship until he has listened to the honey sweet voice that issues from our lips; then goes on well pleased knowing more than ever (b)
- \* 74. Three times you walked around the hollow ambush, feeling it and you called out naming them by name to the best of the Danaans and made your voice sound like the voice of the wife of each of the Argives. b
- ✓ 75. Lets us quickly look inside and see what is in there, and how much silver and gold this bag contains inside it (a)

- ✓ 76. Hermes came twice to Odysseus' rescue when there was a risk to lose his human self  
 a. at the island of Aeolos and before Scylla and Charybdis (b) at the island of Circe and the island of Calypso  
 c. Guiding him to the underworld and away from the island of Helios  
 d. warning him about the Sirens and the women of Lemnos

- ✓ 77. Penelope's decision to select one of the suitors as her husband would be based on:  
 a. his offer of most valuable gifts and most cattle (b) his ability to use Odysseus' bow.  
 c. his ability to prove that he was favoured by the gods  
 d. his ability to solve the riddle that Penelope would pose  
 e. his success to capture the wild boar that caused troubles to her country

- ✓ 78. Penelope's final evidence in the recognition of her husband was:  
 a. when his old hound wagged his tail recognizing his master after 20 years.  
 b. the old scar on his leg as a result of a wild boar attack  
 c. his eloquence despite being metamorphosed to an old dirty beggar by Athena  
 (a) the description he gave concerning their marital bed

Match the places with the events:

a. Aulis	b. Colchis	c. Iolkos	d. Ithaka	e. Thebes
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- ✓ 79 Argo sailed from that port c.
- ✓ 80 This is the port where 1000 ships were launched to Troy a.
- ✓ 81. Odysseus had a strong *nostalgia* for it d.
- X 82. A sacrifice of a maiden took place there b,
- ✓ 83. The first people that inhabited that place were *autochthones* e.
- ✓ 84. The Golden Fleece was guarded by a dragon there b.
85. The place where mortal mothers gave birth to gods e.

Match the image with the myth associated with it

Plate A

- ✓ 86. The birth of Helen b.
- ✓ 87. The creation of the galaxy d.
- ✓ 88. The naming of the Hellespont c.
- ✓ 89. The event after the birth of Perseus a.
- 90. The event after the birth of Heracles d.

Plate B

- ✓ 91. The sacrifice of Iphigenia d.
- ✓ 92. Kadmos about to kill the dragon c.
- ✓ 93 The hero dipped his arrows in the lethal blood of that monster a.
- ✓ 94. Related to the creation of the constellation Cancer a.
- 95. Andromeda will be eventually saved b.

Plate C

- ✓ 96. The death of Heracles a.
- ✓ 97. The death of Cassandra d.
- ✓ 98. The death of Priam b.
- ✓ 99. Beware the Greeks even if they bring Gifts c.
- ✓ 100. The death of Astyanax b.

