

**2018 PRINCETON CERTAMEN
ADVANCED
ROUND 1**

1. Say in Latin, using the subjunctive mood: Let us play certamen well.

BENE CERTAMEN LUDAMUS.

B1: Say in Latin, using the subjunctive mood: Our thumbs are ready for whatever may come.

**POLLICES NOSTRI PARATI SUNT AD/IN
QUIDQUID/QUODCUMQUE VENIAT.**

[Accept “**digiti**”]

B2: Say in Latin, using the subjunctive mood: How am I to answer this question?

QUOMODO HUIC QUAESTIONI RESPONDEAM?

[AD + ACC. MAY BE USED INSTEAD OF DAT.,
AS WELL AS ROGATUM FOR QUAESTIO]

2. What group was originally made up of Etruscan diviners and used the entrails of sacrificed animals to interpret the will of the gods?

HARUSPEX/HARUSPICES

B1: What college of priests observed the flight patterns of birds to determine whether a course of action had divine approval?

AUGUR/AUGURES

B2: What college of priests were primarily responsible for rituals involved in declaring war and making treaties?

FETIALES

3. Surely you know that the Latin motto of Princeton University, is **dei sub numine viget**. Give the full dictionary entry for numen.

NUMEN, NUMINIS, N. - WILL/NOD/DIVINE PROVIDENCE

[Accept similar meaning]

B1: Now give the dictionary entry for **nutus**.

NUTUS, NUTUS, M. - NOD

B2: Now give the dictionary entry for **nux**.

NUX, NUCIS, F. - NUT

4. Which Roman author, whose cognomen means “big-eared” or “flat-footed,” hails from Umbria, and to whom Varro attributes twenty-one comedies, including *Curculio*, *Amphitruo* [am-FIT-true-oh], and *Pseudolus* [SUE-dole-less]?

(T. MACCIUS/MACCUS) PLAUTUS

B1: Which play of Plautus, who referred to this work as a **tragico-comoedia** for its contrasting themes, features a case of mistaken identities in mythological dress with Hermes posing as Alcmena's slave-girl Sosia?

AMPHYTRUO/AMPHYTRYO

B2: Mistaken or false identities are common themes in Plautine comedies. Which work of Plautus features the kidnapping of the slave-girl Palaestra, who is revealed to be freed-born based on the evidence contained in a chest and cord?

RUDENS

5. What name in mythology is shared by a Cyrenean [kye-REE-nee-an] who was cured of his stammer upon seeing a lion and an old man who was turned to stone for breaking his agreement with Hermes?

BATTUS

B1: One bonus on each, then. The oracle gave an order to Battus to found a colony in Libya, but only after what man complained that he was too old to found a colony himself?

GRINNUS

B2: From what mountain, his birthplace, had Hermes been traveling when he met Battus?

(MT.) **CYLLENE**

6. Condemned as a traitor for his intrigues against the family of Agrippina the Elder and the murder of Drusus II, what man was deposed from the position of Praetorian Prefect during the reign of Tiberius?

(LUCIUS AELIUS) **SEJANUS**

B1: What woman, the mother-in-law of Agrippina the Elder, sent Tiberius a letter alerting him to the intrigues of Sejanus?

ANTONIA MINOR

B2: What prefect of the **vigiles** assumed command of the Praetorian Guard after Sejanus was condemned and executed?

(NAEVIUS SUTORIUS) **MACRO**

7. Give the accusative for the phrase "two camps."

BĪNA CASTRA

B1: Now give the ablative for the phrase "camps in threes."

TERNĪS CASTRĪS

B2: Give the same form for the phrase "camps in nines."

NOVĒNĪS CASTRĪS

8. Considered by Juvenal as his “Venusian lamp,” which Roman author, in addition to writing satire, adapted Greek meters to Latin lyrical poetry, the monument which he considered more lasting than bronze?

HORACE/Q. HORATIUS FLACCUS

B1: Which of Horace’s works, also known as the *Iambi* [YAWM-bee], are modeled on the poetry of Archilochus and address social abuses?

EPODES

B2: Which of Horace’s works, the longest of Horace’s poems, is a literary criticism that is also known as *Epistles to the Pisos*?

ARS POETICA

9. What mythological tribe, who lived on the banks of the Thermodon [THUR-muh-DON] River along the Black Sea, were known for their warlike tendencies and fought against the likes of Bellerophon, Theseus, and Heracles?

AMAZONS

B1: What other tribe, who lived near the Black Sea, were also known for their numerous wars that continued unfettered until their king was put down by the Argonauts?

BEBRYCES

B2: What legendary tribe living along the Black Sea was conceptualized by the Greeks as comprising hostile, naked savages who maintained unparalleled skill in mining and smelting iron?

CHALYBES

10. Translate the following sentence into English: **Utinam ne tam frigidum esset!**

IF ONLY IT WERE NOT SO COLD!

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Malim calidius sit.**

I WOULD PREFER (THAT) IT BE HOTTER.

B2: With **callidi** spelled as “C-A-L-L-I-D-I,” translate the following sentence into English: **Callidi sunt qui subiunctivo modo scribant.**

THOSE/THE SORT WHO (WOULD) WRITE
WITH THE SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD ARE CLEVER.

11. What Samnite commander, who schemed to unite all of Rome’s enemies, inflicted a crushing defeat on Scipio Barbatus in 295 BC that inspired Rome to

enlist ex-slaves and older men to join the troops of Fabius Rullianus [ROO-lee-AHN-nus] and Decius Mus at Sentinum later that year?

GELLIUS EGNATIUS/EGNATIUS GELLIUS

B1: Although sources claim the date as either 298 or 295 B.C., where did Gellius Egnatius defeat Scipio Barbatus?

CAMERINUM

B2: What consul of 290 BC forced the Samnites to surrender and entreat for peace?

(MANIUS) CURIUS DENTATUS

12. Which Roman author of aristocratic origin composed a praise of Hercules as well as a two-book pamphlet against Cato of Utica [OO-tee-kah] in addition to detailing his campaigns in Gaul?

(C. IULIUS) CAESAR

B1: Caesar composed another three-book commentary on the events of 49-48 B.C. Give the Latin title of this work.

