**CLA101 Classical Mythology Midterm exam: Spring 2024**

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1. **Multiple choice questions: 40/100 (2% each)**
2. According to the Olympian creation myth, Mother Earth emerged from

A. chaos B. water C. Eurynome D. the winds

1. Uranus, the sky, was the creator of all living things, since he fertilized Mother Earthwith

A. magical seeds B. the rain C. a comet D. thunders

1. Pegasus, a great ally for Bellerophon’s deeds was

A. a unicorn B. a soldier C. a monster D. a winged horse

1. Bellerophon’s name initially meant that he was

Α. a murderer Β. a hero C. a living god D. an animal

1. Bellerophon killed a fire-breathing monster with a lion’s head, goat’s body and serpent’s tail named

A. Echidne B. Cerberus C. Hecate D. Chimaera

1. The reason why Zeus decided to punish Bellerophon was

A. his failure B. his success C. his hubris D his golden middle

1. In Ancient Greece it was typical that the deceased would have under their tongue

A. a coin B. a key C. a ring D. a stone

1. Which one of the options below is NOT a place of the afterlife for the deceased people?

A. Tartarus B. Olympus C. Elysium D. Asphodel Fields

1. Circle the name of the person who is NOT a judge of the Underworld

A. Minos B. Aeacus C. Charon D. Rhadamanthys

1. In Greece, a synonym of Hell was Tartarus, while a synonym for Paradise was

A. Lethe B. Olympus C. Athens D. Elysium

1. Herakles, when he was still a toddler, managed to defend himself and his brother by killing

A. a dragon B. two serpents C. three lions D. four ants

1. The reason why the oracle instructed Herakles to accomplish the labours was because of

A. a sin B. a god C. a hero D. a hobby

1. A great majority of Herakles’ labours took place in this Greek area:

A. Athens B. Iolcus C. Crete D. Peloponnese

1. How many labours of Herakles did Eurystheus NOT recognize?

Α. one Β. two C. ten D. all of them

1. The person who took an oath because of Ate, which couldn’t be broken:

A. Bellerophon B. Heracles C. Zeus D. Hades

1. This Olympian god guided the souls to the Underworld:

A. Hermes B. Artemis C. Hera D. Hades

1. In order to get for him the apples of Hesperides, Atlas asked from Herakles to hold this for a while:

A. a tree B. an elephant C. a bull D. the whole world

1. Cerberus was a terrifying hound, and so was the hound of Geryon, that was named

A. Orthrus B. Pluto C. Chimera D. Hydra

1. Circle the Olympian god that did NOT have an erotic affair with Aphrodite:

A. Ares B. Hephaestus C. Dionysus D. Hades

1. For how many years did the souls have to remain in heaven / hell, according to the myth of Er?

A. 10 years B. 100 years C. 1000 years D. for ever

# Complete the gaps with one verb: 5/100 (1% each)

The Moirai or Fates were three sister deities, incarnations of destiny and life. Their names were Clotho, the one who the thread of life; Lachesis, she who draws the lots and determines how long one lives, is the one who the thread of life; and Atropos, the inevitable, she who chose how someone dies and the thread of life with her shears. Murderers, tyrants and other criminals would be in the afterlife according to the myth of Er, while the just souls would be rewarded. All souls had to from the river of Forgetfulness, in order to forget.

