Chapter 1: Comprehension

EXERCISE 1.17: MARS TERRIFIES THE HUMANS

1. line 1: Iuppiter erat deus saevus. Iuppiter deōs et hominēs rēxit.

What are we told about Jupiter? _____ [2]

2. lines 1-2: Iuppiter uxōrem pulchram habēbat. uxor erat Iūnō.

Who was Juno? _____ [1]

3. line 2: Iūnō fīlium habēbat. fīlius erat Mars.

Who was Mars? _____ [1]

4. lines 3-4: Mars saevus et saepe īrātus erat. Mars multōs hominēs terruit: etiam multās fēminās et multōs līberōs terruit.

Why were men, women and children afraid of Mars? _____

_____ [1]

5. lines 4-5: deī et deae Martem nōn amāvērunt. hominēs Martem non amāvērunt.

Who did not love Mars? Are you surprised by this? _____

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_____ [3]

6. lines 5-6: saepe Mars saevissimus erat. Mars multōs hominēs dēlēvit. tum fēminae et līberī lacrimāvērunt sed Mars erat laetus.

What are we told about Mars which shows him to be really savage? _____

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_____ [4]

7. Why do you think the Romans believed in a god like Mars? Explain your answer with reference to details from the story. _____

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_____ [3]

Grammar questions

1. line 1: Iuppiter deōs et hominēs rēxit.

Find an example of a nominative noun and an accusative noun in this sentence. _____

_____ [2]

2. lines 1-2: Iuppiter uxōrem pulchram habēbat.

uxōrem and *pulchram* are both accusative. Identify the declension of each word. _____

_____ [2]

3. line 3: Mars multōs hominēs terruit.

Write down an English verb which derives from the Latin verb *terruit*. Explain what the English word means. _____

_____ [1]