

IGCSE Cicero set text - a brief summary

The day after Cicero had made a speech in the Senate against Catilina - who attended. Cicero had said that Catilina and others had planned to kill him, probably two nights before. Cicero had told Catilina to leave Rome. Catilina left Rome. He is now addressing the citizens in public.

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We / I have made sure that Catilina leaves Rome. We feel safer and we have a more obvious enemy.

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a) He is unhappy to have left without doing some harm to Rome and Romans. He is weakened and bitter - unlike us.

b) I know details of his plans for military action in other parts of Italy. His associates there should be worried because I know.

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a) There is clearly a conspiracy, not just him, as his associates presumably share his ideas. All of them should leave to join him out in Italy.

b) It would be good for Rome if I get rid of his associates, all kinds of immoral criminals who have done terrible things already.

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a) Catilina has attracted a very large number of followers by encouraging their immoral actions.

b) I am criticised for forcing Catilina to go as if he was too sensitive. But the senators showed what they thought of him, it was not just me.

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a) Catilina did not answer my accusations yesterday but I was able to list all his plans for a conspiracy; and so he was not being forced into exile but going to join his followers as he had already planned.

b) We do not have to fear an eventual war with Catilina etc.

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a) You/we have excellent soldiers, generals, the support of the towns of Italy (where any war is likely to happen!), money, support of the whole empire. He has nothing. And our "cause" is stronger too.

b) I warn his supporters still in Rome that my previous, possibly excessive, "patience" is now ended. I will be happy if they leave and they are free to do so.

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a) But anyone trying anything in Rome will not get away with it, and will be punished.

b) I hope that it can all be resolved as peacefully as possible - with me a civilian organising it. But I may be forced not to be so lenient.

c) The gods have shown their support for our city in the past against outsiders and will now support us against our own, criminal citizens.