

# Boston Latin Academy Certamen Forum 2013

## Novice Division

### Round 1

1. What mythical group lost its only mortal member when Perseus cut off the hissing head of Medusa?

**THE GORGONS**

B1 & B2: For 5 points each, name the two immortal gorgons.

**STHENO AND EURYALE**

2. Differentiate in meaning between *DUM* and *TUM*

**DUM = WHILE, UNTIL; TUM = THEN**

B1: Differentiate in meaning between *MURUS* and *DURUS*

**MURUS = WALL, BANK, DEFENSE, PROTECTION; DURUS = HARD, HARSH**

B2: Differentiate in meaning between *DISCO* AND *DOCEO*

**DISCO = I LEARN, DOCEO = I TEACH**

3. Who, at age 30, was elected to the office of tribune of the Plebs in 133 BC?

**TIBERIUS GRACCHUS**

B1: Who was Tiberius' mother who called him and his brother "her jewels"?

**CORNELIA**

B2: What was the praenomen of his brother?

**GAIUS**

4. Identify the use of the ablative in the following sentence: *Puer animal telo pugnāt.*

**ABLATIVE OF MEANS**

B1: ..... *Puer Athenis cum sua matre habitat.*

**ABLATIVE ACCOMPANIMENT**

B2: ..... *Puer animal magna cum audacia pugnāt.*

**ABLATIVE OF MANNER**

#### [SCORE CHECK]

5. What creature, which had terrorized the city of Thebes, has the head of a woman, the wings of an eagle, and the body of a lion?

**SPHINX**

B1: What hero defeated a sphinx by answering her riddle?

**OEDIPUS**

B2: Whom did Oedipus marry when he became king of Thebes

**JOCASTA (PROMPT on "HIS MOTHER/THE QUEEN")**

6. Translate the following sentence into English: *Puella duos canes in via vidit*

**THE GIRL SAW (HAS SEEN) TWO DOGS IN THE ROAD**

B1: ..... *Alius canis in viam currebat.*

**ANOTHER DOG WAS RUNNING (RAN) INTO THE ROAD**

B2: ..... *Unus canis qui puellam vidit trans viam in silvam cucurrit.*

**ONE DOG WHICH SAW THE GIRL RAN ACROSS THE ROAD INTO THE FOREST (WOODS)**

7. Marcus Lepidus, Marc Antony, and Gaius Octavius together formed what union in 43 B.C?

**2<sup>nd</sup> TRIUMVIRATE**

B1: The members of the 2nd triumvirate did not always get along. To where did Antony flee once things became troublesome?

B2: Where was Antony finally defeated by Octavian in 31 BC?

(BATTLE OF) ACTIUM

8. What king of Mycenae assigned his cousin 12 impossible tasks?

EURYSTHEUS

B1: On his way to which labor, was Heracles entertained by the centaur Pholus?

THE ERYMANTHIAN BOAR (prompt on “4<sup>th</sup> labor”)

B2: Which hero did Heracles rescue during his 12<sup>th</sup> labor?

THESEUS

[SCORE CHECK]

9. Give the person, number, tense, and voice for the verb form: *Amata est*

3rd, SINGULAR, PERFECT, PASSIVE

B1: Give the person, number, tense and voice for the verb form: *Amamini*

2nd, PLURAL, PRESENT, PASSIVE

B2: Give the person, number, tense and voice for the verb form: *Amaveris*

2<sup>nd</sup>, SINGULAR, FUTURE PERFECT, ACTIVE

10. Quid anglice significat: *castra*?

CAMP

B1: Quid anglice significat: *impedimentum et impedimenta*?

HINDRANCE/OBSTACLE and BAGGAGE

B2: Quid anglice significat: *copia et copiae*?

SUPPLY/PLENTY and TROOPS

11. Who am I? When I first arrived at Rome, an eagle stole my cap and later returned it to my head. My wife was Tanaquil. I was credited with the construction of the Cloaca Maxima and Circus Maximus and I was the fourth king of Rome.