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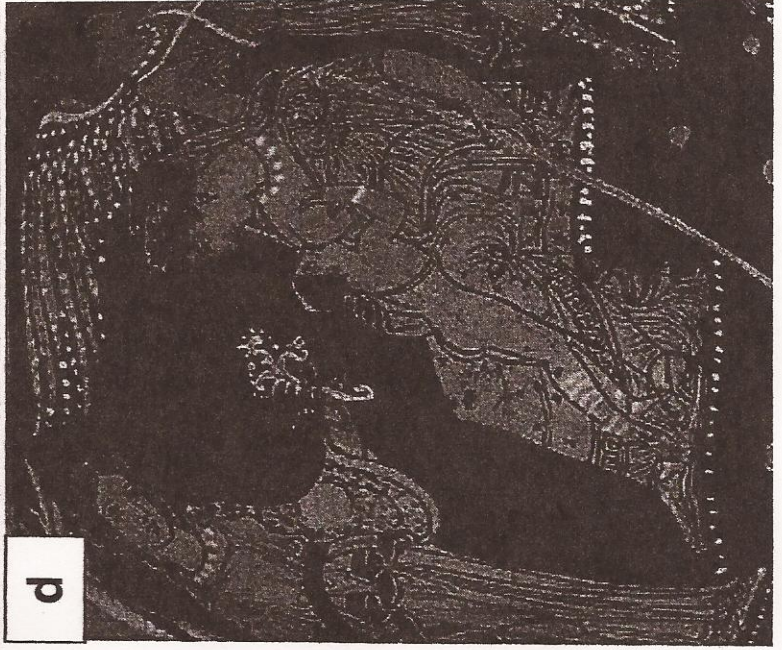
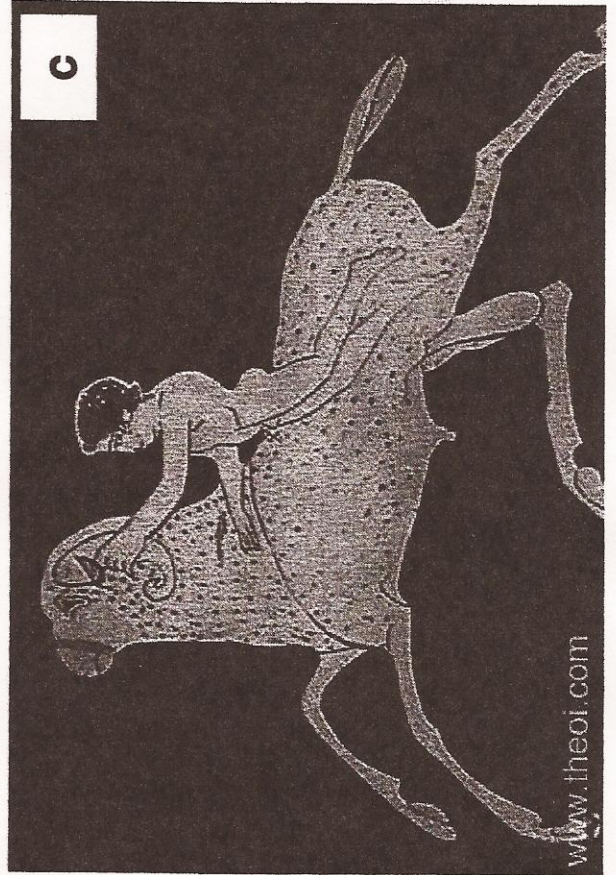
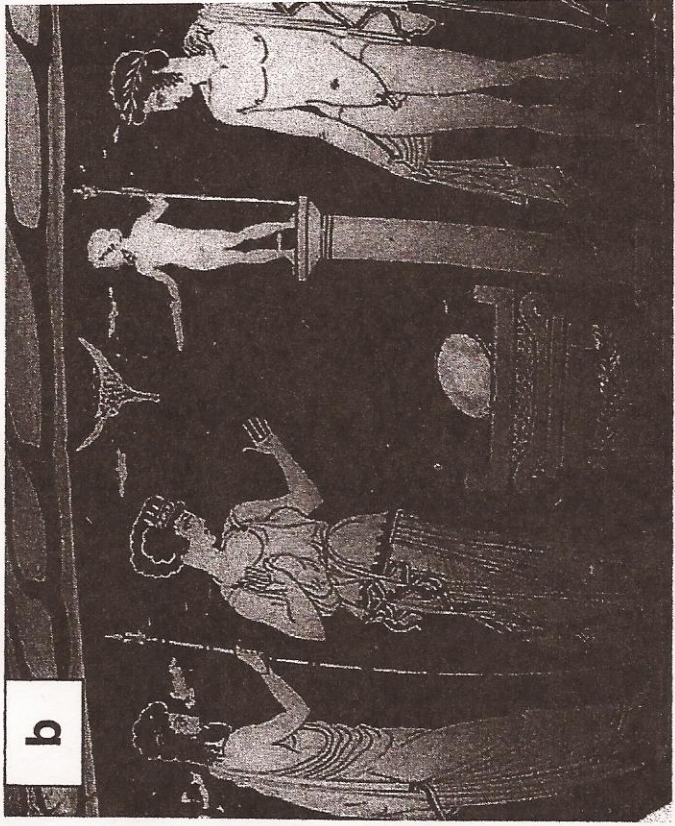
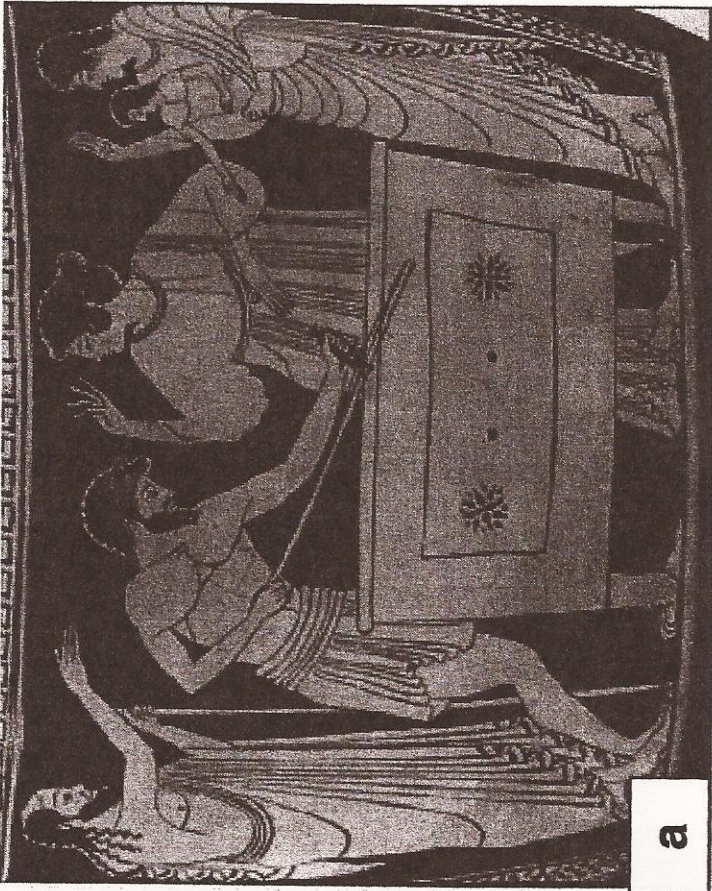


