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ROUND ONE

TOSS-UP #1: Welcome to Round One of the VJCL State Finals. Let's begin by journeying to Rome. In what cardinal direction would we have to travel if we began our journey in Byzantium? WEST

Bonus: What Byzantium renamed in 330 A.D.?

CONSTANTINOPLE

TOSS-UP #2: Using a supine, translate the following sentence into Latin: He came to warn the people.

VĒNIT MŌNITUM POPULUM/VULGUS

<u>Bonus:</u> Using a gerundive in the genitive case, translate the following sentence into Latin: He came to warn the people.

VĒNIT POPULĪ MONENDĪ CAUSĀ

TOSS-UP #3: Poseidon sent a sea-monster to ravage Ethiopia because Cassiopeia had claimed that her daughter was more beautiful than what group of sea-deities?

THE NEREIDS

Bonus: What uncle and original fiancée of Andromeda attacked Perseus for planning to marry her?

PHINEUS

TOSS-UP #4: Give the ultimate Latin verb, and its meaning, from which the English words "vicissitude," "recession," and "antecedent" derive.

CĒDŌ, CĒDERE, TO GO

Bonus: Give the ultimate Latin verb, and its meaning, from which the English words "compunction" and "pungent" derive.

PUNGŌ, PUNGERE, TO PRICK / PIERCE

TOSS-UP #5: What Gallic people did Catiline try to recruit to his conspiracy of 63 B.C. only to be betrayed by them they revealed his plans to Cicero?

THE ALLOBROGES

<u>Bonus:</u> At what bridge just north of the Campus Martius were some incriminating letters from the Catalinarians to the Allobroges intercepted?

MULVIAN BRIDGE

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TOSS-UP #6: Give the Latin for the phrase "the same hope."

EADEM SPĒS

Bonus: Make that phrase accusative singular.

EANDEM SPEM

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TOSS-UP #7: What Roman did Spurius Lartius and Titus Herminius initially assist in his efforts to fend off Lars Porsenna's troops while the rest of the Romans destroyed a bridge?

(PUBLIUS) HORATIUS (COCLES)

Bonus: Horatius earned the nickname "Cocles" after sustaining an injury in an earlier battle. What does this name indicate about the nature of this injury?

HE LOST AN EYE

TOSS-UP #8: What use of the subjunctive can be seen in the following sentence? Mercātōrēs nāvigāvērunt ad Graeciam ut piscēs vēnderent.

(ADVERBIAL) PURPOSE/FINAL CLAUSE

Bonus: What use of the subjunctive can be seen in the following sentence? In $h\bar{a}c$ patri \bar{a} , $n\bar{e}m\bar{o}$ est $qu\bar{i}$ comam suam tingat.

RELATIVE CLAUSE OF CHARACTERISTIC

TOSS-UP #9: What did the Sibyl of Cumae tell Aeneas to acquire before they could visit the Underworld. ?

GOLDEN BOUGH

Bonus: The Sibyl of Cumae wrote her prophecies on what unusual material prompting Helenus to advise Aeneas to speak the prophecies instead?

OAK LEAVES

<u>TOSS-UP #10:</u> What 1st century B.C. Roman historian wrote single-subject works on the Jugurthine War and the Catilinarian Conspiracy?

(GAIUS) SALLUST(IUS CRISPUS)

<u>Bonus:</u> Sallust was one of three famous literary men who married Terentia. Name one of the others.

CICERO/(M. VALERIUS) MESSALA (CORVINUS)

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TOSS-UP #11: What stepson did Phaedra falsely accuse of raping her?

HIPPOLYTUS

<u>Bonus:</u> When Theseus cursed Hippolytus, what sort of creature did Poseidon which caused his death by spooking his horses?

A BULL

<u>TOSS-UP #12:</u> Listen to the following sentences about a cat and mouse, which I will read twice, and answer IN ENGLISH the questions that follow.

Ōlim fēlēs amābat quondam mūrem. Mūrī ignārō placet iacere saxa in fēlem. Fēlēs "Mūs," inquit, "iacet saxa ad amōrem mōnstrandum mihi! Essem fēlicissima fēlēs in orbe terrārum, sī mūs legeret minōra saxa."

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Question: Why did the cat think the mouse was throwing rocks?