TARQUINIUS PRISCUS

B1: Which king of Rome won the first *spolia opima*?

ROMULUS

B2: Which king of Rome, originally born a slave, was adopted as the next king when a crown of flames danced on the top of his head?

SERVIVS TULLIVS

12. What derivative of the verb *ago, agere* means “quick and well-coordinated”?

AGILE

B1: What derivative of the noun *annus, anni* means “enduring or lasting for an indefinitely long time”?

PERENNIAL

B2: What derivative of the adjective *altus, a, um* means “to intensify, magnify, or raise to a higher degree”?

ENHANCE

[SCORE CHECK]

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### Round 2

1. At what site 11 miles from the city, was the Roman army defeated in 390 BC?

**ALLIA RIVER**

B1: What Senonian chieftain led this assault and subsequent sack of Rome?

**BRENNUS**

B2: When Brennus agreed to allow Rome to pay a ransom, what did he exclaim when the Roman's accused him to unfair scales?

**VAE VICTIS / WOE TO THE CONQUERED**

2. Quid anglice significat: *tandem*?

**FINALLY**

B1: Quid anglice significat: *tamen*?

**NEVERTHELESS, STILL**

B2: Quid anglice significat: *numen*?

**DIVINE WILL/GOD/DIVINITY**

3. What hero, an alleged son of Poseidon, traveled by land to Athens to find his mortal father, King Aegeus?

**THESEUS**

B1: On this trip, Theseus killed a number of bandits. Which bandit was infamous for tying his victims to pine trees and catapulting them through the air?

**SINIS**

B2: Which bandit was also known by the names Damastes and Polypemon?

**PROCRUSTES**

4. Listen to the following passage which I will only read twice and answer in Latin the question that follows: *Marcus et Lucius in tablino erant. Marcus qui in tabulā stylō scribebat togam gessit. Lucius qui murum aquā lavabat tunicam gessit.*

Question: Quis est servus in hac fabula?

**LUCIUS**

B1: *Quo Marcus scribebat?*

**STYLO**

B2: *Quid Marcus gerebat?*

**TOGAM**

#### [SCORE CHECK]

5. Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: *station*, *stick*, *constitution*, *establish*, *stand*.

**STICK**

B1: Give the dictionary entry for the word from which the others are derived.

**STO, STARE, STETI, STATUS (STATURUS): STAND**

B2: What English word meaning "a building for horses" is also derived from *sto*, *stare*?

**STABLE**

6. Which sister of Phrixus died when she fell of the Golden Ram into the sea which was later named after her?

**HELLE**

B1: Who was their biological mother?

**NEPHELE**

B2: Who was their evil stepmother?

**INO**

7. *Coemptio, usus, confarreatio* are types of what Roman traditions?

**WEDDINGS**

B1. Which type of Roman wedding was practiced by patricians?

**CONFARRREATIO**

B2. Which type of wedding was practiced among plebians involving the fictitious sale of the bride?

**COEMPTIO**

8. Give dative singular for the phrase *tall mountain*

**ALTO MONTI**

B1: Change *alto monti* to the plural

**ALTIS MONTIBUS**

B2: Change *altis montibus* to the genitive

**ALTORUM MONTIUM**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

9. What woman, born from an egg, was kidnapped by the Athenian king, Theseus, and then again by the Trojan prince, Paris?

**HELEN**

B1: What brothers of Helen were collectively known as the Dioscuri?

**CASTOR & POLLUX (or Polydeuces)**

B2: What sister of Helen married the Greek chieftain Agamemnon?

**CLYTEMNESTRA**

10. What Roman general after serving in Britain, Africa and Judaea, became emperor of Rome at the end of 69 AD?

**VESPASIAN**

B1. Vespasian wasn't the only emperor in the family. Name one of his two sons who became emperor.

**TITUS / DOMITIAN**

B2. Titus ruled in 79AD when what great natural disaster occurred near the Bay of Naples?

