

Round 1

1.(lang1) Salvate, omnes! Welcome to the first round of the OJCL State Certamen! What is the Latin ordinal number that means “first”?

PRIMUS

2.(myth1) Which of the following heroes was NEVER purported to be the son of a god: Heracles, Perseus, Theseus, Jason, Bellerophon?

JASON

3.(hicu 1) What area did Julius Caesar conquer and bring under complete Roman control from 58 - 52 B.C.?

GAUL / GALLIA

4.(lang 2) Which of the following Latin words, if any, CANNOT be used to introduce an interrogative sentence: cur, cum, ubi, quomodo, ?

CUM

5.(lang 3) Give the Latin verb and its meaning at the root of the words “proficient” and “factory.”

FACIO / FACERE – DO, MAKE

6.(hicu 2) Name any 2 of the Julio-Claudian emperors.

AUGUSTUS, TIBERIUS, CALIGULA, CLAUDIUS, NERO

7.(lang 4) Give the 2nd person singular, imperfect active of the verb video.

VIDERERIS

8.(lang 5) Translate the prepositional phrase in the following sentence into Latin: Where would we be without books?

SINE LIBRIS

9.(myth 2) Against what other deity did Athena compete for the patronage of Athens?

POSEIDON

10.(hicu 3) Where would a Roman find a natatorium, apodyterium, and tepidarium?

THERMAE / BALNEAE / BATHS

11.(lang 6) Of Genitive, Dative, Accusative, and Ablative, which case does NOT occur in the following Latin sentence: Ambulabisne, Ibi, ad templum cum filiis sentis?

DATIVE

12.(myth 3) What son of Zeus earned his particular form of eternal punishment by dicing up his son Pelops and cooking him as the main course in a banquet for the gods?

TANTALUS

13.(myth 4) What swift daughter of King Iasus forced her suitors to compete against her in a footrace in return for her hand in marriage?

ATALANTA

14.(lang 7) Give both the Latin and the meaning for the abbreviation n.b.

NŌ TŌ BENE - NOTE WELL

15.(hicu 4) During a typical Roman's day, which of these comes first: prandium, gustŭ tiŭ, salŭ tŭ tiŭ, or ientŭ culum?

IENTŭ CULUM

Round 2

1.(lang1) Translate into Latin the prepositional phrase found in the following sentence: “When are you returning to the city?”

AD URBEM

2.(myth1) Name the god of light, prophecy, music, and medicine.

APOLLO

3.(hicu 1) What city was destroyed in 146 BC after losing its 3rd war against the Romans?

CARTHAGE

4.(lang 2) What Latin abbreviation could you add near the end of a letter because you wanted to add additional information?

P.S.

5.(lang 3) Using the enclitic -que, say in Latin, “The gods and goddesses will fight.”

DEI DEAEQUE PUGNABUNT.

6.(hicu2) What early Roman hero was nicknamed ‘Lefty’ because he sacrificed his right hand for the good of Rome?

MUCIUS SCAEVOLA - either name is acceptable

7.(lang 4) Translate the following sentence into English: Currite, pueri!

RUN, BOYS!

8.(lang 5) Give the 3rd principal part for the Latin verb meaning “to lead”.

DUX

9.(myth 2) What son of Agamemnon avenged his father’s death by killing his mother Clytemnestra?

ORESTES

10.(hicu 3) Which part of the name of a Roman man was commonly abbreviated?

PRAENOMEN

11.(lang 6) Of the English words maternal, matron, mature, and matrimony, which does not come from the Latin noun mater?

MATURE

12.(myth 3) Who were the parents of Proserpina?

JUPITER AND CERES

13.(myth 4) Aeneas, the ancestor of the Roman race, came from what ancient city?

TROY

14.(lang 7) Which of the following Latin nouns is NOT the same number as the others: ager, castra, cubiculum, nauta, pater?

CASTRAS

15.(hicu 4) Though it originally extended only to Capua, what town in southeastern Italy was the eventual terminus of the Via Appia?