THEY DISPLAY THE MOUSE'S LOVE

Bonus: What did the cat believe would have made her the happiest cat in the world?

THE MOUSE THROWING SMALLER ROCKS

TOSS-UP #13: What emperor, the last to rule over a united empire, made Christianity its official religion?

THEODOSIUS I/GREAT

<u>Bonus:</u> Between what two sons did Theodosius divide the empire for the final time though they were both still children?

(FLAVIUS) HONORIUS & (FLAVIUS) ARCADIUS

<u>TOSS-UP #14:</u> Translate the following sentence into English: **Timēbam ut calceum meum invenīrem.**

I WAS AFRAID THAT I WOULD NOT FIND MY SHOE

<u>Bonus:</u> Now translate this sentence into English: Pavēbam manēre in silvā, nē lupī mē cōnsūmerent.

I WAS AFRAID TO REMAIN IN THE WOOD/FOREST, LEST WOLVES EAT ME

TOSS-UP #15: What gladiator, often pitted against the **retiarius**, wore a helmet decorated with a fish?

MURMILLO

Bonus: How was the gladiator known as a **laqueātor** usually armed?

WITH A LASSO/ROPE/NOOSE

PAUSE FOR SCORE UPDATE

<u>TOSS-UP #16:</u> What Roman writer's letters included commentaries on the politics of the day, Trajan's policies toward Christians, gardens, and the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?

(C. CAECILIUS) PLINIUS SECUNDUS/PLINY THE YOUNGER

Bonus: What prominent historian kept up close correspondence with Pliny, and was the recipient of his letters about Vesuvius?

(CORNELIUS) TACITUS

TOSS-UP #17: What king of Pylos did Telemachus first visit to find news of his father in the book three of the *Odyssey*

NESTOR

Bonus: In whose guise did Athena first appear to Telemachus in order to advise seek out news of his father?

MENTES (NOT MENTOR!)

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<u>TOSS-UP #18:</u> What use of the genitive is found in the following sentence? In mediā nocte eques ignāvus, sciēns inimīcōrum aggredientium, effugit.

WITH SPECIAL ADJECTIVES/OBJECTIVE GENITIVE

<u>Bonus:</u> What use of the dative is found in the following sentence? Caballus celer inimīcīs īrātīs equitem abstulit.

REFERENCE / SEPARATION

TOSS-UP #19: Who first married Clodia Pulchra, then Scribonia, before finally enjoying more than fifty years of marriage to Livia?

AUGUSTUS/OCTAVIAN

Bonus: Octavian divorced Scribonia in order to marry Livia. What was the full name of the man Livia divorced in order to allow her to marry Octavian?

TIBERIUS CLAUDIUS NERO

PAUSE FOR SCORE UPDATE

<u>TOSS-UP #20:</u> Welcome to the **Bibliotheca Romana!** What work of literature by Carson McCullers would be known in Latin as "**Cor Vēnātor Sōlitārius Est**"?

THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER(accept any literal translation)

Bonus: What work of literature would have been known in Latin as "**Cor Tenēbrārum**"?

HEART OF DARKNESS

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ROUND TWO

1. Express the number year 1999 in Roman Numerals.

MCMXCIX

B: Express 4,444 in Roman Numerals.

MMMMCDXLIV

2. What minimum interval of time between holding consulships did Sulla's constitutional reforms reestablish?

10 YEARS

B: How did Sulla make the office of tribune unappealing for talented Romans who had an eye on eventually reaching the consulship?

HE PROHIBITED TRIBUNES FROM ADVANCING TO A HIGHER OFFICE

3. The name of which of the following subjects, if any, IS derived from Latin: Economics, Algebra, Chemistry, Calculus, Physics, Geometry.

CALCULUS

B: Do the same for: Ethnography, Psychology, Anthropology, Pediatrics, or Probability PROBABILITY

4. Respondē Latīnē. Quot capita Cerberō sunt?

TRIA [must be neuter]/QUINQUĀGINTĀ/CENTUM

B: Respondēte Latīnē et magnīs vocibus. Quot oculī Cerberō sunt?