(COMMENTARII) DE BELLO CIVILI

B2: In addition to writing commentaries in prose, Caesar also dabbled in tragedy. Name this tragedy, whose subject matter Sophocles also treats.

OEDPIUS

13. What use of the subjunctive may be found in the following sentence: **Quam sīs audāx omnēs intellegere potuērunt.**

INDIRECT QUESTION

B1: What use of the subjunctive may be found in this sentence: **imperā quod vīs: nāvigābō, mīlitābō, dummodo ubīcumque fuerō tuus sim.**

PROVISO

B2: What use of the subjunctive may be found in this sentence: **ut pereat positum rōbīgine tēlum**

OPTATIVE [YES, OPTATIVE]

(A&G 574; A&G 528; A&G 442a)

14. Although Odysseus had saved him from pirates, what Ithacan noble roused the suitors' parents against Odysseus, but was soon killed?

EUPEITHES

B1: Which of the suitors was the son of Eupeithes [you-PAY-theez]?

ANTINOUS

B2: Who killed Eupeithes?

LAERTES
(Tripp 238; Ibid.; Ibid.)

15. Which of the following does not belong because of derivation: hostile, hospital, hospitable, hostler?

HOSTILE

B1: ...literacy, library, obliterate, literal

LIBRARY

B2: ...manage, maintain, mansion, manipulate

MANSION

16. What woman in mythology, often considered the only offspring of Helen, was promised as a bride to Neoptolemus, but was unable to conceive any children by him on account of a curse?

HERMIONE

B1: Name the concubine of Neoptolemus who had cast this curse on Hermione.

ANDROMACHE

B2: Name the son that Hermione eventually bore to her second husband, Orestes

TISAMENUS

17. Give a synonym of **coluber**.

SERPENS / ANGUIS / NĀTRIX

B1: Give a synonym of **līs**.

DICA

B2: Give a synonym of **cingulum**.

BALTEUS / ZŌNA

18. Tetricus [Teh-trih-cus] and Zenobia [zeh-KNOW-bee-ah] were paraded throughout the streets of Rome during the triumph of what emperor, who was the newly proclaimed **Restitutor Orbis**?

(LUCIUS DOMITIUS) AURELIAN(US)

B1: What other nickname was bestowed upon Aurelian for his harsh discipline?

MANUS AD FERRUM/HAND ON STEEL/HAND ON HILT

B2: Aurelian gave Zenobia a pension and a villa at Tibur, where she lived her life comfortably as the wife of a Roman senator. With similar generosity, Aurelian appointed Tetricus to what civil administrative position?

CORRECTOR LUCANIAE

19. Impeach, vamp, and trivet are all derived from what Latin noun?

PĒS

B1: Rescue, squash, and cask are all derived from what Latin verb?

QUATIŌ

B2: Cinch and succinct are derived from what Latin verb?

CINGŌ

20. Which Roman author, whose genius and artistry was praised by Cicero, discusses the nature of the human soul, psychological phenomena, mortality, and atoms from an Epicurean perspective in his *De Rerum Natura*?

(T.) LUCRETIUS (CARUS)

B1: Jerome writes that Lucretius composed the epic during brief intervals of sanity. What caused Lucretius's madness?

LOVE POTION

B2: The sixth book of the *De Rerum Natura* concerns natural phenomena. With what event, which is also found in the history of Thucydides, does the poem end?

PLAGUE AT ATHENS

[Prompt on "plague"]

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ROUND 2

1. What consul placed Cisalpine Gaul under Roman control after a major victory against the Insubres in 223 BC but was less victorious in his attempts to stop Hannibal's incursion into Northern Italy in 217 BC, when he was defeated and slain at the Battle of Lake Trasimene [truh-SIH-meh-NEE]?

CAIUS/GAIUS FLAMINIUS

B1: What tribe's land, confiscated 50 years earlier, did Gaius Flaminius [Fluh-MIH-nee-us] give to Roman settlers in his land law of 232 BC?

BOII

B2: Flaminius passed his land law without consulting the Senate. Inspired by Flaminius's example, what tribune of the second century BC also attempted to forgo consulting the Senate when passing his own land law?

TIBERIUS GRACCHUS

2. What is the meaning of the correlative pair **modo...modo**?

NOW...NOW

B1: What is the meaning of the correlative pair **quā...quā**?

ON THE ONE HAND...ON THE OTHER HAND / NOW...NOW / BOTH...AND

B2: What is the meaning of the correlative pair **cum...tum**?

WHILE...SO ALSO / NOT ONLY...BUT ALSO

(A&G 323; *Ibid.*; *Ibid.*)

3. Which Roman prose writer, in the manner of a typical college student, came to Rome intending to study philosophy, but instead, devoted himself to a 142-book history titled *Ab Urbe Condita*?

LIVY/T. LIVIUS

B1: With what event of 9 B.C. does the *Ab Urbe Condita* end?

DEATH OF DRUSUS (AUGUSTUS'S STEPSON)

B2: Give the year of Livy's death.

17 A.D./C.E.

4. What maiden became a linden tree after Cronus lay with her in the form of a stallion?

PHILYRA

B1: What famous centaur was the son of Cronus and Philyra?

CHEIRON

B2: What son of Poseidon, who destroyed the returning Greeks with a false beacon, also had a wife named Philyra?

NAUPLIUS

(Tripp 474; Ibid.; Tripp 396)

5. What use of the ablative may be found in the following sentence: **ōdērunt peccāre bonī virtūtis amōre.**

CAUSE

B1: What use of the accusative may be found in the following sentence: **tertiam iam aetātem hominum vīvēbat.**

COGNATE / KINDRED SPECIFICATION / DURATION OF TIME

B2: What use of the dative may be found in the following sentence: **Hoc mihi probātum ac laudātum est.**

AGENT [FOLLOWING PERF. PASS. PCP.]

(A&G 404; A&G 390; A&G 375)

6. Which author, who came to Rome in 62 B.C., attacks Gallus, Mamurra, Egnatius, and Caesar in his *Carmina*?

(C. VALERIUS) CATULLUS

B1: Which contemporary political figure does Catullus address in poem 49, perhaps ironically, as the “most eloquent of the descendants of Romulus” and the “best of patrons”?