**ERUPTION OF MT. VESUVIUS**

11. Translate the word "friend" in the following sentence into Latin: My sister will not give her *friend* money.

**AMICO/AMICAE**

B1: ..... She cannot go to the movies without her *friend*.

**AMICO/AMICA**

B2: ..... None of her *friends* are nice.

**AMICORUM/AMICARUM**

12. Translate the motto of the state of Maine: *Dirigo*

**I POINT THE WAY**

B1: Translate the motto of the state of Oklahoma: *Labor omnia vincit*

**WORK CONQUERS ALL**

B2: What is the Latin motto of the state of Colorado?

**NIL SINE NUMINE**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

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### Round 3

1. Differentiate in meaning between *MONEO* and *MUNIO*

**MONEO = I WARN/ADVISE, MUNIO = I FORTIFY/DEFEND**

B1: Distinguish between *MANEO* and *MANDO*

**MANEO = I STAY/REMAIN, MANDO = I ENTRUST/COMMIT**

B2: Distinguish between *MEDIUS* and *MEDICUS*

**MEDIUS = MIDDLE, MEDICUS = DOCTOR**

2. What god invented a musical instrument and stole Apollo's cattle during his infancy?

**HERMES**

B1: What did Hermes's epithet "*Psychopompos*" indicate about the god?

**LED SOULS TO THE UNDERWORLD**

B2: What did Hermes's epithet "*Argeiphontes*" indicate about the god?

**HE KILLED ARGUS (Panoptes)**

3. How must a relative pronoun agree with its antecedent?

**GENDER AND NUMBER**

B1: Translate the relative pronoun in this sentence into Latin: I saw a man *whose* house was on fire.

**CUIUS**

B2: What interrogative pronoun would be needed to translate this sentence into Latin: *Who* has just arrived?

**QUIS**

4. Cornelia, Calpurnia, and Pompeia, were all wives of what famous Roman?

**CEASAR**

B1. Which of Caesar's daughters did he marry off to Pompey?

**JULIA**

B2. To help strengthen what alliance did Caesar do this?

**1<sup>st</sup> TRIUMVIRATE**

#### [SCORE CHECK]

5. What derivative of the Latin word *dico, dicere* refers to "a closing prayer at the end of a ceremony"?

**BENEDICTION**

B1: What derivative of the Latin word *traho, trahere* refers to "a machine used on a farm"?

**TRACTOR**

B2: What derivative of the Latin word "*ago, agere*" refers to "a character in a play or movie"?

**ACTOR**

6. What clever king of Corinth tried to elude death and received a tedious punishment in Tartarus for his trickery?

**SISYPHUS**

B1: What did Sisyphus instruct his wife to do when he knew that he had to die

**THROW HIS BODY INTO THE CITY CENTER/NOT GIVE A PROPER FUNERAL**

B2: What grandson of Sisyphus helped the family reputation by becoming a hero and slaying the Chimaera?

**BELLEROPHON**

7. You are visiting your Roman friend Marcus. When he says to you: "I left the food in the *culina*!" To what room in his house would he be referring?

**KITCHEN**

B1: Later on, while discussing literature with him, he says "I have just the book for you in my *tablinum*." To what part of the house is he now referring to?

**(MASTER) STUDY**

B2: When you are finally leaving he says to you: "Shut the door when you leave I am about to go to sleep." He then heads immediately for the *triclinium*. What is odd about this?

**THE TRICLINIUM WAS A DINING ROOM NOT A BEDROOM**

8. Give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person singular perfect active indicative for the verb *video, videre*.

**VIDISTI**

B1: Change *vidisti* to the pluperfect.

**VIDERAS**

B2: Make *videras* imperfect.

**VIDEBAS**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

9. What two word Latin phrase refers to a task that is done "without end"?

**AD IFINITUM**

B1: What two word Latin phrase refers to "an institution, such a school or college"?

**ALMA MATER**

B2: What two word Latin phrase refers to a meeting or committee that is established "for a particular purpose"?