BRUNDISIUM

Round 3

- 1.(lang1) Of the Latin nouns caelum, iter, r^us, l^ux and arbor, which is being described in the following sentence? N^{on} n^{on} av^{er}s sed pisc^{us} s^u h^{ab}it^{ant}.
R^{iver} VUS
- 2.(myth1) In what Greek town did Agamemnon and Menelaus first meet their future wives? Hint: Menelaus later became king of this city.
SPARTA
- 3.(hicu 1) What consul of 63 BC delivered a series of speeches against Catiline for conspiring against the Republic? Hint: He is known as the great Roman orator.
(M. TULLIUS) CICERO
- 4.(lang 2) What popular television show would a Roman call Medicus ‘Quis’?
DR. WHO
- 5.(lang 3) Which of the following Latin words does not belong with the others, and why? ^{est} triumph^{us}, hortus, oppidum, tabl^{um}, peristylum.
OPPIDUM, BECAUSE NOT PART OF A ROMAN HOUSE
- 6.(hicu2) During the reign of which king did Rome gain control over its mother city Alba Longa?
'TULLUS HOSTILIUS'
- 7.(lang 4) For the sentence, “Boys, give the girls all of your money!” translate the indirect object into Latin.
PUELL^{arum} S
- 8.(lang 5) Translate “evil king” in the following sentence, “Everyone fears the evil king.”
MALUM R^{ex} GEM
- 9.(myth 2) What was the Roman name of the ONLY Olympian with a mortal mother?
BACCHUS
- 10.(hicu 3) What Roman god’s temple had doors that were closed only in times of peace?
JANUS'
- 11.(lang 6) What English verb, derived from the Latin word brevis, means ‘to shorten, to reduce’?
ABBREVIATE OR ABRIDGE

12.(myth 3) Under what island was the workshop of Vulcan?

SICILY

13.(myth 4) As what animal did Zeus visit Leda, the mother of Helen, Clytemnestra, and the Dioscuri?

SWAN

14.(lang 7) Say in Latin, “The men were giving money to Cornelia.”

VIRI CORNELIAE PECUNIAM DABANT / DOMINI DABANT.

15.(hicu 4) Name 3 of the 7 hills of Rome.

PALATINE, CAPITOLINE, AVENTINE, ESQUILINE, CAELIAN
VIMINAL, QUIRINAL

SEMIFINALS

1.(lang1) What derivative of the Latin noun meaning “end” is the grammatical term for verb forms such as esse and vocāre?

INFINITIVE

Bonus. What derivative of the Latin noun meaning “weapons” means “a fleet of warships”?

ARMADA

2.(myth1) What tree symbolized Zeus?

THE OAK

Bonus. Name the town which was the seat of prophecy for Zeus and contained sacred oak trees.

DODONA

3.(hicu 1) Put these events in chronological order: the 2nd Punic War, the death of Julius Caesar, the end of the monarchy, the formation of the 1st Triumvirate.

THE END OF THE MONARCHY, THE 2ND PUNIC WAR,
THE FORMATION OF THE 1ST TRIUMVIRATE, THE DEATH
OF JULIUS CAESAR

Bonus. Give the years for the end of the monarchy and the death of Julius Caesar.

END OF MONARCHY – 510 OR 509 B.C.

DEATH OF CAESAR - 44 B.C.

4.(lang 2) In Latin, this word means ‘I forbid it.’ In English, it is both a verb meaning ‘forbid, prohibit’ and a noun meaning ‘the power to prevent an action.’

VETO

Bonus. The Greek poet Homer always begins his stories ‘in medias res.’ What does this mean?

HE TELLS THEM STARTING FROM THE MIDDLE

(INSTEAD OF THE BEGINNING) or something close to this

5.(lang 3) Translate the ‘ablative of place where’ phrase in the following sentence into English: Sunt multi coquī in culīnā.

IN THE KITCHEN

Bonus. For the sentence, ‘The farmers carried the grain with many carts,’ put ‘with many carts’ into Latin.