Plate A



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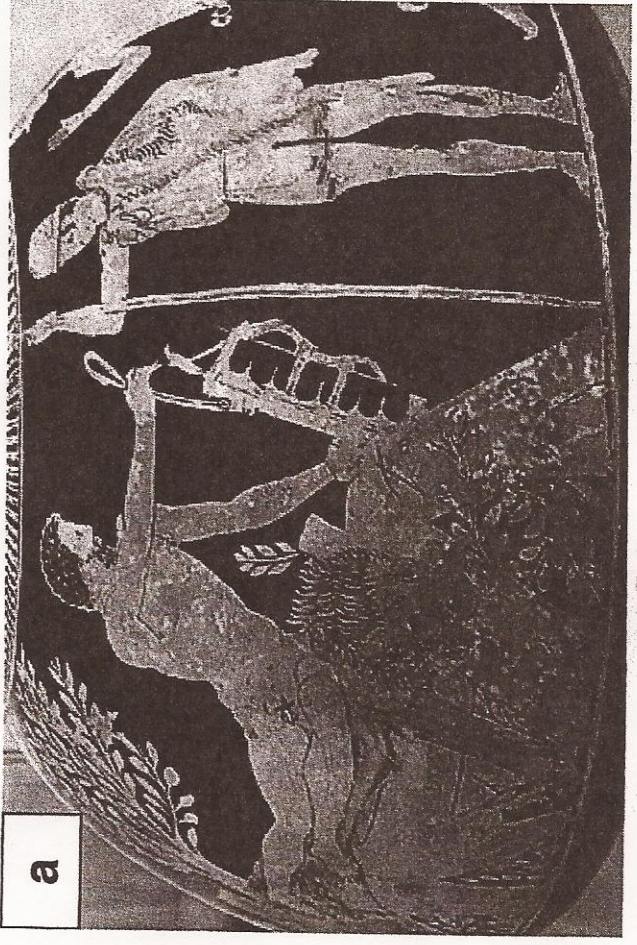


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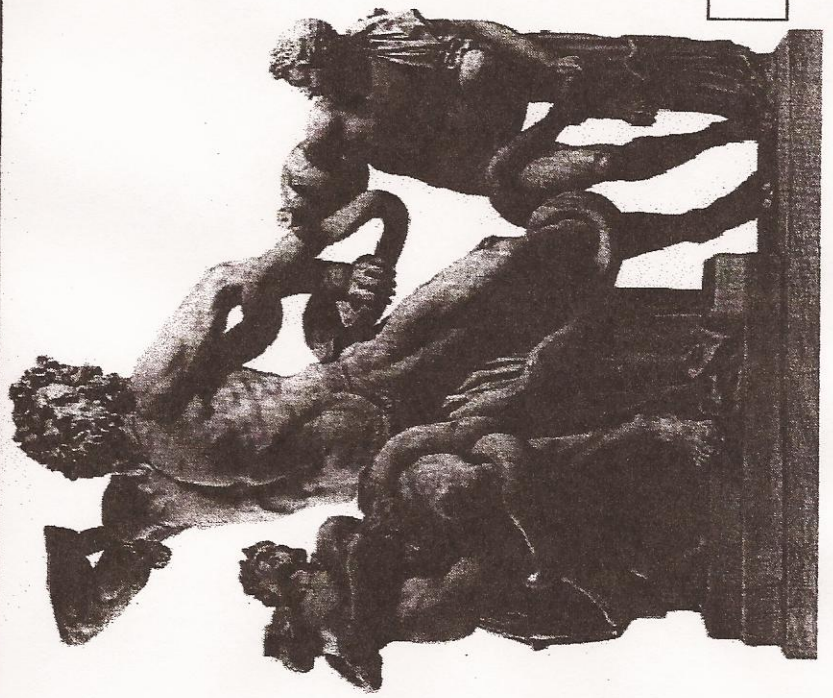
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Plate C



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