

EXTRACT B

... She had proved a curse alike
 for Troy and for her homeland; and she lurked concealed, a
 hated thing, at the altar. Out flashed all the fire in me and I was
 filled with a rage to avenge my home, and wreak punishment,
 crime for crime. "So!" thought I, "shall she, unharmed, 5
 again see Sparta and Mycenae the land of her birth, and enjoy
 her state as a victorious queen? Shall she look once more on
 her husband, her home, her parents and her children, and have
 round her a retinue of Trojan ladies and lords of our land
 to serve her? This, after Priam has fallen by the sword, Troy 10
 blazed in flames, and our Dardan coast again and again sweated
 with blood? Not so. There may be no great honour in killing
 a woman; such victory can bring no fame. But I shall have
 some credit for having stamped dead a mortal sin, and punished
 a wrong which cries out for justice; and it will be joy 15
 to have glutted my desire for the vengeance of the fire and
 satisfied the ashes of all that were ever dear to me!"

Virgil, *Aeneid*, Book 2

(a) (i) To whom is Aeneas telling this story?

(ii) Where is Aeneas at this time?

(b) (i) Who is "she" in line 5?

(ii) Who is her husband, mentioned in line 8?

(c) Why did the woman referred to in question (b) above prove "a curse alike for Troy and for her homeland" (lines 1–2)?

(d) Describe in detail the circumstances of Priam's death.

(e) "Our Dardan coast" (line 11) refers to Troy. Explain the reference to Dardan.

(f) (i) What message do the words "she lurked concealed" (line 2) convey about this woman?

(ii) Explain in detail how this message is reinforced in Book 6 when Aeneas meets the spirit of Deiphobus.

(g) (i) What advice does Venus give Aeneas in the passage that follows this extract?

(ii) How does she persuade him to follow her advice?

(iii) Explain in detail why Venus' intervention is critical for Aeneas at this time. You must provide evidence from this extract to illustrate your answer.

(h) (i) Discuss THREE characteristics of Aeneas as he is portrayed in this extract. You must provide evidence from the extract to illustrate your answers.

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(2) _____

(3) _____

(ii) To what extent does Aeneas act as a man of *pietas* in the episodes that follow this extract? You must discuss TWO episodes and provide evidence from the final events of Book 2 to illustrate your answer.

(1) _____

(2) _____
