



**Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2024**

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**YEAR 8**

**ENGLISH SOURCE BOOKLET**

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**In this booklet, you will find the texts which you need to read to be able to answer the reading comprehension and literature questions in the Main Paper.**

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## Welcome to the Acropolis Museum

Located in the historic area of Makryianni, the Museum stands about 300 metres southeast of the Parthenon. Its entrance is adjacent to the start of Dionysiou Areopagitou pedestrian walkway, which links it to the Acropolis and other key archaeological sites in Athens. The top floor of the Museum, the Parthenon Gallery, offers a panoramic view of the Acropolis and modern Athens.

### Subheading 1

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 Acropolis Museum  
Dionysiou Areopagitou 15  
Athens 11742

### Subheading 2

**Winter season**  
(1st November – 21st March)

Monday to Thursday 09:00 – 17:00  
Friday CLOSED  
Saturday and Sunday 09:00 – 20:00

**Summer Season**  
(1st April – 31st October)

Monday 08:00 – 16:00  
Tuesday to Sunday 08:00 – 20:00  
Friday 08:00 – 22:00

General admission: **€5**  
Reduced admission for children: **€3**

**Last admission**  
30 minutes prior to the Museum's closing time

**Free admission days**  
6th March, 25th March,  
18th May, 28th October



### Subheading 3

- Cafe' on the ground floor behind the souvenir shop.
- Restaurant on the 2nd floor.
- Last orders are accepted 30 minutes prior to the Museum's closing time.
- Every Friday and Saturday evening, the restaurant remains open until midnight.

### Subheading 4

- Souvenirs and gifts on the ground floor.
- Bookshop on the 2nd floor.

### Subheading 5

**A** Leave large purses and bags in the cloakroom.

**B** Do not touch the exhibits.

**C** Do not bring food or drinks into the exhibition galleries.

**D** No photography or videos in the Acropolis Gallery for the protection of the scriptures.

**E** Set your mobile phones to silent and avoid their use while touring the exhibition galleries.

## Egypt, the land of the Pharaohs

**FROM** €499

**WHEN** 30th October -  
4th November

**VISITING** Cairo, Giza, Luxor,  
Valley of the Kings

**PRICE**

- \* Flight to Cairo including 25kg luggage
- \* 5 nights in 4-star Grand Plaza Hotel in Cairo
- \* Rooms with private facilities & TV
- \* Service of tour leader



### FRIDAY 1st JULY

We will rendezvous at the Malta International Airport at 6.45 a.m. for our flight departing at 8.45 a.m. and arrive at the Cairo International Airport at 10.50 a.m. We board our coach and drive to the heart of Cairo, Egypt's sprawling capital, where we will meet our local tour leader. After checking into one of the many 4-star hotels which are very reasonably priced, we will go on a familiarisation walk around this popular holiday destination. You may be shocked by the bumper-to-bumper traffic and hustle and bustle of Cairo, but it is also steeped in history, with its ancient monuments and museums. In fact, Egypt is home to one of the world's oldest and most important civilisations. You may use this free time for sightseeing and getting used to the vibrant atmosphere of the city as well as meeting the locals, who are renowned for their hospitality and warmth, or you can simply spend the rest of the day relaxing at the hotel.

In the evening, we will enjoy a relaxing night out on a boat ride as we cruise down the Nile River while savouring an open buffet dinner. Egyptian cuisine is diverse and tasty, offering a variety of delicious local dishes to indulge in. This optional excursion takes approximately three hours.

### SATURDAY 2nd JULY

Today, we will go on our full-day excursion to Giza to visit historical and world-famous monuments, symbols of Egyptian civilisation – the pyramids. These are a must in every tour of Egypt! There are nine pyramids here. We

### PRICE PER PERSON

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Adult in twin               | €519 |
| Adult in single             | €499 |
| Child sharing with 2 adults | €329 |

| EXCURSIONS          | ADULT | CHILD |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Giza                | €45   | €20   |
| Luxor               | €45   | €20   |
| Valley of the Kings | €45   | €20   |
| Egyptian Museum     | €35   | €20   |

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

City tax of £40 per person per night is to be paid directly at the hotel.

join a guided tour to uncover the secrets of  
30 ancient burial practices and marvel at the  
architectural prowess of the ancient Egyptians.  
Do you know that there is no archaeological  
or historical evidence as to how the massive  
pyramids were built? For the adventurers  
35 amongst us, but at an additional cost, a  
camel ride to explore the Great Pyramids is  
available. Another optional excursion takes  
you inside one of the well-preserved pyramids  
to see the King's chamber, where the empty  
40 sarcophagus is located. It may get cramped  
and hot inside, so this is to be avoided if you  
easily feel claustrophobic.

### **SUNDAY 3rd JULY**

Today's optional excursion will take us on  
45 a cultural walking tour around the world-  
renowned Egyptian Museum. This is one of  
the largest museums in Africa and houses  
over 120,000 masterpieces of the ancient  
Egyptian civilisation, such as the treasures of  
50 Tutankhamun including the iconic gold burial  
mask, royal jewellery and carefully preserved  
mummies. For those wanting a crash course  
in Egyptian history, the museum is a must! It  
will surely provide a fascinating educational  
55 experience.

After lunch, we admire the historic district  
of Islamic Cairo, with its stunning mosques,  
lively bazaars, and medieval architecture.  
The highlight is the Al-Azhar Mosque which  
60 is known for its beautiful architecture, with  
its massive entrance and minaret, a large  
courtyard with a fountain in the centre flanked  
by arched porticoes. It is the perfect backdrop  
for some breathtaking photos especially at  
65 sunset!

