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- TU#1: According to Suetonius, which Roman historian advised the future emperor Claudius in a letter that he, too, should write history?
LIVY
- B1: In what year was Livy born?
59 BC (SOME SOURCES SAY 57 BC)
- B2: For what reason did the emperor Augustus once fondly refer to Livy by the nickname 'Pompeianus'?
LIVY HAD PRAISED POMPEY THE GREAT IN HIS WRITING (OR, IN GENERAL, THE REPUBLIC)
- TU#2: What was the eventual profession of the talented slave who was freed by his master Terentius Lucanus some time prior to 160 BC?
(COMEDIC) PLAYWRIGHT
- B1: What is the meaning of the title of Terence's play *Hecyra*?
MOTHER-IN-LAW
- B2: Which of the six plays of Terence is the story of twins who were separated, confused, then reunited?
NONE OF THEM
- TU#3: What fundamental change in government and public relations did the plebeian tribune Gaius Terentilius Harsa propose in 462 BC, according to the third book of Livy?
THAT ROME WRITE DOWN/PUBLISH/FORMALIZE ITS LAWS
- B1: When the Decemviri met in 451 BC to write up the laws, how many tables did it publish that year?
TEN
- B2: Name both the killer and the victim in the murder that led to the removal of the Decemviri.
VERGINIA, BY HER FATHER VERGINIUS
- TU#4: Using only two Latin words, say in Latin, "Let's go to the country."
EĀMUS RŪS
- B1: Using only two Latin words, say in Latin, "Let us live in the country."
HABITĒMUS (VIVĀMUS) RŪRE
- B2: Using only two Latin words, say in Latin, "Let them see Pompeii."
VIDEANT POMPĒIŌS
- TU#5: Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the question that follows:
"Puer pulcher, vēnandō et aestū fessus, procūbuit prope fontem.
Dum sitim exstinguere incipit, sitis altera crēvit, quod imāginem
suam conspexit. Adstupuit et immōtus eōdem vultū haesit." (repeat)
Question: What two reasons are given as to why the boy stopped by the spring?
TIRED FROM HUNTING, TIRED FROM THE HEAT
- B1: What was the reason for the 'sitis altera'?
HE CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIS OWN IMAGE
- B2: What two things did the boy do as a result of the 'sitis altera'?
HE STOOD AGAPE AND WAS MOTIONLESS

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- TU#6: Who avoided revealing his ability to foretell the future by changing his shape?
PROTEUS
- B1: Who disguised himself as a seal in order to catch Proteus and force him to tell him how to get to his home?
MENELAUS
- B2: Who forced Proteus to tell him how to keep his bees from dying?
ARISTAEUS
- TU#7: Which war saw the dictator Lucius Papirius Cursor confront his victorious magister equitum Quintus Fabius Maximus Rullianus for not having had permission to engage the enemy in battle?
FIRST SAMNITE
- B1: Where did Rome suffer a serious defeat in 315 BC, during the Second Samnite War?
LAUTULAE
- B2: What portion of the enemy army did consul Decius Mus fight against at Sentinum, the major battle of the Third Samnite War?
THE GAULS
- TU#8: Identify the poetic device found in these lines from Vergil's *Aeneid*?
"hīc illius arma, hīc currus fuit; hoc regnum dea gentibus esse"
ANAPHORA
- B1: Three lines earlier, what poetic device is used when Vergil writes "Italiam contrā"?
ANASTROPHE
- B2: What poetic device appears here, in line 12 of the *Aeneid*: "Tantaene animīs caelestibus īrae?"
ELLIPSIS / CHIASMUS
- TU#9: Give a derivative of the Latin word for "lot" or "fate" which is applied to a spouse, particularly of a reigning monarch.
CONSORT
- B1: Give a derivative of the Latin word for "ally" which is synonymous with "community" or "culture."
SOCIETY
- B2: What derivative of the Latin word for "body" was a woman's undergarment worn for support?
CORSET
- TU#10: Who collected the skulls of his victims in order to build a temple to his father Poseidon, until he was defeated in part by being lifted off the ground?
ANTAEUS
- B1: What ancient region was he said to have inhabited?
LIBYA
- B2: By what specific method did Heracles kill Antaeus, once he lifted him off the ground?
HUGGED/SQUEEZED HIM TO DEATH (NOT STRANGLED)