**AD HOC**

10. After Augustus died in 14 AD, who became emperor of Rome?

**TIBERIUS**

B1. Augustus during his reign established the Praetorian Guard, whose leader was the Praetorian Prefect. Who was the corrupt Prefect under Tiberius?

**SEJANUS**

B2. So much confusion and corruption surrounded the reign of Tiberius that he eventually fled to what island in the Bay of Naples?

**CAPRI**

11. Listen to the following passage which I will read twice and answer in Latin the question that follows:

*Nocte arbores movebant quod venti erant fortes. Frigida erat et omnis aqua erat gelida. Ningebat Mox tota terra fiebat candida. Sum laeta quod fortasse nihil ludi cras erit!*

Question: Quo tempore ningebat?

**NOCTE**

B1: Cur laeta sum?

**(FORTASSE) NIHIL LUDI CRAS (ERIT)**

B2: Qui color erat terra?

**CANDIDA**

12. What son of Tantalus was chopped up and made into a stew to serve to the gods?

**PELOPS**

B1: What goddess took a bite out of Pelops' shoulder at the dinner?

**DEMETER**

B2: After Pelops was brought back to life, Hephaestus forged him a replacement for his shoulder made out of what material?

**IVORY**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

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### Round 4

1. The abbreviations a.c., h.s., and p.o. can all be found where?

B1: Give the Latin and English for h.s.

B2: Give the Latin and English for p.o.

**PRESCRIPTIONS**

**HORA SOMNI- AT BEDTIME**

**PER OS- ORALLY**

2. Although most consider Hannibal as the main Carthaginian general, who was his father who had success fighting the Romans in the 1st Punic War?

B1: On what island did Hamilcar employ his guerrilla war tactics to force a virtual stalemate from 247-242 BC?

B2: What modern day city in Spain is named after the Barcae?

**HAMILCAR BARCA**

**SICILY**

**BARCELONA**

3. Who was the only member of the Seven against Thebes to have the power of prophecy?

B1: Who was the only member of the Seven against Thebes to survive?

B2: What member of the Seven against Thebes was the son of Atalanta?

**AMPHIARAUS**

**ADRASTUS**

**PARTHENOPEUS**

4. Which of the following, if any, do not derive from the same Latin word: *capillary*, *cap*, *capture*, *cabbage*, *chief*.

B1: Give the dictionary entry for the word from which the rest derive.

B2: What English word, also derived from caput, capitis, means “untidy, messy, or unkempt”

**CAPTURE**

**CAPUT, CAPITIS, N: HEAD**

**DISHEVELED**

#### [SCORE CHECK]

5. At what battle in 218 BC was Scipio the elder saved by his son Scipio?

B1: At what battle in 216 BC did the Romans suffer the most horrendous defeat, led by the consuls Paulus and Varro?

B2: Fortunately after this defeat, Rome still had Publius Scipio the Younger who eventually won the war for Rome. What agnomen did he receive for this victory?

**TREBIA RIVER**

**CANNAE**

**AFRICANUS**

6. What lover of Eos was made immortal but not eternally young?

B1: Out of pity, Eos transformed Tithonus into what?

B2: Selene, the sister of Eos, fell in love with a mortal also, but she asked Zeus to make him both immortal and eternally young. Who was this lover that Zeus put into an eternal sleep?

**TITHONUS**

**A GRASSHOPPER**

**ENDYMION**

7. What derivative of the Latin word *insula* means a “body of land surrounded on three sides by water”?

**PENINSULA**

B1: What derivative of the Latin verb *mitto, mittere* means “a break at the halfway point of a play”?

**INTERMISSION**

B2: What derivative of the Latin word *aqua* refers to a structure that the Romans built to carry water from place to place?

**AQUADUCT**

8. In the circus Marcus anxiously awaits the dropping of a mappa. What does this signify?

**THE BEGINNING OF A CHARIOT RACE**

B1: Once the race has begun Marcus stays for only one spatium. What is a spatium?

