

Intermediate Latin Homework

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The Devil and a Thirteenth Century Schoolboy

1. *In illa ecclesia erat scholaris parvus.*

In that church was a little scholar.

2. *Cum hic diē quādam versus compōnere ex eā materiā a magistrō data nōn posset et tristis sederet, diabolus in formā hominis vēnit.*

- Subordinate is cum clause with subjunctive verb (sederet: 3rd singular imperfect active subjunctive, posset: same parse).

When on a certain day this boy was not able to compose versus out of that material given by the teacher and was sadly sitting, the devil came in the shape of a human.

3. *Cum dixisset: “Quid est, puer? Cūr stc tristis sedēs?” respondit puer: “Magistrum muem timeō quod versus compōnere nōn possum dē themate quod ab eō recēpt.”*

- *Cum dixisset: [...]* respondit puer. Causal cum clause, dixisset: 3rd singular pluperfect active subjunctive, respondit: 3rd singular perfect active indicative.
- *Cūr stc tristis sedēs?* Here *tristis* is nominative modifying the you implicitly present in *sedēs*.
- First *quod* is a conjunction meaning because, second is a relative pronoun. *timeō* and *possum* in 1st singular present active indicative, and *recēpt* in same but perfect.

When he asked: “What is it, boy? Why do you sadly sit in this way?” the boy answered: “I fear my teacher because I am not able to compose the versus concerning the theme that I recieved from him.”

4. *Et ille: “Vīsne mihi serōire st ego versus tibi compōnam?”*

- *Vīs* = be willing 2nd singular future active indicative.
- *mihi* in dative because *serōire* takes dative.
- This is a future-more-vivid conditional since *compōnam* is in the 1st person future active indicative tense and so is *vīs*. which sets off a (should, would) construction.

And he said that: “Do you wish to serve me if I compose your versus?”

5. *Puer, nōn intellegēs quod ille esset diabolus, respondit:*

- *intelligens* is a present participle.
- *esset* is second singular imperfect active subjunctive, and the *quod* before would indicate to me the start of a characteristic clause.

The boy, not understanding that the man is of the sort of the devil, responded:

6. *“Etiam, domine, parātus sum facere quidquid iusseris – dummodo versūs habeam et verbera vittem.”*

- *parātus* perfect passive participle “prepared”.
- *iusseris* 2nd singular futperf present active indicative
- *dummodo* takes the subjunctive, which is what *habeam* and *vittem* are in.

"Indeed, O lord, I am prepared to do whatever you will have ordered – provided that I have the verses and I avoid lashes.

7. *Tum, versibus statim dictātis, diabolus abiit.*

- *versibus statim dictātis* is an ablative absolute, with *dictātis* being in the perfect passive.

Then, with the versus having immediately been dictated, the devil departed.

8. *Cum puer autem hōs versūs magistrō suō dedisset, hic, excellentiam versuum miratus, timuit, ducens scientiam in illis dīvīnam, nōn hūmānam.*

- Causal *Cum* clause pairing with *dedisset* which is 3rd pluperfect present active subjunctive.
- *magistrō suō* is dative of reference.

However when the boy had given these verses to his teacher, this teacher, marveling at the excellence of the versus, feared it, regarding the knowledge in those divine things as not human.

9. *Et ait: “Dīc mihi, quis tibi hōs versūs dictavit?”*

And he said: “Tell me, who dictated these versus for you?”

10. *Prīmum puer respondit: “Ego, magister!”*

First, the boy responded: “I, teacher!”

11. *Magistrō autem nōn crēdente et verbum interrogātōnis saepius repēte, puer omnia tandem cōfessus est.*

- *Magistrō autem nōn crēdente* is an ablative absolute, with *crēdente* and *repēte* being a present participle.
- *cōfessus est* is 3rd singular perfect passive indicative, but I couldn’t find a nice way to translate that.

However with the teacher not believing and more often repeating words of interrogation, the boy at last confessed everything.

12. *Tum magister “Fili”, inquit, “ille versificator fuit diabolus. Carissime, semper illum sēductōrem et eius opera cavē.”*

- *Carissime* is vocative and a superlative.

Then the teacher said "Son, that versifier was the devil. O most beloved, always beware that seducer and his works.

13. *Et puer diabolum eiusque opera reliquit.*

And the boy abandoned the devil and the works of his.

Cladius' Excremental Expiration

1. *Et ille quidem animam ēbulliit, et ex eo desiit vivere vidēti.*

- *ēbulliit* = *ēbullivit* which is 3rd singular perfect active indicative.
- I found a dictionary entry which said *animam ēbulliit* went to expired.
- Struggled a bit with the second half and how to treat infinitives there. I wanted to go indirect speech, but it wasn't fitting.

And that man indeed bubbled out his spirit, and from that he stopped to seem to live.