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- TU#11: Comprising a total of sixteen poems divided into five books, what author's work from the late first and early second centuries AD contains, as its subject matter, in the author's own words, "whatever men do"?
JUVENAL
- B1: In his famous Satire VI, what does Juvenal negatively proclaim is "a rare bird and very similar to a black swan"?
A PERFECT (GOOD) WIFE
- B2: In his tenth Satire, what does Juvenal say that people should strive for instead of happiness or children or a wife?
A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY
- TU#12: Who am I? I served as plebeian tribune in 119 BC, as praetor in 115 BC, and as governor of Lusitania in 114 BC. In 109 BC I went to Numidia to accompany the commander Quintus Caecilius Metellus as his legātus.
GAIUS MARIUS
- B1: In what year was Marius given the command of the war in Numidia?
108 BC
- B2: In what year did Marius celebrate his triumph over Jugurtha?
104 BC
- TU#13: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Utinam Cicerō diūtius vixisset!"
WOULD THAT / IF ONLY CICERO HAD LIVED LONGER
- B1: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Cicerōnī omnēs servī custodiendī erant."
CICERO HAD TO GUARD ALL THE SLAVES (ALL THE SLAVES HAD TO BE GUARDED BY CICERO)
- B2: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Cicerōnī senātor senex praefuit."
THE OLD SENATOR WAS IN CHARGE OF CICERO
- TU#14: Name the two musically gifted sons of the Thracian river god Oeagrus.
ORPHEUS AND LINUS
- B1: Which Muse was said by some authors to have been their mother?
CALLIOPE
- B2: Who killed Linus?
HERACLES
- TU#15: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Sī Caesar mīlitēs in proelium mittat, hostēs opprimantur."
IF CAESAR SHOULD SEND SOLDIERS INTO BATTLE, THE ENEMY(-IES) WOULD BE CRUSHED
- B1: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Sī Caesar mīlitēs in proelium mīsisset, hostēs oppressī essent."
IF CAESAR HAD SENT SOLDIERS INTO BATTLE, THE ENEMY (-IES) WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED
- B2: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Sī Caesar mīlitēs in proelium mitteret, hostēs opprimerentur."
IF CAESAR WERE TO SEND SOLDIERS INTO BATTLE, THE ENEMY (-IES) WOULD BE CRUSHED

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- TU#16: Who appeared as a ghost to his wife to tell her he had been killed in a storm at sea, prompting her to go to the ocean, see his body on the waves, and hurl herself from a cliff to join him?
CEYX
- B1: Who was his wife?
ALCYONE
- B2: According to Ovid, into what were they transformed ?
KINGFISHERS (BIRDS)
- TU#17: Give in Latin the correct form of the gerund for the sentence, "Marcus is skilled in writing."
SCRIBENDĪ, SCRIBENDŌ
- B1: Give in Latin the correct form of the gerund for the sentence, "Marcus's love of writing is great."
SCRIBENDĪ
- B2: Give in Latin the correct form of the gerund for the sentence, "Marcus went to school to write."
SCRIBENDUM, SCRIBENDĪ
- TU#18: Place in order from top to bottom the following Latin words, according to where a soldier would have worn them: scutum, galea, caliga, cingulum.
GALEA, SCUTUM, CINGULUM, CALIGA
- B1: Give the Latin word for something a soldier would have kept in his cingulum.
GLADIUS, PUGIO, ENSIS
- B2: Give a Latin synonym of galea.
CASSIS, CASSIDA
- TU#19: The "apex" was a conical hat worn by which type of Roman priest?
FLAMEN DIALIS
- B1: Who in ancient Rome were responsible for making treaties and declaring wars against foreign enemies?
FETIĀLĒS
- B2: For what purpose would a Roman have used fasciae?
TO COVER/PROTECT THE LEGS OR FEET, OR KEEP THEM WARM (CLOTH STRIPS)
- TU#20: Which of the following words, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: aspire, inspiration, cuspidor, spiritual?
CUSPIDOR
- B1: Which of the following words, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: attain, maintain, sustain, retain?
ATTAIN
- B2: Which of the following words, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: alleviate, levitate, relevant, levigate
LEVIGATE (from "levis" meaning smooth)

