2nd Semester Test in English Language (1st part) \_ B Class

Reading Tomprehension - Answer all questions below



A. Ithaca by Kavafis

Laistrygonians and Cyclops, angry Poseidon – do not be afraid of them: you'll never find things like that on your way as long as you <u>keep your thoughts raised high</u>. Keep Ithaca always in your mind. Arriving there is what you're destined for. But do not hurry the journey at all. Better if it <u>lasts for years</u>, so that you're old by the time you reach the island, wealthy with all you have gained on the way....

- What do Laistrygonians, Cyclops, angry Poseidon and Ithaca stand for (συμβολίζουν) in the poem of Kavafis?
- 2. How can we "keep our thoughts raised high"?
- 3. Why does Kavafis suggest that the journey "lasts for years"?



- B. <u>When you believe</u> (from Prince of Egypt)
  In this time of fear
  When <u>prayer</u> so often proves <u>in vain</u> (μάταιη)
  <u>Hope</u> seems like the summer bird
  Too swiftly (γρήγορα) flown away...
  There can be miracles
  When you <u>believe</u>
  Though hope is frail (αδύναμη), it's hard to kill
  Who knows what <u>miracles</u> you can achieve (do)?
  When you believe, somehow you will
  You will when you believe...
- 4. Use the underlined words to explain how we can cope with fear in the journey of life.

- 5. What do the lyrics say about hope (3 things)? Try to explain in one sentence.
- 6. In your opinion, what does the expression "in this time of fear" mean in our days? (e.g. war, stress e.t.c.)



## T. <u>Guernica</u>

By May 1<sup>st</sup> 1937, news of the massacre at Guernica had reached Paris. Eyewitness reports filled the front pages of Paris papers. Picasso was stunned by the black and white photographs. He rushed to his studio where he quickly sketched the first images for the mural he would call Guernica....Picasso was so angry about what had happened in Guernica that he wanted everybody to immediately take notice of the brutal event...

7. Imagine that you are an artist or a poet and you have just heard about what happened in Guernica. What would you have done? What would your reactions have been? Try to describe your feelings. You can also produce a short dialogue between you and your best friend discussing about the event (e.g. Me: My friend:). Try to add some information from the movie "Guernica" we watched in class.