2. *Exspiravit autem dum comoedos audit, ut scias me non sine causa illos timere.*

- I know translating *audit* as listening is in the wrong tense.
- *Exspiravit* is historical perfect which implies that this result clause is not following sequence of tenses.

However he died as he listened to comedians, so you know I do not fear those men without reason.

3. *Ultima vox eius haec inter homines audita est, cum maiorem sonitum emisisset illa parte qua facilius loquebatur:*

- *audita est* 3rd singular perfect passive indicative.
- *Ultima, vox, haec* all pairs together.
- The *cum* clause pairs with *emisisset* which is 3rd singular pluperfect active subjunctive.
- Those last ablatives are of instrument or means.
- *facilius* is the comparative adverb.

This loudest expression of his was heard among the men, because he had let out a vast noise by that part with which he easily spoke.

4. *"Vae me, putō, concacavi."*

"Alas, I think I've shit myself."

5. *Quod an fecerit, nescio – omnia certe concacavit!*

- *fecerit* is 3rd singular perfect active subjunctive, this is introducing an indirect question.

- I read that *an* can introduce a question containing the notion of surprise or indignation.
Whether he really did it, I do not know – he surely soiled everything!

Sorry, Nobody's Home

1. *Nasica ad poetam Ennium venit.*

Nasica came to the poet Ennium.

2. *Cum ad ianuam Ennium quaestvisset et serva respondisset eum in casa non esse, sensit illam dominum iussu id dixisse et Ennium vero esse in casa.*

- *quaestvisset* is 3rd singular pluperfect active subjunctive of *quaero, quaerere, quaesivi, quaesitus*.
- *respondisset* is 3rd singular pluperfect active subjunctive of *respondeo, respondere, respondi, responsus*.
- *quaestvisset* and *respondisset* are subjunctive because they're inside of a circumstantial *cum* clause, and there's an indirect statement too.
- *sensit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *sentio, sentire, sensi, sensus*.
- *dixisse* is the perfect active infinitive of *dico, dicere, dixi, dictus*.
- This second part of the sentence also has indirect statement set off by *dixisse* and *esse*.
- *iussu* is in the ablative with the usage of respect.

When he had sought Ennium at his door and the slave had responded that he was not in the house, he felt that she had said that by the order of the master and that in truth Ennium was in the house.

3. *Post paucos dies, cum Ennius ad Nasicam venisset et eum ad ianuam quaereret, Nasica ipse exclamavit se in casa non esse.*

- *venisset* is 3rd singular pluperfect active subjunctive of *venio, venire, veni, ventus*.
- *quaereret* is 3rd singular imperfect active subjunctive of *quaero, quaerere, quaesivi, quaesitus*.
- These are both in subjunctive because they form a circumstantial *cum* clause.
- *exclamavit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *exclamo, exlamare, exclamavi, exclamatus*.
- *esse* coupled with *exclamavit* is indirect speech.

After a few days, when Ennius had come to Nasica and was seeking him at the door, Nasica himself exclaimed that he was not in the house.

4. *Tum Ennius "Quid?" inquit, "Ego non cognoscō vocem tuam?"*

- *cognoscō* is 1st singular present active indicative of *cognosco, cognoscere, cognovi, cognitus*.

Then Ennius said: "What? Am I not acquainted with the voice of yours?"

5. *Hic Nasica merō cum sale respondit:*

- What the heck is *hic* supposed to do in this session.

At this point Nasica responded with pure wit:

6. *"Vae, homō es impudēns!"*

Alas, you are a shameless person!

7. *Ego, cum tē quaererem, servae tuae credidit tē nōn in casā esse;*

- *quaererem* is 1st singular imperfect active subjunctive from *quaero, quaerere, quaesivi, quaesitus*, and it's subjunctive because it's in a circumstantial *cum*.
- *credidit* is 1st singular perfect active indicative of *credo, credere, credidi, creditus*. Note it takes dative which is why *servae tuae* is in the dative.
- Is my translation of "were" correct? I know this is a sequence of tenses issue, but I'm not sure.

When I was seeking you, I believed your servant that you were not in the house;

8. *nōnne tū mihi ipse nunc credis?"*

Now you do not believe me myself?

Maecenas Passage

1. *Nalla fors mihi tē, Maecenas, obtulit: optimus Vergilius et post hunc Varius dixerunt quid essem.*

- *obtulit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *offero, offere, obtuli, oblatus*. This frequently takes the dative, which is why I changed it from offered to volunteered (Traupman).
- *dixerunt* is 3rd plural perfect active indicative of *dico, dicere, dixi, dictus*.
- *essem* is 1st singular imperfect active subjunctive of *sum, esse, fui, futurus*.

No fortune volunteered you for me, Maecenas: Vergil, the greatest, and after this man Varius, had said what I am.