(M. TULLIUS) CICERO

B2: Poem 66 is a translation of *The Lock of Berenice* written by which Hellenistic poet, whom Catullus refers to as **Battiades** [buh-TEE-uh-DEES]?

CALLIMACHUS

7. After being proclaimed emperor by his troops, what governor of Pannonia [puh-KNOW-nee-uh] rushed to Rome and replaced the members of the Praetorian Guard with loyal soldiers from his own troops to consolidate his rule against the rival claimants Clodius Albinus and Pescennius Niger [peh-SKEH-nee-us NEE-gayr]?

(LUCIUS) SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

B1: Whose death did Septimius Severus avenge by arranging for his deification and accepting his name as his own?

(HELVIUS) PERTINAX

B2: At what city in Gaul did Septimius Severus defeat his rival Clodius Albinus and become the undisputed ruler of the Roman empire?

LUGDUNUM

8. Couch, lieutenant, collocation, and locale are all derived from what Latin noun?

LOCUS

B1: Benign, engineer, genre, and gin are all derived from what Latin noun?

GENUS

B2: Paraffin, finesse, affinity, and finance are all derived from what Latin noun?

FINIS

9. What daughter of Pittheus became the principal slave in Helen's household at Troy as revenge for her son Theseus' kidnapping of Helen?

AETHRA

B1: What famous twins had stolen Aethra [EYE-thruh] away from Aphidnae [uh-FEED-nay]?

CASTOR and POLLUX / DIOSCURI

B2: What other pair of brothers rescued Aethra at the end of the Trojan War?

ACAMAS and DEMOPHON

(Tripp 27; Ibid.; Tripp 198)

10. Translate the following sentence into English: **Nos pudet modi quo nos gessimus.**

WE ARE ASHAMED OF THE WAY
(IN WHICH) WE BEHAVED (OURSELVES).

B1: Translate the following sentence: **Mea magni interest ad eventum certaminis.**

IT IS OF GREAT INTEREST/IMPORTANCE TO
ME AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE CONTEST/CERTAMEN.

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Utrum nix erit an grandinarit, foras ibimus.**

WHETHER IT SNOWS OR HAILS, WE WILL GO OUTSIDE.

11. What pair of divine brothers, who lived together in Tartarus and were hated by all other gods, were tasked by Zeus with returning Sarpedon's corpse to Lycia?

THANATOS & HYPNOS

B1: What deity was the mother of Thanatos and Hypnos?

NYX

B2: What group of divinities was usually tasked with carrying the dead to the Underworld?

ERINYES / FURIES / KERES

12. Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: rescind, scissors, incision, chisel?

RESCIND

B1: Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: livery, deliberate, libber, liberation?

DELIBERATE

B2: Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: souffle, flavor, persiflage, efflation?

PERSIFLAGE

13. Put the following cities in order from West to East: Arausio [uh-ROUSE-see-oh], Aelia Capitolina, Vindabona, Olisipo [oh-LIS-see-poh].

OLISIPO, ARAUSIO, VINDABONA, AELIA CAPITOLINA

B1: Put the following hills of Rome in order from North to South: Caelian, Aventine, Quirinal, Esquiline.

QUIRINAL, ESQUILINE, CAELIAN, AVENTINE

B2: Put the following imperial provinces in order from West to East: Judaea, Asia, Achaia [uh-KEY-uh], Lusitania

LUSITANIA, ACHAEA, ASIA, JUDAEA

14. Translate the following sentence into Latin: The books were very easy to read.

LIBRI ERANT FACILLIMI LECTU/AD LEGENDUM.

B1: Although the ablative supine normally doesn't take an object, it is not impossible. Knowing this, say in Latin: It is wonderful to say that peace has been made.

MIRABILE EST DICTU PACEM FACTAM (ESSE).

B2: Translate into Latin, using a commonly attested supine: The story is incredible to recount.

FABULA INCREDIBILIS MEMORATU EST.

15. Which rhetorical device, excluding alliteration, consonance, and assonance, can be found in the following lines from the *Apocolocyntosis* [uh-PAW-coh-loh-SIN-

toe-sis]: “**flagrat nitidus fulgore remisso vultus et adfuso cervix formosa capillo.**”

CHIASMUS

B1: Which rhetorical device, excluding alliteration, consonance, and assonance, can be found in the following lines: “**At Lachesis redimita comas, ornata capillos, Pieria crinem lauro frontemque coronans, candida de niveo subtemina vellere sumit.**”

SYNCHESIS

B2: In the *Apocolocyntosis*, the deified Augustus delivers a speech against the recently-deceased Claudius and very briefly mentions that Claudius murdered many eminent men in life. To transition to his next point, Augustus then remarks, “**Non vacat deflere publicas clades intuenti domestica mala. Itaque illa omittam, haec referam.**” What rhetorical device is being exemplified here, particularly in the last sentence?

PRAETERITIO / PRETERRITIO

[Note to reader: Augustus calls attention to Claudius’s murderous tendencies by seemingly disregarding them.]

16. An iconic meme from 2017 is of course the White Guy Blinking. Give the Latin for “blink.”

CŌNĪVEŌ

B1: Let’s not forget the “I love this woman and her curvy body” meme. Give the Latin for “curvy.”

SINUŌSUS

B2: And of course, the “cracking a cold one open with the boys” meme. Give the Latin for the noun “crack.”

FINDŌ / RĪMA

17. Wearing his toga upside down with the purple hem veiling his head, what **pontifex maximus** consecrated Tiberius Gracchus as a tyrant to Jupiter and clubbed Tiberius and his followers to death on the Capitol?

SCIPIO NASICA

B1: Following the murder of Tiberius Gracchus, where was Scipio Nasica sent on a diplomatic mission to prevent popular backlash that followed the murder?

ASIA/PERGAMUM

B2: What man later provoked the death of Gaius Gracchus by passing a **Senatus Consultum Ultimum** against him?

LUCIUS OPIMIUS

18. For the verb **volo, velle**, give the first person singular, present active subjunctive.

VELIM

B1: Now change **velim** to the imperfect and spell it.

