

EXTRACT C

About

this river, like bees in a meadow on a fine summer day settling
 on flowers of every kind, when lilies gleaming white are
 sprinkled everywhere and all the fields are noisy with the hum,
 the souls of countless tribes and nations were flitting. 5
 Aeneas was startled by the sudden sight, and in his bewilderment
 wished to hear his doubts explained, and find what might this
 river be which he saw before him, and who they were who
 crowded its banks with this numerous array. His father
 Anchises gave answer: 'They are souls who are destined to 10
 live in the body a second time, and at Lethe's wave they
 are drinking the waters which abolish care and give enduring
 release from memory. I have long desired to tell you
 of them and point them out to you in person for you to see; I
 wished to detail them to you, these descendants of my line, 15
 that you might rejoice with me the more in having found
 Italy.' 'Oh, Father, am I therefore to believe that of these souls
 some go, soaring hence, up to the world beneath our sky and
 return once more into dreary matter? Why should the poor
 souls so perversely desire the light of our day?' 'I shall tell you, 20
 indeed, and I shall not leave you in suspense, my son.'
 Anchises took up his tale and revealed each truth in due order.

Virgil, *Aeneid*, Book VI

- (a) (i) Name the person who guides Aeneas on his journey through the underworld.

- (ii) Give TWO details about this person.
 (1) _____
 (2) _____
- (b) (i) What has made Aeneas come to the underworld?

- (ii) Name one person from his past that Aeneas has already met in the underworld.

- (c) (i) In which part of the underworld is this meeting taking place?

- (ii) What did Aeneas leave at the threshold of this place?

- (d) Explain TWO points of similarity between the simile in lines 1–4 and the scene that it illustrates.
 (1) _____
 (2) _____
- (e) (i) “Why should the poor souls so perversely desire the light of our day?” (lines 19–20)
 Explain in detail what these words reveal about the character of Aeneas.

- (ii) Describe in detail a similar incident in Book VI where Aeneas displays the same characteristic.

(f) (i) According to Anchises, in the passage immediately following this extract, what makes the soul lose its purity during life? Give a detailed answer.

(ii) Explain in detail the processes by which, according to Anchises, the soul is purified immediately after death.

(g) (i) Explain the general purpose Anchises had in showing Aeneas the "descendants of my line" (line 15).

(ii) Discuss the specific purpose Anchises had in showing Aeneas any THREE of the following individuals or groups:

- Romulus
- two of the Roman kings
- Augustus
- Pompey and Caesar
- Marcellus (the younger)

(1)

(2)

(3)

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