Grammar and Word Use Questions

1. In line 29 and in line 31, what two words does Landívar use for melody?

   Melos *and* ***modulamina****.*

2. Considering related English words such as "mellow" and "modulate," what qualities of music is he suggesting?

   Its sweetness and its control.

3. Explain the metonymy in line 35.

   Mars is used for war.

Comprehension Questions

1. In line 30, what two adjectives describe the things he has to tell?

   True and unusual.

2. Cite the Latin and translate four words that describe the city of Mexicus.

   Ampla, frequensque, viris, opibusque, superba *"Large," populous," "proud, in its men and resources."*

3. What event drastically changed the city's status?

   Its people were defeated in war.

4. What is the situation now?

   The Hispanics rule there; the natives once did.

Poetry Questions

1. Copy lines 28–31 on paper and scan them. Read them aloud.

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   Tū, quī/ concen/tūs plec/trō moder/āris e/burnō,

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   Et sā/crās can/tāre do/cēs modu/lāmina /Mūsās,

   – ◡ ◡ | – ◡ ◡ | – – | – – | – ◡ ◡ | – –
   Tū mihi/ vēra qui/dem, sed/ certē/ rāra can/entī

   – ◡ ◡ | – – | – ◡ ◡ | – – | – ◡ ◡ | – –
   Dexter a/des, grā/tumque me/los lar/gīre vo/cātus.

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