VELLEM

B2: Now change **vellem** to the perfect.

VOLUERIM

19. Tired of trite mythological subjects, which Silver Age author, known for his vehemence, provides a scathing account of eunuchs, adulterers, foreigners, legacy-hunters, and other unsavory characters who contribute to the moral decadence of Roman society?

JUVENAL/DECIMUS IUNIUS IUVENALIS

B1: Give Juvenal's hometown in southern Latium .

AQUINUM

B2: In his programmatic first satire, Juvenal remarks that he will "dash across the same plain through which the illustrious native of Aurunca [are-RUN-cuh] has driven his steeds." Who is this "native of Aurunca," an earlier writer of satire known for attacking his opponents by name?

(C.) LUCILIUS

20. What ill-fated princess betrayed her father and his kingdom when she fell in love with an Athenian foreigner and aided him in killing the Minotaur?

ARIADNE

B1 & 2: For five points each, identify the two other princesses, one of Megara and the other of Taphos, who share a similar story as Ariadne by betraying their kingdom to a foreign enemy with whom they had fallen in love.

SCYLLA & COMAETHO

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ROUND 3**

1. What child in mythology, who was found along with his twin brother by horse herders, received his name after a mare trampled his face and left a sizable mark?
PELIAS

[If player says, "PEE-lee-us, ask them to spell."]

B1: Name their mother who had exposed her newborn sons in a field.

TYRO

B2: What stepmother of Tyro abused her and was subsequently killed by Pelias [peh-LYE-us] while she clung to an altar of Hera?

SIDERO

2. Translate the following sentence into Latin using a relative clause of purpose: Caesar sent soldiers to find more grain.

CAESAR MILITES MISIT QUI

PLUS FRUMENTI/FRUMENTARII INVENIRENT.

B1: Translate the following sentence into Latin using a supine: Caesar came to Gaul to conquer its wild peoples.

CAESAR AD GALLIAM VENIT VICTUM

FEROS POPULOS/FERAS GENTES.

B2: Translate the following sentence into Latin using a gerundive, dative of possession, objective genitive, and an ablative of specification: I have a great love of surpassing others in certamen.

MIHI EST AMOR MAGNUS ALIORUM

CERTAMINE SUPERANDORUM/EXCELLANDORUM.

3. What king saw the Roman annexation of Bithynia [bih-THIN-nee-uh] as a threat to his navigation of the Black Sea, leading him to strike first in a war against Rome beginning in 74 BC?

MITHRIDATES VI / THE GREAT

B1: In the spring of 73 BC, where did Mithridates VI completely destroy the hastily levied fleet of Marcus Aurelius Cotta?

CHALCEDON

B2: What Roman commander scored a series of victories at Cyzicus [SIH-zih-kiss], Lemnos, and Cabira against Mithridates VI and famously captured the Armenian capital Tigranocerta [tih-GRAHN-no-CARE-tuh]?

(LUCIUS LICINIUS) LUCULLUS

4. What does the idiom, **iam prīdem**, mean?

LONG AGO / LONG SINCE/FOR A LONG TIME (NOW)

B1: What does the idiom, **unā ex parte**, mean?

ON ONE SIDE

B2: What does the idiom, **referre ad senātum**, mean?

TO MAKE A MOTION IN THE SENATE

5. Which poet of equestrian rank served in the entourage of Messalla Corvinus for a time, owned a villa at Pedum [PAY-doom], and scorned mythological subjects in his love poetry to Nemesis and Delia?

(ALBIUS) TIBULLUS

B1: In addition to Nemesis and Delia, the addressee of some of Tibullus' elegies is a young boy. Name him.

MARATHUS

B2: Tibullus's corpus is remarkable in that it contains six poems written by Sulpicia, Messalla's niece. Name Sulpicia's lover, whom she addresses in these poems.

CERINTHUS

6. **Aliquot**, **damnās**, **necesse**, and **nēquam** are all what type of adjective?

INDECLINABLE

B1: Give the comparative and superlative for the adjective **nēquam**.

NĒQUIOR, NĒQUISSIMUS

B2: **Prīmōris**, **sēminecī**, **exlēx**, and **pernox** are all what type of adjective?

DEFECTIVE

(A&G 122b; A&G 129; A&G 122c)

7. When the Goths revolted in 377 AD, what emperor was so impatient that he refused to wait for reinforcements from his nephew Gratian before meeting the Goths in battle at Adrianople, where he was defeated and killed?

(FLAVIUS) VALENS

B1: What chieftain led the Goths at the battle of Adrianople?

FRITIGERN

B2: What 4-year-old half brother of Gratian was proclaimed as co-emperor to Gratian by the troops of Illyricum after the death of Valens?

(FLAVIUS) VALENTINIAN(US) II

8. Translate the following sentence adapted from Pliny describing a certain geographical marvel: **Lacus est, similis iacentis rotae, et undique aequalis.**
THERE IS A LAKE, SIMILAR TO A WHEEL LYING
(DOWN), AND EQUAL/UNIFORM ON ALL SIDES.

B1: Translate the following fragment from the same letter, also describing the lake: **Nullus sinus, obliquitas nulla, omnia dimensa paria, et quasi artificis manu cavata et excisa.**

(THERE IS) NO CURVE, NO SLANT/DEVIATION, ALL
MEASUREMENTS (ARE) EQUAL, AND (IT IS) AS IF (IT WAS)
HOLLOWED AND CUT OUT BY A CRAFTSMAN'S HAND.

B2: Translate the following fragment from the same letter, also describing the lake: **Nulla in hoc navis -- sacer enim -- sed innatant insulae.**

THERE IS NO SHIP IN THIS (LAKE) -- FOR IT IS
SACRED -- BUT ISLANDS SWIM WITHIN IT.

9. Which Roman author, whose **magnum opus** Cicero likened to a statue of Myron, is the first author of native Italian origin and feuded with the Metelli, resulting in his exile to Utica [OO-tee-cuh]?

(CN.) NAEVIUS

B1: Name Naevius's **fabula praetexta**, which concerns Marcellus and Scipio's campaign in Gaul in 222 B.C.?