SEX/CENTUM/DUCENTĪ (note the plural: MULTIPLE students must give the answer with LOUD voices)

- 5. Of what notorious group of mythological Bridezillas was Hypermnestra the sole exception? 49
- B: Of what stellar group of seven sisters was Merope the least shining example because she alone had married a mortal?

PLEIADES

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6. Translate the protasis in the following sentence into Latin: Pupius would buy Pupsilla a dress if he were able to count.

SĪ PUPIUS NUMERĀRE/COMPUTĀRE POSSET

B: Using a dative of possession, say in Latin: Alas! Pupius has no money.

(Ē)HEU! NIHIL PECŪNIAE/NULLA PECŪNIA PUPIŌ EST.

7. Who was the emperor in the year Rome celebrated the millennial anniversary of its founding in 248 A.D.?

PHILIP THE ARAB

B. Which of the five good emperors was ruling when Rome celebrated its 900th birthday?

ANTONINUS PIUS

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8. What literary device is seen in the following poetic line:

"I hopped of the plane in Los Angeles with a dream and my cardigan?" ZEUGMA

B: What literary device is seen in the following poetic line:

"His palms are sweaty, knees weak, arms are heavy."

ASYNDETON (or ELLIPSIS)

9. What seventeen year-old and future emperor gave the funeral oration for his great-grandmother Livia while her own son remained on Capri?

CALIGULA

B: What emperor of Rome ordered Livia to be deified?

CLAUDIUS

10. Which of the following does not belong to a mythological group of three sisters: Aglaia, Allecto, Atropos, Alcyone.

ALCYONE

B: Which of these characters was NOT punished for impersonating a divinity? Ceyx, Salmoneus, Alcyone, Tityus

TITYUS

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11. Differentiate between the Latin verbs volō, volāre and volō, velle.

TO FLY & TO WANT

B: Differentiate between the Latin verbs vincō and vinciō

TO CONQUER & TO BIND

12. Listen to the following passage and answer the following question IN ENGLISH.

Ōlim puer nōmine Pupius in herbā sedēbat et spectābat puellam currentem atque sequentem magnam vaccam. Illa puella nōmine Pupsilla. Admīrāns puellam vaccamque, Pupius putābat oculōs ambōrum pulcherrimōs esse. Itaque exclāmāvit "utinam oculī vaccārum omnibus puellīs essent!"

The question: What does Pupius wish all girls had?

COW-EYES (or EYES like COW/OXEN/BOVINE-SYNONYM or EYES as beautiful as COWS have)

B: What use of the subjunctive is exhibited in Pupius's final exclamation? OPTATIVE

13. What Roman playwright from Sarsina wrote seminal works of comedy that influenced both Moliere and Shakespeare?

PLAUTUS

B: Of the following Greek authors, which exerted the most influence on the writings of Plautus: Euripides, Aristophanes, Menander, Callimachus, or Pindar?

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MENANDER

14. The great lyric poet Stesichoros writes that he slandered Helen of Troy, was blinded by her for such defamation, and then had his sight restored to him after he retracted his slander. According to similar tradition, what ancient bard, whose name was believed by some to mean "he who does not see," refused to retract his negative depiction of Helen and thus was forced to sing his epic songs blind?

HOMER

B: According to an alternate tradition recorded by Stesichorus, where did the real Helen remain during the Trojan War while only a phantom accompanied Paris to Troy? EGYPT

15. Let's play "Who's your daddy?" in which I describe a famous Roman and you name his daddy: You were born Marcus Opellius Diadumenianus but later added the name Antoninus to suggest a familial connection to Marcus Aurelius. You may have gotten this idea from the emperor Caracalla who had done this before Julius Martialis murdered him. Your daddy then succeeded Caracalla. Who's your daddy?

MACRINUS

B: That was so much fun, let's play "Who's your daddy?" again! You were born in Lugdunum and developed a limp, a stutter, and partial deafness at a young age. You had a sister named Livilla, a brother named Germanicus, and four wives, including Valeria Messalina and Agrippina the Younger. But what I want to know is "Who's your daddy?"