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- TU#1: What two men stayed at the house of Diocles on their journey from Pylos to Sparta?
TELEMACHUS / PEISISTRATUS
- B1: What seer does Telemachus bring back with him to Ithaca?
THEOCLYMENUS
- B2: What other seer on Ithaca was an old friend of Odysseus?
HALITHERSES
- TU#2: Octavius Mamilius led the opposition forces, while the Roman forces were led by Aulus Postumius Albinus. What was this battle that took place some time in the early 5th century BC?
BATTLE OF LAKE REGILLUS
- B1: What leadership role was filled in the battle by Titus Aebutius Elva?
MAGISTER EQUITUM / MASTER OF THE HORSE/CAVALRY COMMANDER
- B2: What unexpected maneuver by the cavalry does Livy say turned the tide of the battle in favor of the Romans?
THE CAVALRY DISMOUNTED AND FOUGHT HAND-TO-HAND INSTEAD
- TU#3: According to his epitaph, supposedly written by the deceased author before he died, for whom should the divine Muses weep?
(GNAEUS) NAEVIUS
- B1: According to this epitaph, what did the Romans forget how to do after Naevius' death?
SPEAK LATIN
- B2: On his list of Rome's best comedic playwrights, where did Volcarius Sedigitus place Naevius?
THIRD
- TU#4: Who forced visitors to work in his vineyard and was killed by Heracles?
SYLEUS
- B1: Who compelled all visitors to compete with him in a reaping contest, and was killed by Heracles?
LITYERSES
- B2: Who was rescued from Lityerses by Heracles as he was about to enter this reaping contest and surely would have been killed?
DAPHNIS
- TU#5: Identify the Latin form dee (*pronounced DEH - EH*) which is presumed to have existed but does not appear in any extant Latin.
VOCATIVE SINGULAR OF DEUS (*prompt if only 'vocative' is given*)
- B1: What is the vocative singular of the adjective ēbrius?
ĒBRIE
- B2: What two vocatives existed for the noun puer?
PUER, puere
- TU#6: Over what territory was Pyrrhus of Epirus proclaimed king in 278 BC?
SICILY
- B1: Why was Pyrrhus invited to Sicily?
TO HELP THE GREEKS THERE DRIVE OUT THE CARTHAGINIANS
- B2: In what year did Pyrrhus's sponsoring city, Tarentum, finally surrender to Roman control?
272 BC

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- TU#7: What Roman propraetor, an acquaintance of Catullus served as governor of the province of Bithynia from the summer of 57 BC to the summer of 56 BC?
(GAIUS) MEMMIUS
- B1: In poem 10, Catullus claims to have brought back what from his time in Bithynia with Memmius, prompting Veranius' girlfriend to ask to borrow them?
LITTER-BEARERS
- B2: What side-trip from Bithynia does Catullus famously describe in his poem 101?
TRIP TO HIS BROTHER'S TOMB (PROBABLY NEAR TROY)
- TU#8: What two subjunctive tenses cannot be used with purpose clauses?
PERFECT AND PLUPERFECT
- B1: What subjunctive tense is typically used with a proviso clause?
PRESENT
- B2: What is the only tense of the subjunctive that can be used with both a primary and a secondary main verb?
PERFECT
- TU#9: Why was Apollo's young friend Cyparissus so sad?
HE HAD ACCIDENTALLY KILLED HIS OWN PET STAG/DEER
- B1: Into what was Aedon, the wife of Zethus, transformed when she accidentally killed her own son Itylus?
A NIGHTINGALE
- B2: Whom did Penthesilea accidentally kill, thereafter seeking purification from Priam?
HIPPOLYTE / MELANIPPE / GLAUCE (Antiope?)
- TU#10: Name the two losing generals who died at or shortly after the Battle of Munda.
TITUS LABIENUS AND GNAEUS POMPEIUS (SON OF POMPEIUS MAGNUS)
- B1: Which of the losing generals survived?
SEXTUS POMPEIUS
- B2: In what year was Sextus executed by Octavian?
35 BC
- TU#11: Listen carefully to the following selection from Catullus, which I will read twice. Then answer in Latin the question that follows:
"Marrucīne Asinī, manū sinistrā
nōn belle ūteris: in iocō atque vīnō
tollis lintea nēglegentiōrum.
hoc salsum esse putās? fugit tē, inepte:
quamvīs sordida rēs et invenusta est." (repeat)
Question: Quōmodo manū sinistrā Asinius ūtitur?
NŌN BELLE
- B1: Quid tollit Asinius?
LINTEA (NĒGLEGENTIŌRUM)
- B2: Quālem hominem Catullus Asinium appellat?
INEPTEM