**A LAP**

B2: Marcus left because his favorite chariot driver hit the metae. What object were these?

**TURNING POSTS FOR THE CHARIOTS**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

9. Give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural present active indicative of *duco, ducere*.

**DUCITIS**

B1: Change *ducitis* to the future passive.

**DUCEMINI**

B2: Change *ducemini* to the perfect

**DUCTI ESTIS**

10. Odysseus tried to avoid the Trojan War by acting insane. Who saw through this ruse and forced him go?

**PALAMEDES**

B1: During the war, Odysseus competed with what man for the armor of Achilles?

**AJAX THE GREATER**

B2: After the war was over, what son of Odysseus went out to try to find his father?

**TELEMACHUS**

11. Translate the following sentence into Latin: Our mother was sitting in the theater for two hours.

**NOSTRA MATER IN THEATRO DUAS HORAS SEDEBAT.**

B1: Using a participle, translate the following sentence into Latin: Your grandfather who was abandoned in the arena was sad.

**TUUS/VESTER AVUS IN ARENA RELICTUS ERAT MISER/TRISTIS**

B2: Using a relative clause, translate that same sentence into Latin.

**TUUS/VESTER AVUS QUI IN ARENA RELICTUS EST/RELINQUEBAT ERAT MISER/TRISTIS**

12. Differentiate in meaning between *audeo* and *augeo*

**AUDEO = I DARE; AUGEIO = I INCREASE**

B1: Differentiate in meaning between *aequus* and *equus*

**AEQUUS = LEVEL, EQUAL, FAIR; EQUUS = HORSE**

B2: Differentiate in meaning between *ascendo* and *accedo*

**ASCENDO = I CLIMB; ACCEDO = I APPROACH**

**[SCORE CHECK]**



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### Final Round

1. The Temple of Juppiter Optimus Maximus and the purchase of the Sibylline books was undertaken by which king of Rome?  
**TARQUINNIUS SUPERBUS**  
B1: Priscus's praenomen Lucius is believed to come from what Etruscan name?  
**LUCOMO**  
B2: From what Greek city was Demaratus, his father, believed to have come?  
**CORINTH**
2. Listen carefully to the passage, which I will read twice, and answer in English the questions that follow:  
*Olim erat agricola qui multa animalia habuit. Agricola nulla animalia amavit quod cum eis ludere non potest. Porci semper sordidi sunt, vacca herbam semper edunt, pulli semper clamant, et canis omnem diem dormire amat. Itaque Agricola tristissimus est.*  
Question: Why is the farmer sad?  
**BECAUSE HE CANNOT PLAY WITH ANY OF HIS ANIMALS**  
B1: How are the pigs described?  
**THEY ARE ALWAYS DIRTY**  
B2: Why does the dog do?  
**THEY SLEEP ALL DAY**
3. Disney, in hopes of finding its next blockbuster hit, has turned to the world of Classical Mythology! You have been chosen to oversee the auditions. The first role to be filled is that of the main character, the adventurous hero. Identify the hero speaking in the following scene:  
"How much longer must I endure the wrath of the gods? So many of my friends, comrades, and kin I watched fall beneath those high walls of Troy. Just when I think it's over, the madness begins again. It has been nearly twenty summers since I have seen my dear son and I fear the day may never come."  
**ODYSSEUS**  
B1: What hero is making his bid for the leading role with these lines?  
"I may not have been the first choice but I surely proved that I was the best. Nobody can keep this ship and its crew in line like I do. Since we left Iolcus, we've been able to overcome every obstacle from crazed Lemnian women to those dreaded clashing rocks."  
**JASON**  
B2: Which hero has put forth this monologue?  
"I've done everything that was asked of me. I looked for my sister like my father Agenor requested. Who knew she was taken by a god? No wonder I couldn't find her. Then I followed a cow just as the oracle told me to. I planted dragon's teeth and established a city. Is that not enough? When will my descendants and I be at peace?"  
**CADMUS**
4. Identify the use of the ablative case in the following sentence: *Milites suum ducem virtute superat.*  
**RESPECT/SPECIFICATION**  
B1: Identify the use of the ablative case in the following sentence: *Milites, duce interfecto, suos hostes non oppugnabunt.*  
**ABSOLUTE**  
B2: Identify the use of the ablative case in the following sentence: *Milites a rege iussi hostes pugnauerunt et vicerunt.*  
**AGENT**