DRUSUS THE ELDER (or NERO DRUSUS or DRUSUS I)

PAUSE FOR SCORE UPDATE

16. According to Herodotus, three hundred Spartan infantrymen attempted to stall an invading army of Persians in 480 B.C. at the "hot gates" of Thermopylae. That's all ancient history – Greek to be exact- and since this is certamen, we need to focus on Roman history. Which of the following legendary events in Roman history occurred closest in time to the last stand of the three hundred: the expulsion of the Tarquins from Rome, the subjugation of the Romans at the Caudine Forks, the divine assistance of the Dioscuri at Lake Regillus, or the annexation of Alba Longa by Tullus Hostilius.

B: Against what Seleucid leader did the Romans come to the aid of the Greeks at a later battle at Thermopylae in 191 B.C.?

ANTIOCHUS III/GREAT

17. What military unit would most closely correspond to a unit of roughly 500 men in the late Republic?

COHORT

B: What military unit would most closely correspond to a unit of 120 men in the Republic? MANIPLE

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18. Consider the following line from Sophocles' tragedy *Oedipus Rex*: "The man that you're looking for is here." Who delivers this cryptic but memorable line to an inquiring Oedipus as he searches for the identity of his father's killer?

TIRESIAS

B: Tiresias gives advice to what other Theban king in Sophocles' Antigone?

CREON

19. For the verb **vituperō**, **vituperāre**, give the 3rd person plural, imperfect active subjunctive.

VITUPERĀRENT

B: Keeping all else the same, change **vituperārent** to the perfect tense.

VITUPERĀVERINT

PAUSE FOR SCORE UPDATE

20. When recognized, perform the following command. Surgē et ter leniter percute caput tui sociī

The recognized student should STAND and deliver THREE BLOWS to the HEAD of his FRIEND. ("Ally" is loosely interpreted; blow to the head is not.)

B: Now perform this command. Surgite et magnīs vocibus cantāte haec verba Anglice: "nōn meā refert quis sīs, ā quō veniās, quid fēcerīs, dum mē amēs."

Students (plural) should STAND and with LOUD voices SING in ENLIGSH "I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE, WHERE YOU'RE FROM, WHAT YOU DID, AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME / (provided that you love me)" (Accept literal translation of lyrics if students are unfamiliar with this song by the Backstreet Boys)

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ROUND THREE

- Using the verb moror, morārī, translate into Latin the phrase "Let's not delay." ANS: NĒ MORĒMUR
 - a. BONUS: Now give the singular present imperative of the same verb. ANS: **MORĀRE**
- 2. According to the *Homeric Hymns*, which of the children of Cronus and Rhea enjoyed the honor of receiving both the first and last libations at the feasts of mortals because she was considered both the oldest and the youngest child?

 ANS: HESTIA
 - a. BONUS: Though Hestia remained a virgin goddess, she was not without her share of suitors. Name either of the Olympian gods who pursued her at one time or another. ANS: POSEIDON, APOLLO
- 3. The **Lex Valeria** legalized whose widespread confiscation of properties and proscription of over 3,000 personal and political enemies as part of his general "reconstitution" of the Roman state in 82 BC? ANS: (LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SULLA (FELIX)
 - a. BONUS: Who had been the last Roman to hold the office of dictator before Sulla? ANS: (QUINTUS) FABIUS MAXIMUS (CUNCTATOR)
- 4. What deponent verb is the ultimate root of the English words "egress," "transgression," "degrade," and "gradient"? ANS: **GRADIOR** (**GRADI, GRESSUS SUM**)
 - a. BONUS: What English adjective derived from **gradior** means "taking place, changing, moving, etc. little by little"? ANS: GRADUAL
- 5. Which rhetorical device, aside from any form of alliteration or assonance, is exemplified in this quotation from Cicero's first speech against Catiline? "quod ego praetermitto et facile patior sileri" ANS: PRAETERITIO / PRETERITION
 - a. BONUS: Which rhetorical device, aside from any form of alliteration or assonance, does Cicero employ in this quotation from the same speech? Nunc iam apertē rem pūblicam ūniversam petis, templa deōrum immortālium, tecta urbis, vītam omnium cīvium, Itāliam [dēnique] tōtam ad exitium et vastitātem vocās. ANS: SYNECDOCHE / METONYMY / ASYNDETON