CLASTIDIUM

B2: The grammarian Lampadio later divided Naevius' *Bellum Punicum* into how many books?

SEVEN

10. What Daulian king came to Athens to help Pandion [PAN-dee-on] in his boundary dispute with Labdacus and was rewarded with the hand of Procne?

TEREUS

B1: What sister of Procne did Tereus prefer and seduce?

PHILOMELA

B2: Into what type of bird was Tereus transformed?

HOOPOE

(Tripp 552/553; Ibid.; Ibid.)

11. In literature, quantity does not always guarantee quality. Which Roman author, the last person upon whom Nero conferred the consulship, wrote the longest extant Latin poem, but received harsh reviews for his seventeen-book *Punica*?
(TI. CATIUS ASCONIUS) SILIUS ITALICUS

B1: Silius Italicus achieved the peak of his senatorial career under Vespasian when he was appointed the proconsul of which province?

ASIA

B2: Which Augustan Age author did Silius Italicus so revere that he bought this author's tomb at Naples?

VERGIL/ P. VERGILIUS MARO

12. What sea-goddess rushed to the protection of Atlas in an attempt to flee the unwanted advances of a god, only to be discovered by the god's faithful messenger Delphinus?

AMPHITRITE

B1: Name Amphitrite's parents who themselves are legendary water divinities.

NEREUS & DORIS / OCEANUS & TETHYS

B2: The god that was pursuing Amphitrite was, of course, Poseidon. Name two children that Amphitrite bore to Poseidon.

(two of) TRITON, RHODE, BENTHESICYME, KYMOPOLEIA

13. What English derivative of the Latin word **pes** is the chess piece of the smallest size and value?

PAWN

B1: What English derivative of the Latin word **pes** means to make an action or process happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly?

EXPEDITE

B2: What English derivative of the Latin word **pes** means to call into question the integrity or validity of a practice.

IMPEACH

14. What festival, celebrated in April, involved purification rituals of sheep and shepherds and is related to the foundation of Rome?

PARILIA

B1: What festival was celebrated in May to appease the spirits of the household dead?

LEMURIA

B2: During what festival in August did the **flamen dialis** break off the first grapes from the vine to celebrate the beginning of the grape harvest?

VINALIA RUSTICA

15. **Irascor, calesco, mitesco, sisco** all belong to what category of Latin verbs?

INCEPTIVES / INCHOATIVES

- B1: **capesso, facesso, petesso, lacesso** all belong to what other category of verbs?

INTENSIVES / ITERATIVES / MEDITATIVES

- B2: To what category of verbs do **parturio** and **esurio** belong?

DESIDERATIVES

16. When Galba adopted Lucius Calpurnius Piso Licinianus as his heir, what governor of Lusitania became so jealous that he bribed the Praetorian Guard to proclaim him emperor and to murder both Galba and Piso?

(MARCUS SALVIUS) OTHO

- B1: At the instigation of Fabius Valens, who was proclaimed emperor by the soldiers of the lower Rhine and Upper Germany?

(AULUS) VITELLIUS

- B2: At what battle did the Vitellians under Fabius Valens and Aulus Caecina defeat the forces of Otho?

FIRST BATTLE OF CREMONA

17. When you are recognized by the spotter, please perform the following command:
Surge, et dum sellam tollēns, quassā eam.

STUDENT SHOULD STAND UP, AND SHAKE

HIS / HER CHAIR WHILE LIFTING IT

- B1: Now perform this command: **Duo surgite et simulāte vōs strigēs esse.**

TWO STUDENTS SHOULD STAND AND PRETEND

THAT THEY ARE OWLS / WITCHES

- B2: Now perform this command: **Surgite et tundite mēsam.**

MULTIPLE STUDENTS STAND AND BEAT THE TABLE

18. Which author of North African origin, with the help of Symmachus [SIM-mah-cus], obtained the chair of rhetoric at Milan, where he was involved in the neo-Platonic circles before ultimately converting to Christianity and became the Bishop of Hippo?

(ST.) AUGUSTINE/ AURELIUS AUGUSTINUS

- B1: Augustine's pursuit of luxury and pleasure in his youth dismayed his mother, a devout Christian who followed her son to Milan and influenced him to convert to Christianity. Name her.

MONICA

B2: About to wed his wife at the behest of his mother, Augustine dismissed his mistress, who had borne him a son. Name Augustine's illegitimate son, whom he kept by his side after his mistress left for Africa.

ADEODATUS

19. What warrior, who was exiled from Calydon [KAL-lih-don] for killing his uncle, married Deipyle [DYE-puh-lee] and thus gained Adrastus' help in retrieving his kingdom?

TYDEUS

B1: What Greek warrior at Troy was the son of Tydeus?

DIOMEDES

B2: Tydeus never got the chance to retrieve his kingdom, since Adrastus first disastrously aided what Theban king?

POLYNEICES

(Tripp 592; *Ibid.*; Tripp 13)

20. Some memes should be left in 2017, but unfortunately I'm bringing them back. Take "cash me ouside howbowdah" for example. From what verb, in the context of this meme, is "cash" derived?

CAPĪŌ

B1: From what noun is the actual word "cash" (spell) derived?

CAPSA

B2: Finally, from what verb is "cache" (spell) derived?

AGŌ

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SEMIFINAL ROUND

1. For the verb **faciō**, give the syncopated 1st person singular, future perfect active indicative.

FAXŌ

B1: Give the equivalent form for **levō**.

LEVĀSSŌ

B2: Now give the ancient future active infinitive for **impetrō**.

IMPETRĀSSERE

(A&G 183; *Ibid.*; *Ibid.*)

2. Which Roman author, after holding some minor judicial posts, abandoned his political career for poetry in the customary manner of an elegiac poet and wrote love poetry including *Remedia Amoris*, *Heroides*, and *Ars Amatoria*?

OVID/P. OVIDIUS NASO

B1: Which of Ovid's work is inspired by the *Phaenomena* of Aratus and the *Aitia* of Callimachus in its treatment of Roman myths and customs?

FASTI

B2: The *Heroides* features fifteen epistles from women to their male lovers.

There is a second series of six letters, in which three women receive replies from their lovers. Name any of these three pairs.

