

Name and Class _____

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

Reading Comprehension – 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 keep your thoughts raised high.
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 lasts for years,
so that you're old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you have gained on the way....*

1. 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. When you believe (from Prince of Egypt)

*In this time of fear
When prayer so often proves in vain (μάταιη)
Hope seems like the summer bird
Too swiftly (γρήγορα) flown away...
There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail (αδύναμη), it's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles 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.