- 6. Using the noun **domus**, translate the phrase "at home" into Latin. ANS: **DOMĪ** (locative case)
 - a. BONUS: Now give the locative form of the noun **Carthāgō**. ANS: **CARTHĀGINĪ** / **CARTHAGINE**
- 7. What was the effect on Roman society of the **plebiscitum** passed by the tribune Gaius Canuleius in 445 BC? ANS: The **lex Canuleia** struck down a previous law preventing intermarriage between the social orders / allowed plebeians and patricians to intermarry. (Key parts are: intermarriage between plebeians and patricians)

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- a. BONUS: What was the effect of the legislation passed by the dictator Quintus
 Hortensius in 287 BC with regard to plebiscita which effectively brought to an end
 two hundred years of strife between the social orders?
 ANS: Plebiscita now became binding on ALL citizens (and were immune to
 Senatorial veto)
- 8. What two cases can be used in Latin to express the prepositional phrase in the following sentence? "I admire women with independent judgment." ANS: ablative, genitive
 - a. BONUS: In what case would the word "woman" be translated in the following sentence? "We all knew that Agrippina the Younger was, for a time being, a very powerful woman."

 ANS: ACCUSATIVE (PREDICATE)
- 9. About whom does Arete speak the following to her husband Alcinous? "I beg you, for my sake, to side with the Minyae and save this unhappy girl from the Colchians... She came to me with her troubles and she broke my heart. My lord, do not let the Colchians take her back to her father."

 ANS: MEDEA
 - a. BONUS: On what condition does Alcinous agree to protect Medea from her father?

 ANS: THAT MEDEA IS MARRIED TO JASON / IS NO LONGER A VIRGIN
- 10. From what material was the **as**, the first coined money of the Romans, minted? ANS: COPPER
 - a. BONUS: What silver Roman coin, initially valued as the equivalent of ten **assēs**, was initially minted in the early third century BC? ANS: **DENARIUS**

- 11. What philosopher and orator did Agrippina the Younger recall in 49 AD from banishment in Corsica to tutor to her young son Nero?

 ANS: (LUCIUS ANNAEUS)
 SENECA THE YOUNGER
 - a. BONUS: In which of Seneca's tragedies about the House of Atreus does the Ghost of Tantalus play a major role? ANS: *THYESTES*
- 12. What love-stricken nymph followed the every move of the sun-god Helios and so, appropriately, became a heliotrope or sunflower?

 ANS: CLYTIE
 - a. BONUS: Into what were the daughters of Helios transformed in their ceaseless mourning for the fall of their half-brother Phaethon? ANS: POPLAR TREES

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13. Listen to the following passage adapted from a letter from Pliny the Younger to his wife, which I will read TWICE. Then, answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

Scrībis tē absentiā meā grāviter afficī et ūnum habēre solācium, quod prō mē libellōs meōs teneās, illōs saepe etiam in vestigiō meō pōnās.

Question: What is the only source of comfort for Pliny's wife? ANS: To hold Pliny's writings/(little) books (for him/instead of him/in his stead)

- a. BONUS: The passage continues, which I will read TWICE. Then, answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.
 - Grātum est quod nos requīris, grātum quod hīs solāciīs acquiēscis; invicem ego epistulās tuās lectito atque identidem in manūs quāsī novas sūmo.

Question: How, in turn, does Pliny seem to cope with the separation from his wife? ANS: He reads her letters repeatedly / as if they are new to him.

- 14. What Roman general, a son of a Vandal, had risen to the supreme military command as **magister utrīusque mīlitiae**, master of both cavalry and infantry, during the reign of Theodosius I?

 ANS: STILICHO
 - a. BONUS: What Visigoth king did Stilicho capture in 395 AD in Illyricum but subsequently release when he was ordered by the Eastern emperor Arcadius to return to the west?

 ANS: ALARIC
- 15. Using the deponent verb **polliceor**, translate into Latin the sentence, "He promises to try a new foods." ANS: **POLLICETUR SĒ CIBŌS NOVŌS TEMPTĀTŪRUM ESSE** / **POLLICETUR TEMPTARE CIBOS NOVŌS**/ (vid. A&G Section 580.c)
 - a. BONUS: Using a participle and the substantive adjective multa, translate into Latin, "He laughs while promising many things."