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- TU#12: Using the verb *refero*, *referre* say in Latin “this matters to me”
HOC/HAEC MEĀ REFERT
- B1: Using a deponent verb, say in Latin “Caesar is the master of affairs.”
CAESAR RĒRUM POTĪTUR
- B2: Say in Latin using *celo*, *celare* and a one-word antonym of *possum* “I cannot hide anything from you!”
NEQUEŌ CĒLĀRE ALIQUID TĒ
- TU#13: Give the Latin verb root and its meaning from which we derive the English word joust.
IUNGERE - JOIN
- B1: Give the Latin verb root and its meaning from which we derive the English word queue.
CAUDA - TAIL
- B2: Give the Latin verb root and its meaning from which we derive the English word torch.
TORQUĒRE - TWIST
- TU#14: What do the following have in common: Quirinus, Palaemon, Hora, Indiges, and Leucothea?
ALL WERE DEITIES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN HUMAN (UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME)
- B1: What had been the human name of Palaemon?
MELICERTES
- B2: What had been the human name of Indiges?
AENEAS
- TU#15: What poetic device appears in this description from Book One of Vergil's *Aeneid*: “et multō nebulae circum dea fūdit amictū”?
TMESIS
- B1: What poetic device appears in this description from Book One of Vergil's *Aeneid*: “submersāsque obrue puppēs”?
PROLEPSIS / ANTICIPATION/HYSTERON PROTERON
- B2: What poetic device appears twice in this description from Book Four of Vergil's *Aeneid*: “lītorā lītoribus contrāria fluctibus undās / imprecor arma armīs”?
POLYPTOTON
- TU#16: What was the occupation in ancient Rome of an agrimēnsor?
LAND SURVEYING/MEASUREMENT
- B1: What was the purpose in ancient Rome of a tegula or imbrex?
ROOF TILE
- B2: What feature in a Roman house was often made in the style called opus vermiculātum?
FLOOR (OR WALL) MOSAIC
- TU#17: What is the difference in meaning between the noun pōtiō and the verb potior?
PŌTIŌ = DRINK, DRAFT, LOVE POTION
POTIOR = GET POSSESSION OF, OBTAIN, BE MASTER OF
- B1: What is the difference in meaning between the adjective ēgregius and the verb ēgredior?
ĒGREGIUS = EXTRAORDINARY, DISTINGUISHED, EXCELLENT, UNCOMMON
ĒGREDIOR = TO STEP OUT, GO OUT, PASS OUT, GO UP, MARCH OUT, LEAVE, DEPART
- B2: What is the difference in meaning between the preposition pone and the adverb pēne

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BEHIND & ALMOST

- TU#18: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Caesar dīcit sē mīlitibus ut testibus ūtī posse."
CAESAR SAYS THAT HE IS ABLE TO USE SOLDIERS AS WITNESSES
- B1: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Horātius mīrātur cūr mors verenda sit."
HORATIUS (HORACE) WONDERS WHY DEATH MUST BE FEARED
- B2: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "vir timēbat nē uxor quid accidisset cognōsceret."
THE MAN WAS AFRAID THAT HIS WIFE WOULD FIND OUT (LEARN) WHAT HAD HAPPENED
- TU#19: About what roughly contemporary epic author did Juvenal, in his seventh *Satire*, state that the people of Rome flocked to hear the author's public recitation of portions of his *Thebais*?
STATIUS
- B1: What was the title of Statius' unfinished epic?
ACHILLEIS / ACHILLEID
- B2: What was the title of Statius' five-book collection of lyric poetry?
SILVAE
- TU#20: Translate the following Latin sentence into English: "Uī adfuissent!"
IF ONLY (WOULD THAT) THEY HAD BEEN HERE/PRESENT
- B1: Using an imperative, say in Latin "Let them drink!"
BIBUNTŌ
- B2: How would you say in Latin, using a subjunctive verb, "Don't stop believing."
CAVĒ(-TE) SISTĀS (-ĀTIS) (CONSISTĀS, SUBSISTĀS) CRĒDERE
or NĒ STITERIS (-ITIS) (CONSTITERIS, SUBSTITERIS) CRĒDERE