MULTĪS CARRĪS / PLAUSTRĪS

6.(hicu2) What man, from a base of operations near Mt. Vesuvius, plundered southern Italy at the head of a band of escaped slaves and gladiators in the 1st century B.C.?

SPARTACUS

Bonus. Although Pompey received much of the credit for the defeat of the slaves, what Roman general - known for his wealth - had done most of the work towards victory?

CRASSUS

7.(lang 4) Which two of the following words ARE derived from the same Latin verb: impetus, appositive, apparatus, postpone, potential.

APPOSITIVE & POSTPONE

Bonus. The Latin preposition ‘ad’ is the prefix for both “appositive” and “apparatus.” What English noun, derived from ad and a Latin adjective meaning “similar,” is the word for the change in spelling seen in these words?

ASSIMILATION

8.(lang 5). Change the verb form ‘facimus’ to the perfect tense.

FĒCIMUS

Bonus. Change the verb form ‘pōnis’ to the perfect tense.

POSUISTĪ

9.(myth 2) Give the Latin word for the nurturing animal which heard the crying of babies and discovered Romulus and Remus on the banks of the Tiber River.

LUPA - must be feminine!

Bonus: Romulus and Remus were nursed by the she-wolf until they were discovered by whom?

FAUSTULUS

10.(hicu3) In what region of Italy was Rome located?

LATIUM

Bonus. This is a visual question (MODERATOR: hand out the visual to the team that correctly answered the tossup). Give the name & the number of the region which contains Capua, Naples, and Mt. Vesuvius.

CAMPANIA, #6

11.(lang 6) Listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the toss-up that follows IN ENGLISH.

Mīles lūdum visitāvit et discipulīs fābulam mirābilem narrāvit. “Ōlim pauper agricola,” inquit mīles, “in casā parvā habitābat. Multa animālia quoque in casā habitābant. Erant duo canēs ferōcēs, trēs avēs pulchrae, et ūnus delphīnus.”

The question. To whom did the soldier tell a story?

STUDENTS

Bonus. ANSWER IN LATIN. Quot animālia sunt in casā?

SEX

12.(myth 3) What hunter came upon Artemis bathing in the woods?

ACTAEON

Bonus. What hunter and friend of Artemis met his death through the jealousy of Apollo?

ORION

13.(myth 4) What precocious deity, on the day of his birth, stole cattle and invented the lyre?

HERMES/MERCURY

Bonus. Who was the mother of Hermes?

MAIA

14.(lang 7) Translate the following sentence into English: Neque scientiam neque sapientiam habēs!

YOU HAVE NEITHER KNOWLEDGE NOR WISDOM

Bonus. Translate: Nēmō nōs terret!

NO ONE FRIGHTENS / TERRIFIES US!