 ANS:

POLLICĒNS/PROMITTĒNS MULTA RIDET

- 16. The first book of what early Roman author's epic covers the period from the sack of Troy to the death of Romulus and, according to the ancient commentator Servius, significantly influenced Vergil's depiction the infant Romulus and Remus in the *Aeneid*? ANS: (QUINTUS) ENNIUS'
 - a. BONUS: What early Roman writer's *Bellum Punicum* contains the earliest Latin account of Aeneas' adventures in Carthage? ANS: (GNAEUS) NAEVIUS'
- 17. Behind which Greek captain's shield would the archer Teucer, as described by Homer, take cover after firing his arrows at Trojan enemies?

 ANS: AJAX THE GREATER /
 GREAT AJAX / AJAX OF SALAMIS / TELAMONIAN AJAX / AJAX SON OF
 TELAMON (NOT AJAX OF LOCRIS, SON OF OILEUS)
 - a. BONUS: Of what city was a different, earlier Teucer said to have been one of the founding figures, along with Dardanus and Ilus?
 ANS: TROY / ILIUM / ILION

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- 18. Of the words **prīnceps**, **lanista**, **centūriō**, and **tribūnus**, which is being described in the following sentence? **Ut conservāret speciem reī pūblicae**, **Augustus hāc appellātiōne nōminārī mālēbat**. ANS: **PRĪNCEPS**
 - a. BONUS: Which is being described in this sentence? **Huic officium est ad mūnera** sanguinea servōs captōs exercēre instituereque. ANS: lanista
- 19. According to the biographer Suetonius, what author wrote *Praises of Hercules*, a tragedy entitled *Oedipus*, and collected *Dicta*, though modern students of classical literature would better recognize him for his third-person accounts of his own campaigns from 58 to 52 BC in Gaul?

 ANS: (GAIUS JULIUS) CAESAR
 - a. BONUS: Who wrote the eighth and final book of the Commentarii de Bello Gallico and, according to the opinion of most scholars, also authored the Bellum Alexandrinum, which covers not only Caesar's involvement in the civil unrest in Egypt but his campaign against Pharnaces?

 ANS: (AULUS) HIRTIUS

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- 20. What current Billboard Top-100 hit by **Domina** Gaga would have its title rendered in Latin as **Nātus Hōc Modō**? ANS: Born This Way (or any literal translation)
 - a. BONUS: What current Billboard Top-100 hit by the group the Romans would have called **Pisa Nigrīs Ocellīs** would have its title rendered in Latin as **Tantum Modō Nanciscī Satis nōn Possum**? ANS: Just Can't Get Enough (or any literal translation)

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EXTRA QUESTIONS

REPLACEMENT QUESTION #1: What literary device, besides alliteration, may be seen in the following sentence? **Ille non est invenustus.**

LITOTES

<u>Bonus:</u> What literary device, besides alliteration, may be seen in the following sentence? **Unda salis dēdit concha mihi.**

METONYMY

REPLACEMENT QUESTION #2: Make the adjective **multī** comparative.

PLŪRĒS

Bonus: Now make the adjective **idoneus** comparative.

MAGIS IDŌNEUS

REPLACEMENT QUESTION #5: What daughter of Danaus does not have to carry water for eternity, because she did not murder her husband?

HYPERMNESTRA

Bonus: What other daughter of Danaus bore a child by Poseidon after he saved her from a satyr?

AMYMONE

REPLACEMENT QUESTION #6: What king of Rome defeated Alba Longa and died when struck by lightning?

TULLUS HOSTILIUS

Bonus: What event on the Mons Albanus also displayed the gods' displeasure with the king? SHOWER OF STONES

REPLACEMENT QUESTION #7: What Silver Age Latin author wrote an epic poem, the *Pharsalia*, about the Roman Civil Wars?

LUCAN

Bonus: What emperor enabled Lucan's rise to fame before the two parted ways contentiously?

NERO

TOSS-UP 20: Translate the following sentence into Latin: "If the master should wish to dine at home, the slaves would be very sad."

SI DOMINUS VELIT CENARE DOMI, SERVĪ SINT MISERISSIMĪ.