ACONTIUS and CYDIPPE, PARIS and HELEN, OR HERO and LEANDER

3. What derivative of the Latin for "spread" means lying stretched out on the ground face-down?

PROSTRATE

B1: What derivative of the Latin for "suitable" is a rope used as a lasso or for tethering?

LARIAT

B2: What derivative of the Latin for "weep" is a minor weakness or eccentricity in someone's character?

FOIBLE

4. What mountain, on which Dionysus' panthers killed Lycurgus, had originally been a woman before her husband Haemus vainly called her Hera?

RHODOPE

B1: In other stories, Dionysus threw Lycurgus to horses from the top of what mountain?

MT. PANGAEUS

B2: What other couple were punished for calling themselves Zeus and Hera?

CEYX and ALCYONE

(Tripp 351/Ovid 6.87-89; Tripp 445; Tripp 37)

5. On separate occasions during the reigns of Domitian and Trajan, where did battles occur against the Dacians in 86 and 101 A.D.?

TAPAE

B1: What praetorian prefect of Domitian was summarily defeated and killed during the First Battle of Tapae?

(CORNELIUS) FUSCUS

B2: Shortly after the First Battle of Tapae, what Governor of Upper Germany revolted?

(LUCIUS ANTONIUS) SATURNINUS

6. F. Scott Fitzgerald, before settling on *The Great Gatsby* for his **magnum opus**, had considered the title *Trimalchio in West Egg*, a reference to the crude parvenu in which Roman author's *Satyricon*?

(C.) PETRONIUS (ARBITER)

[Note to reader: also accept T. PETRONIUS NIGER]

B1: Give the year of Petronius's consulship.

62 A.D./C.E.

B2: The *Satyricon* blends together prose and poetry, a practice which Varro of Reate introduced in the first century B.C. What is the term for this form, which is named after a Cynic poet from Gadara?

MENIPPEAN SATIRE

7. Credited with power in heaven, earth, and sea, what deity bestowed wealth and victory upon her many worshipers regardless of status but is remembered more for her close ties to the Underworld?

HECATE

B1: In addition to her Underworld proceedings and fertility rites, what responsibility was added to her honors by Zeus after the war against the Titans?

NURSE OF CHILDREN

B2: Among her few known pursuits, Hecate participated in the Gigantomachy where she torched with of the Giants?

CLYTIUS

8. Translate the the following sentence from English to Latin: Do you know what the way is?

SCISNE QUID SIT VIA/MODUS/RATIO?

B1: Now translate this sentence into Latin: Caesar asked the messenger towards where the Helvetians were marching.

**CAESAR NUNTIIUM ROGAVIT QUO HELVETII AMBULARENT/ITER
FACERENT**

B2: Using the verb “quaero”, translate the following sentence into Latin: He asked from me how much more serious the task had become.

**QUAESIVIT A/E/DE ME QUANTO GRAVIOR/SEVERIOR LABOR/MUNUS
FACTUS/FACTUM ESSET.**

9. Although Diocletian retired in 305 A.D., in what city did he appear three years later to help reorganize the second tetrarchy?

CARNUNTUM

B1: After Carnuntum, who became Augustus in the west, ruling the empire with Galerius before later becoming Augustus of the east?

LICINIUS

B2: What nephew Galerius briefly ruled the east after his uncle’s death in 311 A.D. before being overrun by Licinius?

MAXIMINUS DAIA

10. Differentiate in meaning between **frēnō** and **frendō**.

RESTRAIN, GNASH

B1: Differentiate in meaning between **orbis** and **orbus**.

ORB / GLOBE, DEPRIVED (OF CHILDREN)

B2: Differentiate in meaning between **bālō** and **hālō**.

BLEAT, BREATHE

11. After what event during the Roman monarchy was a woman murdered near the Porta Capena for mourning over the death of her fiancée, one of the triplets from Alba Longa?

CURIATII VS. HORATII

B1: Though we all enjoy a good laugh at Mettius Fufetius, Livy tells us his predecessor also ruled Alba Longa during the reign of Tullus Hostilius. Name him.

GAIUS CLUILIUS

B2: According to Livy, what praenomen is given to the brother that murdered his mourning sister?

PUBLIUS

12. Which of the following does not belong according to gender: **Alpēs, morus, Lēthē, opalus.**

OPALUS

B1: What gender are **gummī** and **fas**?

NEUTER [INDECLINABLE, BUT DEFINITELY NEUTER]

B2: Between what two genders does the word for “rake” alternate according to number?

MASCULINE and NEUTER [**RĀSTRUM** and **RĀSTRA**]

[A&G 29-34, *morus* is somewhere in A&G but it's legit; A&G 29-34; A&G 106]

13. Which Roman author died at Tarentum at the age of ninety after an illustrious career of painting and writing tragedies including *Armora Iudicium*, *Antiopa*, and *Niptra*?

(M.) PACUVIUS

B1: What is the Latin term for Pacuvius's tragedies in Greek dress?

FABULA COTHURNATA/CREPIDATA

B2: Give the name of Pacuvius's **fabula praetexta**, which concerns the Roman victory over the Macedonians in 168 B.C.

PAULUS

14. Carrying Ganymede to heaven, transporting Aphrodite's slipper to Hermes, and aiding Psyche in recovering water from the river Styx were all tasks carried out by what divine animal in mythological?

EAGLE

B1: As what constellation are all of these achievements commemorated?

AQUILA

B2: According to some sources, what King of Cos, whom Hera transformed into an eagle following his wife's death, is represented by the *Aquila*?

MEROPES

15. The description of Pliny's magical lake continues [you may now give the citation, which is Plin. Ep. 8.20.4-8.] Translate the following fragment from the same letter: *Frequenter, vel litori vel sibi illisae, terunt terunturque.*

FREQUENTLY THEY RUB AND ARE RUBBED, STRUCK EITHER BY THE SHORE
OR THEMSELVES.

B1: Do the same for the next fragment: Constat pecora, herbas secuta, sic in
insulas illas procedere solere,

IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT CATTLE, FOLLOWING/HAVING FOLLOWED
GRASSES, ARE ACCUSTOMED TO PROCEEDING THUS ONTO THOSE
ISLANDS,

B2: And lastly, this fragment of the same sentence as the last bonus: nec prius
intellegere mobile solum quam litori abrepta.

NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE GROUND IS MOBILE, BEFORE
THEY HAVE BEEN SNATCHED AWAY FROM THE SHORE.

16. Which author, the last great Latin historian of the Roman empire, served on the
staff of Ursicinus, witnessed the failed Persian expedition in 363 A.D., and wrote
a continuation of Tacitus's history titled *Res Gestae a Fine Corneli Taciti*?

AMMIANUS MARCELLINUS

B1: Into how many books is Ammianus Marcellinus's history divided?

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B2: With which emperor's humiliating defeat does his history end?

(FLAVIUS IULIUS) VALENS (AUGUSTUS)

17. What daughter of Aeolus, whom Poseidon seduced in the form of a bull,
committed incest with her brother Macareus and was killed?

CANACE

B1: What son of Canace brought up Otus and Ephialtes after Poseidon
abandoned them?

ALOEUS

B2: What woman did Poseidon seduce in the form of a ram?

THEOPHANE

(Tripp 148; Ibid.; Tripp 492)

18. What Latin word with what meaning is at the ultimate root of redeem?

EMO - BUY

B1: What Latin word with what meaning is at the ultimate root of trance?

EO - GO

B2: What Latin word with what meaning is at the ultimate root of fashion?

FACIO - DO

19. After what battle was Scipio Africanus declared imperator by his troops and king by his Spanish allies in 208 B.C.?

BAECULA

B1: By the end of 206 B.C., what town surrendered to Scipio signifying the complete loss of Spain by the Carthaginians?

GADES

B2: Who succeeded Hasdrubal Barca as Carthage's commander in Spain, losing to Scipio at Ilipa?

HASDRUBAL GISGO

20. What use of the infinitive is found in this sentence: **eundem vigōrem in voltū vimque in oculīs, habitum ōris līnēāmentaque intuērī.**

HISTORICAL

B1: What use of the infinitive is found in this sentence: **heu mē infēlicem, hancīne ego vītā parsī perdere!**

EXCLAMATORY

B2: What use of the infinitive is found in the following sentence: **Fingit equum docilem magister ire viam quā mōnstret eques.**

RESULT

(A&G 461a; A&G 463; A&G 462)

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FINAL ROUND**

1. Claiming Getulicus, Pedo, Marsus, and Catullus as his poetic models, which Roman author from Celtibera came to Rome in 64 A.D., became a military tribune, and celebrated the inauguration of the Flavian Amphitheater with a collection of epigrams?

MARTIAL/M. VALERIUS MARTIALIS

B1: Where did Martial die in 104 A.D.?

BILBILIS

[Prompt on "Spain"]

B2: What is the title of the fourteenth book of Martial's epigrams, which accompanied gifts given to guests at banquets?

APOPHORETA

2. What mythological character does the following quote from Ovid's *Metamorphoses* describe: He was "aided by the nymphs and changed to a winged scarab beetle, lifted into the air, when the all-powerful sea drowned the solid earth, and so escaped un-drowned from Deucalion's flood."

CERAMBUS

B1: What son of Zeus and a Sithnid nymph also escaped from Deucalion's flood by swimming towards the cries of cranes?

MEGARUS

B2: What was the mountain on which Megarus found haven re-named in honor of his escape?

MT. GERANIUM [CRANE MOUNTAIN]
(*Ovid* 7.350-403; *Tripp* 199; *Ibid.*)

3. I'm sure we are all familiar with the "what in tarnation" meme, but from what two Latin words is "tarnation" derived?

DAMNŌ / AEVUM

B1: Give another possible root.

DAMNŌ / AEVUM

B2: Some spin-offs of this meme include "what in standard deviation" and "what in titration." From what is "titration" derived?

TITULUS

4. Place the following battles in order from earliest to latest: Dertosa, Cape Telamon, Ilipa, Clastidium.

CAPE TELAMON, CLASTIDIUM, DERTOSA, ILLIPA

B1: What two consuls were responsible for defeating a coalition of Gauls at Cape Telamon in 225 B.C.?

(C. ATILIUS) REGULUS and (L. AEMILIUS) PAPUS

B2: What military honor was granted for the third time in Roman history after the battle of Clastidium in 222 B.C.?

SPOLIA OPIMA

5. Which of the following words does not belong by meaning: **tamarix, iūglans, taxus, pīcus, ornus**?

PĪCUS

B1: Which of the following words does not belong by meaning: **gener, bubulcus, proavus, novercus, consōbrīna**?

BUBULCUS

B2: Which of the following words does not belong by meaning: **culter, conger, fiber, onager, scomber**?

CULTER

6. The ancient inhabitants of Brasiae claim that what deity, who washed up on their shores in a chest, was raised by Ino in a nearby cave?

DIONYSUS

B1: Not long after, Dionysus was handed over by Hermes to what group of nymphs living atop Mt. Nysa?

HYADES

B2: Another unusual account of Dionysus' birth claims that he was actually a reincarnation of what offspring of Zeus and Persephone?

ZAGREUS

7. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive precocious?

COQUO - COOK

B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive terracotta?

COQUO - COOK

B2: From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive condition?

DICO - SAY

8. What emperor survived the year 476 A.D. and was permitted by Odoacer to rule Dalmatia until 480 A.D. when he was assassinated by his own troops?

JULIUS NEPOS

B1: What western emperor forced Odoacer to accept Julius Nepos' legitimacy?

ZENO

B2: What predecessor of Zeno appointed Odoacer to the throne in 474 A.D.?

LEO I

9. For the verb **sequor** give the 1st person plural imperfect subjunctive.

SEQUEREMUR

B1: Give the equivalent active form for the verb **salio**.

SALIAREMUS

B2: For the verb **ferio** give the 3rd person plural perfect active subjunctive.

DOES NOT EXIST [**FERIŌ** ONLY EXISTS IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM]

(Schaeffer 39; Schaeffer 37; Schaeffer 18/A&G 206)

10. Which Roman author, born at **Ostiglia** or **Pavia** in Cisalpine Gaul, corresponded with Cicero and published a collection of biographies, arranged in pairs titled *De Viris Illustribus*?