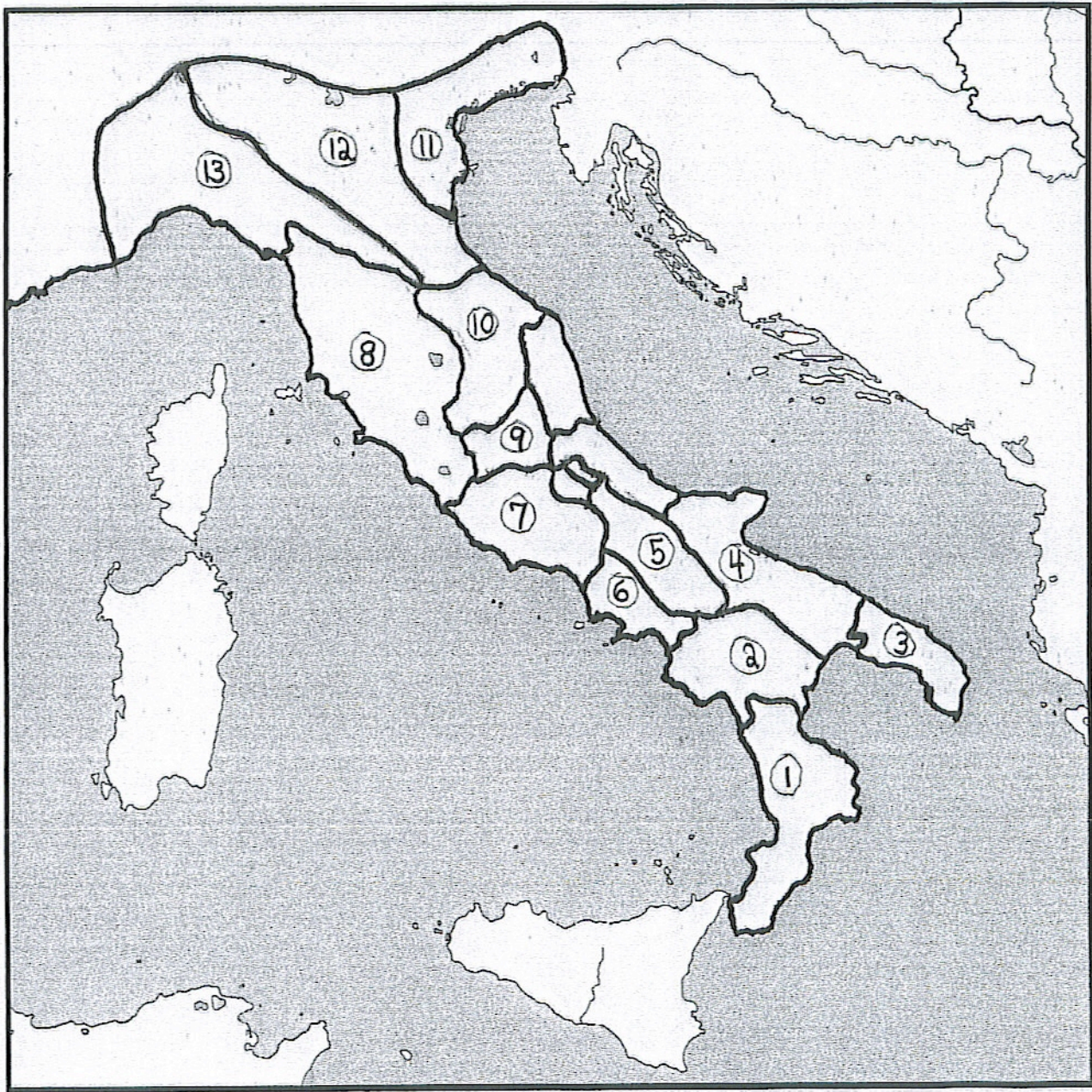
15.(hicu 4) What publicly owned area - just north of the city Rome - had become crowded with temples, circuses, theaters, and other monuments by the time of the Empire? It originally had been a field for military training.

CAMPUS MARTIUS

Bonus. One of the first buildings to be built in the Campus Martius was the first permanent theater. Who built it and gave his name to this theater, which was also the site of Julius Caesar's assassination?

(GNAEUS) POMPEIUS (MAGNUS) / POMPEY

VISUAL – SEMIFINALS, LEVEL I, BONUS QUESTION FOR QUESTION 10



LEVEL 1

1.(lang1) Which of the following words does not belong because of its meaning: charta, tabula, canis, magister, stilus.

CANIS - not associated with education

Bonus. Which of the following words does not belong because of gender: frater, agricola, nuntius, tempus, labor.

TEMPUS

2.(myth1) What Greek goddess of strife threw an apple of discord at the wedding of Peleus and Thetis?

ERIS

Bonus. VISUAL QUESTION – Which Greek goddess who vied for the apple of discord is depicted here?

ATHENA

3.(hicu 1) After the expulsion of the kings, who were the first two consuls of Rome?

BRUTUS AND COLLATINUS

Bonus. The sons of Tarquinius Superbus and Brutus traveled to the oracle of Delphi. What answer did the priestess give to the question, 'Who will be the next ruler of Rome?'