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ROUND I

TOSSUP: Welcome to the final certamen of the year. Bonam omnibus fortūnam! What
use of the accusative case is found in this exhortation? ANS: ACCUSATIVE OF
EXCLAMATION

BONUS: Although much more rare, what other <u>two</u> cases can be used for exclamations? ANS: NOMINATIVE & GENITIVE

2. **TOSSUP**: What son of Venilia and Daunus mistakenly chased a phantom Aeneas away from battle but later met and fell to Aeneas in single combat at the close of the *Aeneid*? ANS: TURNUS

BONUS: Who knocked over Turnus' charioteer, Metiscus, in order to drive Turnus from his final fight with Aeneas?

ANS: JUTURNA

3. **TOSSUP**: In recounting the deaths of a father and son named Publius Decius Mus, Livy claims that both had in fact performed what ritual act of self-sacrifice in which a Roman dedicated himself to the gods of the Underworld in order to bring victory to his army?

ANS: **DĒVŌTIŌ**

BONUS: What did the first Decius Mus's co-consul Titus Manlius Torquatus do to show that he put duty to the state even above family ties after his son violated his orders by fighting when he should not have?

ANS: EXECUTED HIS SON

- 4. TOSSUP: What author's body of work includes a letter from Penelope to Odysseus, descriptions of holidays, pickup techniques, a remedy for love, the golden, silver, bronze and iron ages of man and the transformation of Baucis and Philemon? ANS: OVID'S BONUS: About which of his works did Ovid write the following? "Most of [my books] will display their titles / openly, have a label for all to read; but three you'll find skulking in an obscure corner; / even so, they teach, something everyone knows, / how to go about loving. Avoid them, or, if you have the courage, / berate them as parricides!" ANS: Ars Amatoria / The Art of Love
- 5. **TOSSUP**: Translate the following sentence into English: **Fertur tē saepe in forō dīcere.**ANS: IT IS SAID THAT YOU SPOKE/WERE SPEAKING RATHER/TOO/MORE OFTEN IN THE FORUM

BONUS: Translate the following sentence into English: **Totiëns të dīcentem in forō vīderam ut të facile agnōscere possem** ANS: I HAD SEEN YOU SPEAKING IN THE FORUM SO OFTEN/MANY TIMES THAT I WAS ABLE TO RECOGNIZE YOU EASILY

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6. **TOSSUP**: According to Ovid, what nymph, although she was the only one not in Diana's posse and would spend all her time fixing her hair and bathing in a spring, was nevertheless unable to get a guy and thus resorted to assaulting the son of Mercury and Venus, praying in the process that their bodies be joined? ANS: SALMACIS

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BONUS: Whose daughters tell the story of Salmacis and Hermaphroditus in Ovid's *Metamorphoses* prior to being turned into bats? ANS: MINYAS'

7. **TOSSUP**: What early Roman poet wrote an epic history of Rome from the fall of Troy in dactylic hexameters entitled **Annalēs**? ANS: (QUINTUS) ENNIUS

BONUS: The works of what other early Roman writer included tragedy, comedy, fābulae praetextae, and the epic Bellum Poenicum on the first Punic War?

ANS: (GNAEUS) NAEVIUS

8. TOSSUP: Quid anglicē significat <u>dēlubrum</u>?

BONUS: Quid anglicē significat <u>thalamus</u>?

CHAMBER/ROOM/BEDROOM

ANS: TEMPLE/SHRINE
ANS: (WEDDING/MARRIAGE)

9. **TOSSUP**: First held in 776 BC, what ancient Greek festival was used as a basis for dating comparable to the Roman "A.U.C." since it was held every four years in honor of Zeus in the Western Peloponnesus, far south of its namesake mountain in Northern Greece?

ANS: OLYMPICS

BONUS: The Olympics endured for almost 1200 years before they were abolished by what emperor in 394 A.D.?

ANS: THEODOSIUS I/GREAT

10. TOSSUP: Complete the following sentence with the correct form of the interrogative adjective: Heu, _____ nunc tellūs mē potest accipere? ANS: QUAE

BONUS: Complete the following sentence with the correct form of the interrogative adjective: _____, Hector, ab ōrīs venīs? ANS: QUIBUS