CORNELIUS NEPOS

B1: To whom did Cornelius Nepos dedicate the *De Viris Illustribus*?

(T. POMPONIUS) ATTICUS

B2: Give the title of Nepos's five-book work of anecdotes.

EXEMPLA

11. Without using the phrase "**ut non**", translate into Latin: The mountains were so tall that a hero could not have climbed them.

MONTES TAM/ADEO ALTI ERANT QUIN

HEROS EOS ASCENDERE POSSET.

B1: Translate into Latin: We would have been able to keep the Greeks from taking Troy.

(NOS) POTUISSEMUS GRAECOS PROHIBERE

QUOMINUS TROIAM CAPERENT.

B2: Translate into Latin: There is no doubt that Ovid had been worthy of returning to Rome.

NON EST DUBIUM QUIN OVIDIUS DIGNUS

FUISSET QUI ROMAM REDIRET.

12. What freedman and admiral of the fleet at Misenum was personally tasked with the assassination of Agrippina the Younger by Nero?

ANICETUS

B1: In a first attempt at her assassination, Agrippina boarded a ship that was meant to sink and drown her. In what body of water did this failed ploy occur?

BAY OF NAPLES (PROMPT: TYRRHENIAN SEA)

B2: After Agrippina's death, what tutor to Nero helped him mitigate public opinion with the pretense that Agrippina had plotted against him?

SENECA THE YOUNGER

13. Give the accusative for the phrase "three brave heroes."

TRĒS FORTĒS HĒRŌĀS

B1: Give the equivalent form for the phrase "the third brave hero."

TERTIUM FORTEM HĒRŌA

B2: Give the equivalent form for the phrase "the other fierce tiger."

ALTERUM/AM FERŌCEM / ATRŌCEM / FERUM/AM TIGRIN / TIGRIDA

(A&G 82; *Ibid.*; *Ibid.*)

14. Which later Roman author, a **vir clarissimus et illustris**, was associated with the Symmachi and wrote a treatise on Greek and Latin words as well as a seven-book dialogue on various intellectual topics titled *Saturnalia*?

(AMBROSIUS THEODOSIUS) MACROBIUS

B1: Macrobius dedicated to his son a commentary of which work of Cicero?

DREAM OF SCIPIO/SOMNIUM SCIPIONIS

[Prompt on *DE RE PUBLICA*]

B2: At whose house do the dialogues in the *Saturnalia* occur?

(VETTIUS AGORIUS) PRAETEXTATUS

15. What king of Miletus, whose daughter Aedon [EYE-don] had married Zethus, stole a golden dog from a shrine of Zeus and was killed along with his wife?

PANDAREUS

B1: What son did Aedon bear by Zethus, though she accidentally killed him?

ITYLOS

B2: Into what type of bird was Aedon transformed out of grief?

NIGHTINGALE

(Tripp 444; *Ibid.*; *Ibid.*)

16. [Read directions before allowing envelopes to be opened. Allow teams 15 seconds for the tossup and both bonuses. Translations may deviate from the listed interpretation at moderator's discretion. The lines are listed below for reference, taken from Verg. A. 11.100-105.]

Do not unfold the paper until I tell you to do so.

Scan, that is, give the order of dactyls and spondees in both lines. You may unfold the paper.

[Iamque oratores aderant ex urbe Latina
velati ramis oleae veniamque rogantes:]

SSDS(DS)

SSDD(DS)

AND NOW SPEAKERS WERE THERE FROM THE LATIN CITY, COVERED BY
BRANCHES OF (AN) OLIVE (TREE) AND ASKING (FOR) MERCY:

B1: You have 15 seconds to scan and translate the text on the folded paper. You may unfold the paper now.

[corpora, per campos ferro quae fusa iacebant,
redderet ac tumulo sineret succedere terrae;]

DSSS(DS)

DDDS(DS)

THAT HE/LET HIM RETURN THE BODIES, WHICH LAY SLAIN BY THE
SWORD ACROSS THE FIELD, AND ALLOW THEM TO GO UNDER A MOUND
OF EARTH.

B2: You may now do the same, that is, scan and translate, for the final text.

[nullum cum victis certamen et aethere cassis;
parceret hospitibus quondam socerisque vocatis.]

SSSD(DS)

DDSD(DS)

THAT/LET THERE BE NO CONTEST WITH THE CONQUERED AND (THOSE)
VOID OF AIR; THAT HE/LET HIM SPARE (THOSE WHO WERE) ONCE HOSTS
AND THE FATHER-IN-LAWS CALLED (FOR).

17. Which author, a freedman of Augustus, wrote a commentary on bees, agriculture, and Vergil and is often confused with the author of *Fabulae*?
(C. IULIUS) HYGINUS

B1: To what position did Augustus appoint Hyginus?

OVERSEER/LIBRARIAN OF THE PALATINE LIBRARY

B2: Hyginus's birthplace is disputed by ancient sources, which provide two places. Name either.

ALEXANDRIA/SPAIN

18. How did the Romans represent the fraction "one-fourth?"

QUARTA PARS

B1&B2: For five points each, give the two ways the Romans could represent the fraction "two-thirds."

DUAE PARTĒS and BES

[A&G 135; *Ibid.*; *Ibid.*]

19. Eioneus, Alcathous, and Marmax all share what common and ill-fated role in mythology?

SUITORS OF HIPPODAMEIA

B1: What altar is Alcathous' ghost, among others, believed to have haunted?

TARAXIPPUS

B2: Name the father of Alcathous who also fathered, by a different woman, the famous brothers Dictys and Polydectes.

MAGNES

20. Pompey sullied his victory at the Battle of Mutina in 77 B.C. by breaking his promise to spare the life of what man who had joined Lepidus' rebellion?

(M. IUNIUS) BRUTUS

B1: Where did Catulus defeat Lepidus in battle sometime after Pompey defeated Brutus in Mutina?

MILVIAN BRIDGE

B2: Escaping after his defeat at the Milvian Bridge, where did Lepidus travel and die shortly after the battle?

SARDINIA