THE NEXT PERSON WHO KISSES HIS MOTHER

4.(lang 2) Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which the English words compete, repeat, and petition ultimately derive.

PETĀ / PETERE – SEEK / AIM AT / ATTACK / ASK

Bonus. Give the Latin verb and meaning from which the English words statue, station, and state derive.

STĀ / STARE – STAND

5.(lang 3) Translate the following sentence: Fīlii servōrum ad theatrum mecum ambulābant.

THE SONS OF THE SLAVES WERE WALKING / WALKED WITH ME TO THE THEATER.

Bonus. What use of the ablative is found in 'mecum'?

ACCOMPANIMENT - NEED MORE INFO IF ANSWER IS 'WITH PREPOSITION'

6.(hicu 2) Give the Latin term for the slave that accompanied his master's children to their studies.

PAEDAGOGUS

Bonus. Give the Latin term for the teacher who taught elementary reading & writing and basic arithmetic.

LITTERATOR OR LECTOR MAGISTER

7.(lang 4) When you finish this competition, I am sure that your friends will greet you 'magnus cum laude!' What does the Latin phrase 'magnus cum laude' mean?

WITH GREAT PRAISE

Bonus. After this 'certamen' you all will probably also remember that 'error humanum est.' What does the phrase 'error humanum est' mean?

TO ERR / MAKE MISTAKES IS HUMAN

8.(lang 5) Change the Latin phrase 'montes magni' to the ablative.

MONTIBUS MAGNIS

Bonus. Change the Latin phrase 'montes magni' to the plural.

MONTIBUS MAGNIS

9.(myth 2) What trio of monsters tried - unsuccessfully - to lure Odysseus to his doom with their sweet song?

SIRENS

Bonus. What did Odysseus do to prevent his men from hearing the deadly song of the Sirens?

HE FILLED THEIR EARS WITH WAX

10.(hicu 3) EUGEPAE! You've just gone back in time to Ancient Rome! As you wander around, you start to recognize a few things. Where are you if you see carceres, metae, a spina, a mappa, and auriga?

CIRCUS (MAXIMUS) OR THE RACETRACK

Bonus. Now you enter an imperial bath complex and see an area where men are boxing, wrestling, and exercising. What is the Latin term for this area of a Roman bath?

PALAESTRA

11.(lang 6) What song in the Top 20 would be put into Latin as "Sine Te"?

WITHOUT YOU

Bonus. What late artist's last name might be "Vincent" in Latin?

(AMY) WINEHOUSE

12.(myth 3) What King of Crete demanded 14 hostages from Athens every year to feed the Minotaur?

MINOS

Bonus. What Athenian inventor helped to defeat the Minotaur?

DAEDALUS

13.(myth 4) Respondere aut Anglicè aut Latine: Quis uxorem regni mortuorum servare temptavit, sed – heu! – respexit et sine uxore ad vivos revinit.

ORPHEUS

Bonus. Name the blind Theban prophet from whom Odysseus received advice in the Underworld.

TIRESIAS

14.(lang 7) Listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the question about it IN ENGLISH.

Numa Pompilius erat bonus et pius. Post mortem Regum, populus Romanus Numam regem creavit. Iuppiter signa dedit, et Romanum eum regem declaraverunt. Tum Numa taurum sacrificavit. Secundus Rex Romanus erat.

The question. Who gave a sign that Numa should be king?

JUPITER

Bonus. What did Numa do after he was declared king?

SACRIFICED A BULL

15. (hicu 4) Julius Caesar selected his great nephew Gaius Octavius as the heir to his estate and thus passed over his most trusted lieutenant and his second in command. Who was this man that he passed over?

MARC ANTONY OR MARCUS ANTONIUS

Bonus. Octavius and Mark Antony joined forces to exact revenge on those who betrayed and assassinated Julius Caesar. What was the name of the final battle, which saw the defeat of Brutus, Cassius, and the other conspirators?

PHILIPPI