5. When you are recognized, perform the following Latin command: *Sta et cane anglice carmen de stellis.*  
**(S/HE SHOULD STAND AND SING A SONG IN ENGLISH ABOUT STARS)**  
 B1: Now, canite et demonstrate carmen de capite, umeris, genibus, et digitibus  
**(THEY SHOULD SING and SHOW ‘HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES, KNEES AND TOES’)**  
 B2: Now, canite carmen de agricola in valle.  
**(THEY SHOULD SING ‘FARMER IN THE DELL’)**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

6. Complete the following analogy Puer : Genius as Puella : \_\_\_\_\_.  
**IUNO**  
 B1. What half-moon shaped rattles were given to roman babies?  
**CREPUNDIAE**  
 B2. What was the “evil eye” that the crepundiae and the bulla were meant to protect?  
**FASCINATIO**
7. Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin word: diary, diet, journal, diadem, diurnal.  
**DIADEM**  
 B1: Give the dictionary entry for the Latin word from which all the words, except for diadem, are derived.  
**DIES, DIEI, M: DAY**  
 B2: Give the English antonym of *diurnal*.  
**NOCTURNAL**
8. It’s time for round two of auditions for Disney’s new blockbuster. This time we are looking to fill the role of a female lead. Identify the mythical heroine auditioning in the following scene:  
 “I thought I had found the love of my life, but I couldn’t have been any father from the reality. The way he embraced me after we left that labyrinth and sailed off into the sunset, it was all too perfect. Then I wake up to find myself all alone on this cursed island! It’s clear to see that we are never, ever, ever getting back together. (sigh)”  
**ARIADNE**  
 B1: Which heroine is making her bid for the leading role with this speech?  
 “What have I done to deserve this? I’ve given you everything; food, shelter, and these high walls to rule over as my husband! Look how they rise! Is this not enough? Why do you flee me? If I am not fit for your embrace, then I must only be fit for this pyre. Anna, sister, bring me my torch.”  
**DIDO**  
 B2: Identify the princess who is casting her name in the lot with these lines.  
 “I told them sending my brother to Sparta was a bad idea, but of course nobody ever listens. If I had known that my gift would lead to my own destruction I would have begged the gods to take it back. If only I could somehow persuade my father that bringing that horse into the city walls is a recipe for disaster.”  
**CASSANDRA**
9. Higher or Excelsior is the motto of what state?  
**NEW YORK**  
 B1: What is the meaning of the motto of the state of Missouri: *Salus populi suprema lex est.*  
**THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IS THE SUPREME LAW**  
 B2: What is the meaning of the motto of New Mexic: *crescit eundo.*  
**IT GROWS AS IT GOES**
10. After whose suicide did the Plebeians succeeded to the Aventine hill in 449BC?

**VERGINIA**

B1: This wasn't the first time the plebeians seceded from Rome, to where did they seceded in 494 BC?

**MONS SACER**

B2: The plebeians did not leave Mons Sacer until the persuasion of what man through his analogy of "belly and the limbs"?

**MENENIUS AGRIPPA**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

11. Differentiate in meaning between *vix* and *vox*

**VIX = SCARCELY; VOX = VOICE**

B1: Distinguish between *vir* and *vires*

**VIRI = MEN; VIRES = STRENGTH**

B2: Distinguish between *vestis* and *ventus*

**VESTIS = CLOTHING; VENTUS = WIND**

12. Time for round three of auditions! This time around we are casting the deity who will attempt to hinder the hero from accomplishing his tasks. Identify the deity speaking these lines.