2. *Ut ad tē vēnī, singultim pauca locutus (nam pudor prohibēbat plura profari), ego nōn dixi mē clārō patre nātum esse sed narrāvī quod eram.*

- *vēnī* is 1st singular perfect active indicative of *venio, venire, veni, ventus*.
- *locutus* is the perfect participle of *loquor, loqui, locutus sum*, but since it's a deponent instead of *having been* we translate as *having*.
- *prohibēbat* is 3rd singular imperfect active indicative of *prohibeo, prohibere, prohibui, prohibitus**.
- *dixi* is 1st singular perfect active indicative and *nātum esse* is the perfect passive infinitive of *nascor, nasci, natus sum*, which is deponent)

As I came to you, having one by one said little (for decency was preventing [me] to say much), I had not said that I had been born from a famous father but I told you what I was.

3. *Respondēs, ut tuus mōs est, pauca.*

- *ut* here is just a conjunction, and *tuus mōs* is in the nominative because *est* is functioning as an equal sign.

You respond little, as it is your culture.

4. *Abeo et post nōnum mēsem mē revocās iubēsque esse in amīcōrum numerō.*

- *abeo* from *abeo, abire, abivi, abitus* is 1st singular present active indicative, meaning to depart.
- *revocās* from *revoco, revocare, revocavi, revocatus* and *iubēs* from *iubeo, iubere, iussi, iussus* are both 2nd singular present active indicative, meaning to call back and to order respectively.

I depart and after the ninth month you recall me and order me to be in the number of friends.

5. *Hoc magnum esse dūcō, quod placuit tibi, quā bonōs a turpibus sēcernis nōn patre clarō sed vītā et pectore purō.*

- *placui* from *placeo, placere, placui, placitus* is obviously the third principle part, meaning to please.
- *sēcernis* from *secerne, secernere, secevi, secretus* is 2nd singular present active indicative, meaning to separate.

I consider this to be great, the fact that I pleased you, you who separate the good from the ugly not because of a famous father but because of clear heart and life.

6. *Atquē sī mea nātūra est mendōsa vitīis mediocribus ac paucīs sed aliōquē rēcta, sī neque avāritiam neque sordēs quisquam mihi obiciet, sī purus sum et insōns (ut mē laudem!) et vīvō cārus amīcīs, cause fuit pater meus.*

7. *Hic enim, cum pauper in parvō agrō esset, tamen noluit mē puerum in ludum Flāvī mittere sed ausu est mē Rōmam ferre ad artēs discendās quās senātōrēs suōs filiōs docent.*

8. *Ipse mihi paedagōgus incorruptissimus ē.*

9. *Mē liberum servāvit nōn solum ab omni factō sed etiam ab turpi opprobriō.*

10. *Quare laus illi a mē debetur et grātia magna.*

Hannibal Passage

1. *Hac igitur aetate Hannibal cum patre in Hispaniam profectus est.*

- *Hac aetate* is an ablative of time when.
- *profectus est* is 3rd singular perfect passive indicative and has parts *proficiscor, proficisci, profectus sum*. Since it's deponent it translates as active.
- *cum patre* ablative of accompaniment.

Therefore during this age Hannibal departed with his father into Spain.

2. *Post multōs annōs, Hamilcare et Hasdrubale interfectis, exercitus et imperium tradidit.*

- *Hamilcare* is masculine ablative, father of Hannibal. *Hasdrubale* ablative masculine of Hasdrubal Barca. *Interfectis* is the perfect passive participle of *interficio, interficere, interfeci, interfectus* and is in the ablative, setting up an ablative absolute.

- *tradidit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative from *trado, tradere, tradidi, traditus*. *trado* takes dative, which in this case is *ei*.

After many years, with Hamilcar and Hasdrubal having been killed, the army handed over command to him.

3. *Stc Hannibal, quinq̄ue et v̄ginti annōs nātus, imperātor factus est.*

- Accusative of extent of time is *annōs nātus*. Ablative is specific, Accusative describes a length of time.
- *factus est* is 3rd singular perfect passive indicative of *facio, facere, feci, factus*. Note *factus sum* is a copulative verb and thus takes nominative on both sides and acts like an equal sign.

So Hannibal, having been born for 20 and 5 years, was made commander.

4. *Tribus annis omnes gentes Hispaniae superavit et tres exercitus maximos paravit.*

- *superavit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative, same with *paravit*.
- *Tribus annis* is ablative of time within which.
- *maximos* is superlative roughly meaning greatest, but that wasn't dropping in nicely so I used a synonym peerless.

Within three years he overcame all people of Spain and prepared three peerless armies.

