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🏛️ Test: Greek Mythology — Answer key & rubric

Time 40 minutes · Total 40 points · Read every question carefully.

Part A · Circle the correct answer

10 × 1 = 10

1. Where did the twelve gods live, according to the myths?

○ At Olympia ○ On Mount Olympus ○ At Delphi

✔ **On Mount Olympus**

2. Which poet wrote the Odyssey?

○ Hesiod ○ Aeschylus ○ Homer

✔ **Homer**

3. What does Hesiod's Theogony explain?

○ How the gods were born ○ How the Trojan War ended ○ How the Parthenon was built

✔ **How the gods were born**

4. Which Titan gave fire to humans?

○ Kronos ○ Prometheus ○ Atlas

✔ **Prometheus**

5. Where was baby Zeus hidden to save him from Kronos?

○ In a cave on Crete ○ On Ithaca ○ At Troy

✔ **In a cave on Crete**

6. What name did Odysseus tell the Cyclops?

○ Hero ○ Nobody ○ Trojan

✔ **Nobody**

7. In honour of which god were the ancient Olympic Games held?

○ Zeus ○ Ares ○ Hermes

✔ **Zeus**

8. Why did poets call Aphrodite 'Kypris'?

○ Because she loved cypress trees ○ Because, in the myth, she came ashore on Cyprus

○ Because she was queen of Cyprus

✔ **Because, in the myth, she came ashore on Cyprus**

9. To which goddess was the Parthenon dedicated?

○ Hera ○ Aphrodite ○ Athena

✔ **Athena**

10. How did people learn myths before they were written down?

○ From television ○ From bards who sang them ○ From school books

✔ **From bards who sang them**

Part B · True (T) or False (F)? 8 × 1 = 8

1	The Iliad is about the Trojan War.	**T**
2	Poseidon helped Odysseus get home.	**F**
3	Gods' names were already found on Mycenaean tablets.	**T**
4	Hesiod lived after Aeschylus.	**F**
5	Heracles set Prometheus free.	**T**
6	A myth simply means 'a lie'.	**F**
7	Palaipaphos had a great sanctuary of Aphrodite.	**T**
8	Athena was goddess of the sea.	**F**

Corrections: 2 — Poseidon pursued him; 4 — Hesiod lived earlier; 6 — a myth explains and teaches; 8 — goddess of wisdom.

Part C · Match the god to their symbol 6 × 1 = 6

God	Letter	Symbol
1. Zeus	**B**	A. lyre
2. Poseidon	**D**	B. thunderbolt
3. Athena	**F**	C. dove / shell
4. Apollo	**A**	D. trident
5. Hermes	**E**	E. winged sandals
6. Aphrodite	**C**	F. owl / olive

Part D · Put in time order (1 = earliest) 4 × 1 = 4

3	Homer and Hesiod write down the myths
1	Mycenaean tablets naming gods
4	The Parthenon is built
2	First Olympic Games (776 BC)

Part E · Read the source and answer

3 × 2 = 6

Hesiod — Prometheus and fire (adapted retelling)

Zeus grew angry with humans and took fire away from them. The Titan Prometheus, who loved humans, hid a spark inside a hollow fennel stalk and carried it down to earth. From then on people could cook, keep warm and make tools. But Zeus punished Prometheus harshly: he chained him to a rock in the Caucasus. Years later the hero Heracles set him free.

1. Where did Prometheus hide the fire?

✔ **In a hollow fennel stalk.**

2. How did fire change people's lives? Give two examples.

✔ **E.g. cooking, keeping warm, making tools (1 pt per example).**

3. Was Prometheus a hero or a rule-breaker? Give your opinion with 'because'.

✔ **Any opinion backed by the text (1 opinion + 1 reason).**

Part F · Write

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Choose **one** hero (Odysseus, Heracles or Prometheus). Write 5–6 sentences: who they were, what they did in one myth, which value they show and why that value is still useful today.

Criterion	2	1	0
Myth content	Correct events with detail	Broadly correct	Wrong/missing
Value & link to today	Value + reasoned example	Value without reason	—
Language & structure	5–6 clear sentences	Fewer or unclear	—

Scale: 36–40 Excellent · 29–35 Very good · 20–28 Good · below 20 revisit the history file.

Score: _____ / 40