### **MONDAY 4th JULY**

We have an early start today as we take an  
hour-flight to Luxor. Luxor is often referred  
to as the world's greatest open-air museum.  
70 This is because of the enormous amount of

ancient monuments one can find in this area.  
It was once the capital of ancient Egypt and  
the rich history and culture of this city can  
still be witnessed today.

Then we proceed to visit the awe-inspiring 75  
Karnak Temple Complex dedicated to the  
ancient Egyptian gods. It featured in the  
film "The Mummy" and one of its amazing  
elements is the forest of 134 colossal columns  
that rise majestically towards the sky leaving 80  
the visitors below feeling insignificant. Late  
afternoon, we will return to the hotel and you  
can enjoy some free time.

### **TUESDAY 5th JULY**

Another interesting adventure awaits us. 85  
After breakfast, we go on a short guided tour  
till noon to the Valley of the Kings, the royal  
burial ground for the pharaohs, home to over  
60 tombs and chambers, many of which are  
richly decorated with elaborate murals and 90  
carvings. And who knows how many more will  
be discovered in the future!

### **WEDNESDAY 6th JULY**

After checking out, we have the whole  
morning to ourselves. Later, we proceed to 95  
Cairo airport for our return flight departing  
at 11.10 p.m. and arriving in Malta at 00.40  
a.m. The blend of history, culture and natural  
beauty present in Egypt will surely create  
many lasting memories, making this country 100  
an unforgettable destination.

## SOURCE C

Mr Caractacus Potts, an inventor, wants to purchase a weathered old race car called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to restore it. However, he doesn't have the money. His children, Jeremy and Jemima, do their best to help but he decides to attend a lively Fun Fair to try and put together the required sum.

### Scene 5: Potts Family Windmill

POTTS: Children...about the car...You see, 30 shillings is pretty hard to come by. And when I do get any money, I need it for my inventions.

JEREMY: Jemima and I have been thinking. We know how to raise the money.

JEMIMA: We can sell our treasures. Those things are enormously valuable.

JEREMY: Look! King Alfred's crown- *[JEREMY holds up a paper crown.]*

JEMIMA: The nail from Noah's Ark. *[JEMIMA holds up an ordinary nail.]*

JEREMY: The stone, possibly from Stonehenge. *[JEREMY holds up a rock.]* Take them daddy. You can sell them.

POTTS: These are all wonderful things, they're very precious. But I'm afraid other people wouldn't appreciate them.

JEMIMA: Why not daddy?

POTTS: Because other people don't see things the way you do. Come now, let's go to sleep. I have to try my luck with my new invention at the Fun Fair. And don't you worry. Things are going to come right somehow.

JEMIMA: Can we come?

POTTS: No, this is work. Now to sleep.

JEREMY: What about the boats?

POTTS: What boats?

JEMIMA: The boats in the song Mummy used to sing.

POTTS: Of course. *[POTTS sings the children a sweet lullaby and they soon drift off to sleep.]* Sweet dreams. Daddy loves you very much.

### Scene 6: Fun Fair

*[The stage fills with FAIRGOERS attending the Fun Fair. A group gathers centre, carrying bamboo poles. They are traditional dancers.]*

FAIR ANNOUNCER: Lads and Lasses! Ladies and Gentlemen! The Fun Fair is pleased to present for your enjoyment and pleasure – the Village Dancers!

*[They dance to a traditional tune. The DANCERS disperse, forming a crowd. POTTS enters with a haircutting machine.]*

POTTS: Haircuts! Ladies and gentlemen, get a spiffing automatic haircut. I do not profess to make the dead men talk. You may have long hair, you may have short hair, you may have straight hair, it makes no difference to the Potts automatic and hygienic, electronic haircutting machine.

VIOLET: Come on Sid, you could do with a haircut.

SID: All right mate, do your worst.

*[SID is wearing a bald cap with hair attached to it. POTTS places the haircutting machine on SID's head.]*

POTTS: Now just you relax sir, we'll have you done in a jiffy.

SID: It tickles.

VIOLET: Sidney, you're smoking!

SID: Turn it off! My head's on fire.

*[POTTS removes the haircutting machine and the bald cap with the hair attached to it. SID is completely bald.]*

POTTS: Well sir, that's you cooked, I mean done, I mean finished.

VIOLET: Sid – you're bald as a baby's bum.

SID: I'm what? Give me a mirror. Let's have a look. Look at me hair! Come 'ere you -

POTTS: Sorry. I must dash –

*[POTTS exits to make his escape as the DANCERS take centre stage. SID and VIOLET chase POTTS. POTTS enters, grabs a bamboo pole and hat and joins the dancers to hide from SID and VIOLET.]*

*[The number ends as a TURKEY FARMER enters with excitement.]*

TURKEY FARMER: You there, Potts the inventor! Did you invent that haircutting machine?

POTTS: No.

TURKEY FARMER: That's a shame because I want to buy it.

POTTS: I meant no in the sense of...yes.

TURKEY FARMER: What do you want for it?

POTTS: Thirty shillings.

TURKEY FARMER: Done. *[They shake hands.]*

POTTS: I should warn you. It's still in the experimental stage.

TURKEY FARMER: I don't want it for cutting hair, I want it for plucking turkeys.

POTTS: Plucking turkeys?

TURKEY FARMER: Yes. I'm a turkey farmer. And with your machine I can pluck 'em safely. There you are, thirty shillings. And I call it a bargain.

*[TURKEY FARMER hands POTTS the money.]*

POTTS: And I call it a miracle. One car! Coming up! Yahoooo!

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