"Never again will another mortal shed a drop of this divine ichor. I have not forgotten the crimes of Diomedes and how he wounded Aphrodite and I on the battlefield at Troy. If this kid wants war, I will show him why I alone stand above all others?"

**ARES / MARS**

B1: Which deity has offered these lines for the audition?

"Foolish mortal! Dishonoring me shall be your last mistake. Need I recall the fate of that young hunter who merely stumbled upon my bath? Or do you remember what happened when old Admetus forgot my honors on his wedding night? There is no escaping my wrath."

**ARTEMIS / DIANA**

B2: What deity attempts to fill the roll with these lines?

"Anywhere you go, I will make your life a nightmare. Just ask the man who blinded my son. Whenever you think you are safe you will be constantly reminded of my presence when your horses go mad and the earth begins to crumble beneath your feet."

**POSEIDON / NEPTUNE**

13. Complete the following analogy. *porto* : *portavit* as *peto* : \_\_\_\_\_.

**PETIVIT**

B1: Complete the following analogy. *porto* : *portatus est* as *iacio* : \_\_\_\_\_.

**IACTUS EST**

B2: Complete the following analogy. *Porto* : *portabimini* as *cupio* : \_\_\_\_\_.

**CUPIEMINI**

14. What emperor was told to polish his Latin, because his language was too rustic for someone who was to become the adopted son and heir of Trajan?

**HADRIAN**

B1: From what Spanish town was he born, the same as his predecessor Trajan?

**ITALICA**

B2: Hadrian's Latin might have been lacking because of his great interest in what society for which he earned the nickname Graeculus?

**GREEK (GREECE)**

15. Translate the following sentence into English: Cui regina pulchra multam pecuniam dabit?

**TO WHOM WILL THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN GIVE A LOT OF MONEY?**

B1: .....Cuius librum miser servus in foro amisit?

**WHOSE BOOK DID THE POOR SLAVE LOSE IN THE FORUM?**

B2: ..... Quocum gladiator magna cum diligentia pugnavit?

**WITH WHOM/WHAT DID THE GLADIATOR FIGHT WITH GREAT DILIGENCE?**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

16. The final round of auditions has arrived. The task this time is casting the wise old man who will help our hero along his quest. Identify the old man who is speaking in this scene.

“I was quite the athlete back in my day. I could have shown all of these whippersnappers a thing or two about being a warrior. That boy Achilles, all he did was whine to his mother, and Agamemnon was too hotheaded. At least the rest of the Argives listened when I spoke. Come with me to home to Pylos and I will give you the proper training you need.

**NESTOR**

B1: Identify the wise old prophet speaking in these lines.

“Never had I ever been so hungry in my life. The gods had confined me to that desolate island with no food except what they left in the temple. Only when I tried to eat it, the harpies drove me back. Now that I’ve been freed from this torment I can show you the way. Like I told the last boy, just how to avoid those clashing rocks.”

**PHINEUS**

B2: Which old-timer offers this monologue for his audition?

“Your father, and your father’s father, and his father too, I knew all of them. I’ve been around quite a while...about 7 generations to be exact. All the gods have come to me with their problems, even Zeus and Hera. I think I could definitely show you a thing or two, youngster.”

**TEIRESIAS**

17. For the verb CAPIO, CAPERE, give the first person plural future active indicative.

**CAPIEMUS**

B1: Make *capiemus* present passive.

**CAPIMUR**

B2: Make *capiemur* pluperfect

**CAPTI ERAMUS**

18. What man formally known as Gaius Marcius, fought the Volscian people but was shunned by Rome on his return and, in turn returned to Volscians to lead them against Rome?

**CORIOANUS**

B1&2: Rome would have been attacked if it were not for the consoling and convincing words of what 2 women? For 5 points each name the woman and their connection to Coriolanus.

