XXIV *sententiae* 3

Fuit quondam in hac re publicā tanta virtus ut viri fortes civem perniciosum acrioribus poenis quam acerbissimum hostem reprimerent. (Cicero)

*quondam –* at one time *virtus, virtutis f –* courage *fortis, e –* brave

*civis, is –* citizen *perniciosus, a, um –* destructive *acer, acris, acre –* harsh

*poena, ae –* punishment *acerbus, a, um –* bitter *reprimo, reprimere –* restrain, check

1. Identify the tense of *fuit* and reverse it.

Perfect, fuerunt

2. Make *fuit* say “had been.”

Fuerat

3. Identify the case of the phrase *re publicā* and reverse it.

Ablative, rebus publicis

4. Identify the case of the phrase *viri fortes* and reverse it.

Normative, vir fortis

5. Identify the degree of *acrioribus* and translate it.

Comparative, more bitter

6. Make *acrioribus* say “most harsh.”

Acerbissimus

7. How should *quam* be translated?

As much as possible

8. Identify the degree of *acerbissimum* and translate it.

Superlative, most harsh

9. Make *acerbissimum* say “rather bitter.”

Acrior

10. Explain the form and flavor of *reprimerent*.

Imperfect cause

11. Translate the sentence.

There was once such great virtue in this republic that brave men would press back a pernicious citizen with harsher punishments than the bitterest enemy.

Eo tempore Athenienses tantam virtutem praestiterunt ut decemplicem numerum hostium superarent, et hos sic perterruerunt ut in Asiam refugerent. (Nepos – about the Athenians’ victory at Marathon)

*tempus, temporis n –* time *Athenienses –* the Athenians

*praesto, praestare, praestiti, praestitus –* exhibit *decemplex, decemplicis –* tenfold

*supero, are –* overcome *perterreo, ere, perterrui, perterritus –* terrify

*refugio, ere –* flee

1. Identify the construction of the phrase *eo tempore* and translate it.

Ablative, at that time

2. Identify the case of the phrase *tantam virtutem* and reverse it.

Accusative, such great power

3. Explain the form and flavor of *superarent*.

Imperfect, result clause

4. To whom does *hos* refer?

The athenians