

SHERBORNE SCHOOL.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION 1962

Latin Prose

(1½ hours)

Write on alternate lines

“Tell me,” said the duke, “how the *siege* of Lisbon was *raised*.” “My lord,” replied the young man, “the siege lasted, as I have said, upwards of a year, for the King of Castile had sworn that he would never *give it up* until Lisbon was under his power, or until some more powerful lord should force him to do it. But a most destructive pestilence burst out in his camp, so that persons died suddenly, even while in conversation with one another. Upwards of 20,000 were carried off by it, which so alarmed the king that he was advised to give up the siege, and retire to Santarem or elsewhere. He was very reluctant to do so, but the chief lords of his own army compelled him to leave Lisbon. When our king saw the Castilians marching away, he made the townsmen and garrison arm, and sallying out on horseback fell on the rear of the army, broke the ranks and killed and wounded many. He also *made a proclamation* that no one, under pain of death, should touch or carry into Lisbon any of the provisions which the Spaniards had left behind, so that the town might not be *infected*: of the money and *plate*, I believe, better care was taken.”

siege = obsidio raise = solvere give up = omittere
make proclamation = edicere infect = infestare
plate = vasa (n. pl.)