5. *Ex his unum in Africam misit, alterum cum fratre in Hispania reliquit, tertium in Italiam secum duxit.*

- *misit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *mitto, mittere, misi, missus* to send.
- *reliquit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *relinquo, relinquere, reliqui, relictus*.
- *duxit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *duco, ducere, duxi, ductus*.
- *secum* is *se + cum* and roughly means with himself.

Out of these he sent the first into Africa, he left behind one with his brother in Spain, he led the third into Italy with himself.

6. *Ad Alpes venit, quas nemō umquam ante eum cum exercitū transierat.*

- *venit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *venio, venire, veni, ventus* (it's perfect because of the *ē*).
- *transierat* is 3rd singular pluperfect active indicative of *transeo, transire, transivi, transitus*.

He came through the Alps, which before him no one ever had crossed with an army.

7. *Alpicōs cōnantēs prohibere eum transitū occidit; loca patefecit; itinera munit; effecit ut elephantus tre posset quā antea unus homō vix poterat repere.*

- *prohibere* is an infinitive of *prohibeo, prohibere, prohibui, prohibitus*.
- *cōnantēs* is present participle of *conor, conari, conatus sum*.
- *occidit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *occido, occidere, occidi, occisus*.

- *patefecit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *patefacio, patefacere, patefeci, patefactus*.
- *munivit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *munio, munire, munivi, munitus*.
- *effecit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *efficio, efficere, effeci, effectus*. With *ut* you can translate it as “brought it about that”.
- *ire* is the infinitive of *eo, ire, ivi, itus*.
- *posset* is 3rd singular imperfect active subjunctive of *possum, posse, potui*. This is setting off the substantive clause of result, which occurs with verbs of effort or accomplishment. This sits midway between result and purpose, which is why it is distinct.

He killed the Alpine men attempting to hinder him from passage; revealed the territory; fortified the roads; brought it about that an elephant would be able to walk where before a single man was hardly able to crawl.

8. *Sic in Italiam pervenit et, Scipione superato, Etruriam petivit.*

- *pervenit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *pervenio, pervenire, perveni, perventus*. Translated as arrived with an *in* + *Acc*.
- *superato* is perfect passive participle in the ablative, which combined with *Scipione* which is also ablative gives us an ablative absolute construction.
- *petivit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *peto, petere, petivi, petitus*.

Thus he arrived at Italy and, with Scipio having been defeated, attacked Etruria.

9. *Hoc in itinere tam gravi morbo oculorum adfectus est ut postea numquam dextro oculo bene uteretur.*

- *adfectus est* is 3rd singular perfect passive indicative of *adficio, adficere, adfeci, adfectus*.
- *uteretur* is 3rd singular imperfect passive subjunctive of *utor, uti, usus sum*. This is subjunctive because it's in a result clause, and note by sequence of tenses we ignore the imperfect. Furthermore, this very takes the ablative and that's why *dextro oculo* is ablative.

On this journey Hannibal was afflicted by so grave an illness of the eye that afterwards he never used his right eye well.

10. *Multos duces exercitusque Romanos superavit; longum est omnia proelia enumerare.*

- *superavit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *supero, superare, superavi, superatus*.
- *longum est (w/ infinitive)* has the translation “It would take too long to –”
- *enumerare* is the present active infinitive of *numero, enumerare, enumeravi, enumeratus*.

He overcame many Roman generals and armies; it would take too long to count all the battles.

11. *Post Cannensem autem pugnam nemo et in acie in Italia restitit.*

- *restitit* is 3rd singular perfect active indicative of *resisto, resistere, restiti, -*. Note this takes the dative, which is why *et* is in the dative.
- *Cannensem* is an accusative adjective, but it's a city name too, so it's confusing.

However after the Cannae battle no one in the battle line withstood him in Italy.

12. *Cum autem P. Scipio tandem in Africam invasisset, Hannibal, ad patriam defendendam revocatus, Zamae victus est.*

- *invasisset* is 3rd singular pluperfect active subjunctive of *invado, invadere, invasi, invasus*. It's subjunctive because it's in a *cum* clause. With an *in* + *Acc.* this is translated as "attacked + *Acc.*".
- *defendendam* is the accusative singular feminine future passive participle of *defendo, defendere, defendi, defensus*, i.e. the gerundive and it pairs with *ad*.
- *revocatus* is the nominative singular masculine perfect passive participle of *revoco, revocare, revocavi, revocatus*.
- *victus est* is 3rd singular perfect passive indicative of *vinco, vincere, vici, victus*.
- *Zamae* is locative.

However, when P. Scipio finally attacked Africa, Hannibal, having been recalled for the purpose of defending his country, was defeated at Zama.

13. *Sic post tot annos Romani se periculo Punico liberaverunt.*

- *liberaverunt* is 3rd plural perfect active indicative of *libero, liberare, liberavi, liberatus*.
- *periculo Punico* is an ablative of separation.

Thus after so many years the Romans freed themselves from the Punic danger.