**VETURIA – MOTHER/VOLUMNA – WIFE**

19. Translate into Latin: The poet likes to read

**POETA LEGERE AMAT.**

B1: Translate into Latin: The children will be able to work

**LIBERI LABORARE POTERUNT.**

B2: Translate into Latin: The famers were compelled to set free the slaves

**AGRICOLAE LIBERARE/EXPEDIRE SERVOS COACTI SUNT/COGEBANTUR**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

20. Although the auditions for Disney's blockbuster are now finished, the preparations are not complete. The producers have left it up to you to choose the various scenes. They have left you a list of places and their descriptions. However, the descriptions of course are in Latin. Identify the correct mythological location described here.

**Olim Hercules regem huius loci pugnāvit. Sunt duae portae et multa flumina. Multī heroēs venērunt et amicōs familiamque spectāverunt. Multi manēs in hōc locō habitant.**

**TARTARUS / THE UNDERWORLD**

B1: What mythological location is described in this passage?

**Nullus homo hunc locum videre potest. Bellerophon huc volare temptavit. Altior quam omnes alii loci, hic est locus in quō deī habitant.**

**MT. OLYMPUS**

B2: Disney's movie is almost ready for production. Finish the job by identifying the mythological location described in this final passage.

**Unus ex regibus septem muros cum lyra construxit. Alius rex manibus utebatur. Olim Pentheus erat rex locorum. In hōc locō Herculēs habitavit et natus est.**

**THEBES**

**[SCORE CHECK]**

# Boston Latin Academy Certamen Forum 2013

## Novice Division

### Extra Questions

1. What would Romans call a modern day drycleaner?  
B1: What would Romans call a modern day barber?  
B2: What would Romans call a modern day baker?  
**FULLO**  
**TONSOR**  
**PISTOR**
2. Quid anglice significat: *tetigit*?  
B1: Quid anglice significat: *frangemus*?  
B2: Quid anglice significat: *petiverant*  
**HE/SHE/IT (HAS) TOUCED/DID TOUCH**  
**WE WILL BREAK**  
**THEY HAD SOUGHT/ASKED/ATTACKED/AIMED AT**
3. Complete the following analogy: Aeacus : Achilles as \_\_\_\_\_ : Ascanius  
B1: Complete the following analogy: Daphne : a laurel tree as Clytie : \_\_\_\_\_  
B2: Complete the following analogy: Europa : Minos as \_\_\_\_\_ : Dionysus  
**ANCHISES**  
**SUNFLOWER**  
**SEMELE**
4. What man, whose name means chickpea, was known as one of Rome's greatest orator and served as consul in 63 BC?  
B1: Cicero was the first man in his family to serve an office, what term would be used to describe such a man?  
B2: In what city were both Cicero and Marius, another *novus homo*, born?  
**CICERO**  
**NOVUS HOMO**  
**ARPINUM**
5. What Arabic numeral is the equivalent of the Latin LX?  
B1: ... of MCMXV?  
B2: ....of CDIL?  
**60**  
**1915**  
**449**
6. Translate idiomatically the phrase: *castra ponere*?  
B1: Translate idiomatically the phrase: *iter facere*?  
B2: Translate idiomatically the phrase: *proelium committere*?  
**TO PITCH CAMP**  
**TO MARCH**  
**TO JOIN BATTLE**

7. What mercenary from Epirus waged war against the Romans in the early 3rd century BC?

**PYRRHUS**

B1. Pyrrhus in his victories won, but lost many soldiers in the process what was the term given to such drastic victories?

**PYRRHIC VICTORIES**

B2. Where was Pyrrhus finally defeated by the Romans in 275 BC?

**BENEVENTUM / MALEVENTUM**

8. What sorceress from Colchis helped the Argonauts to retrieve the Golden Fleece?

**MEDEA**

B1: Which aunt of Medea, who lived on the island of Aeaea, was also a sorceress?

**CIRCE**

B2: Which princess of Corinth did Medea murder with a poisoned robe?

**GLAUCE/CREUSA**