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| **3) True or False Questions: 30/100 (1% each)** |  |  |
| 1. According to the Olympian creation myth, Uranus was born from Mother Earth. | T | F |
| 2. Zeus punished Herakles for his sin by depriving him of the throne. | T | F |
| 3. Bellerophon’s end was the one that a real hero deserved. | T | F |
| 4. Pegasus was finally used by Zeus as a pack-beast for thunderbolts. | T | F |
| 5. Apart from Heracles, Bellerophon was a hero who had to fight the amazons. | T | F |
| 6. Charon would ferry the dead in a boat across Olympus. | T | F |
| 7. The Fortunate islands were reserved for those that entered Elysium three times. | T | F |
| 8. Hades possessed the helmet of invisibility. | T | F |
| 9. Psyche, the word for soul in Greek means “the breath of life”. | T | F |
| 10. In the myth of Er the souls that came from a glorious life chose again a similar one. | T | F |
| 11. Eurystheus showed his bravery whenever Herakles brought him something scary. | T | F |
| 12. Herakles never asked for help while fulfilling his labours. | T | F |
| 13. Arrows were very helpful in killing the Nemean lion. | T | F |
| 14. Hera rewarded the crab that assisted the Lernaean Hydra by making it a zodiac sign. | T | F |
| 15. Iolaus helped Heracles kill the Lernaean Hydra. | T | F |
| 16. Hera loved Herakles, because he was named after her. | T | F |
| 17. Herakles was allowed to kill the Cerynian hind, but he chose to keep it as his pet. | T | F |
| 18. Herakles had only one week to clean the stables of Augeias. | T | F |
| 19. The cattle of Geryon was of marvelous beauty. | T | F |
| 20. The apples of Hesperides were sacred, so they had to be returned after the labour. | T | F |
| 21. Demeter’s name in Greek means “Mother-Earth”. | T | F |
| 22 Poseidon holds a trident while Hades holds a bident. | T | F |
| 23. Zeus was both the brother and the husband of Hera. | T | F |
| 24. Hera never tried to get revenge on Zeus' lovers and their children. | T | F |
| 25. Hephaestus was considered a handsome god. | T | F |
| 26. Aphrodite remained loyal to Hephaestus. | T | F |
| 27. Ares was a relatively peaceful god. | T | F |
| 28. Dionysus demanded respect despite approving consumption of wine. | T | F |
| 29. Apollo is a god highly associated with arts and science. | T | F |
| 30. Hermes would shoot an arrow in order to make people fall in love. | T | F |

# 4) Matching questions: 25/100 (1% each) [Write the correct letter next to the number.]

1. Zeus a. messenger of the gods, travel, commerce
2. Hera b. god of light, sun, prophecy, arts
3. Athena c. blacksmith, god of the forge and fire
4. Poseidon d. goddess of the house, and sacred fire
5. Apollo e. goddess of marriage and family
6. Hermes f. goddess of the hunt, virginity, archery
7. Aphrodite g. god of war and violence
8. Demeter h. god of the sky, storms, thunder
9. Hestia i. goddess of wisdom
10. Ares j. goddess of love, passion, procreation
11. Artemis k. father of the Cyclops, god of the sea
12. Hephaestus l. goddess of harvest, fertility, agriculture
13. Dionysus m. god of wine, ecstasy and the grape
14. The Nemean Lion a. were fed by human flesh
15. The Lernaean Hydra b. was the hound of Hades
16. The Hind of Ceryneia c. were made of gold
17. The Erymanthean Boar d. had brazen wings and claws
18. The Augean Stables e. was a savage beast that had to be kept alive
19. The Stymphalian Birds f. sprouted new heads to replace the ones cut
20. The Cretan Bull g. had an impenetrable skin
21. The Horses of Diomedes h. was considered Minotaur’s father
22. The Belt of Hippolyte i. was a sacred animal for Artemis
23. Geryon's Cattle j. belonged to the queen of amazons
24. The Apples of the Hesperides k. were cleaned with the aid of two rivers
25. Cerberus l. belonged to a three-bodied giant

# Bonus questions: +5/100 (+1% each):

1. A hero that managed to reach the Underworld and return:
2. “Paradise” comes from a Persian etymological root that means:
3. The three Fates were the daughters of Anagke, which means:
4. The sacred waterfall of the Underworld with its immortalizing water:
5. The baby-god of love, son of Aphrodite:

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|  | **GRADING SCALE:** |  |
| **A+: 100/100,** | **B+: 80-84/100,** | **C+: 65-69/100,** |
| **A: 90-99/100,** | **B: 75-79/100,** | **C: 60-64/100,** |
| **A-: 85-89/100,** | **B-: 70-74/100,** | **F: below 60/100** |