- 11. **TOSSUP**: Which imperial dynasty included Elagabalus, Caracalla, and Geta and was founded by the first emperor to be born outside of Europe? ANS: SEVERAN **BONUS**: What woman of the Severan Dynasty, grandmother of both Elagabalus and Alexander Severus, plotted against Macrinus to regain the imperial throne for the Severans? ANS: JULIA MAESA
- 12. **TOSSUP**: What rhetorical device, other than alliteration, assonance, and consonance, is found in the following line: **intūs īnsidiae sunt, intūs inclūsum perīculum est, intūs est hostis**? ANS: ANAPHORA/TRICOLON (**NOT** CRESCENS)/HENDIATRIS/TRIAD **BONUS**: What rhetorical device is found in the following line: **implentur veteris Bacchī**? ANS: METONYMY

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13. TOSSUP : The Latin verb meaning "to nod in assent" is at the root of what 3 rd declension neuter noun meaning "god" or "divine will"? ANS: NŪMEN BONUS : What English noun derived from this same Latin verb means "an indirect subtle implication in expression, typically of a disparaging nature"? ANS: INNUENDO	
14. TOSSUP : Who is described thus in Ovid's <i>Metamorphoses</i> : "he witnessed the sad forms men and beasts no more themselves, but changed now into stone, unfortunates, who'd glimpsed Medusa once. He too had once looked upon her image, but it had been reflected the shield"? ANS: PERSEUS BONUS: What brother of Cepheus and uncle of Andromeda was betrothed to her killed by Perseus? ANS: PHINEAS	l in
15. TOSSUP: Listen carefully to the following passage by Cicero, which I shall read twice, a answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows: Legiō, quam L. Pisō dūcēbat, lēgātus Antonī, sē fīliō meō trādidit. Altera pars equitatūs quaestōrem in Thessaliā relīquit sēsēque ad Brutum contulit, alteram partem ā lēgātō Syriacō in Macedoniā Cn.Domitius adulescēns summā virtūte, grāvitāte, constantiā abdūxit. (REPEAT) The question: Where did part of the legion leave the quaestor who was leading it? ANS: THESSALY BONUS: In which of the following ways, if any, is Cn. Domitius NOT described the passage: resolute, severe, tall, young ANS: TALL	
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16. TOSSUP: Complete the following analogy – fert : fertur :: facit :? ANS: FIT BONUS: Complete this analogy – facit : faceret :: fit :? ANS: FIERET	
17. TOSSUP : What son of Poeas and bearer of Heracles' bow did the Greeks maroon on their way to Troy because of his smelly foot? ANS: PHILOCTETES BONUS: According to Sophocles' play, <i>Philoctetes</i> , whom did Odysseus bring whim to convince Philoctetes to return to the Greek forces? ANS: NEOPTOLEMUS (NOT Pyrrhus!)	
18. TOSSUP : What Roman is the author of such gems as "quis custodiet ipsos custodes" ar "mēns sāna in corpore sāno," both of which can be found in his 16 books of satires? ANS: JUVENAL BONUS: What danger of life in īnsulae, especially in the upper floors, does Juver mention in his third satire? ANS: FIRE	

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19. **TOSSUP**: What Latin phrase used in philosophy to refer to knowledge that is independent of experience is translated literally as "from what is before"? ANS: **Ā PRIŌRĪ**

BONUS: What Latin phrase is used of arguments that involve following a set of premises to a ridiculous or ludicrous conclusion? ANS: **REDUCTIO AD**

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20. **TOSSUP**: Cognomina meaning "fat," "blind," and "handsome" were used in conjunction with what praenomen and nomen which were shared by a 5th century BC decemvir, a 4th century BC censor, and a 3rd century BC consul, among many others?

ANS: APPIUS CLAUDIUS

BONUS: Give the three cognomina referenced in the tossup. ANS: CRASSUS, CAECUS, & PULCHER (CANNOT accept synonyms of these, since they were not actually used as cognomina by the Claudii)

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ROUND II

1. **TOSSUP**: What killed her own son Itys in retaliation for her husband's rape of her sister Philomela? ANS: PROCNE

BONUS: Who was Procne's husband? ANS: TEREUS

TOSSUP: Translate the following line from Bk. X of Vergil's Aeneid into English: Stat sua cuīque diēs.
 ANS: HIS OWN DAY STANDS/IS APPOINTED FOR EACH MAN/PERSON

BONUS: Translate this paraphrased line from the same book of the Aeneid: **Dum** texit socium, Halaesus Arcadiō infelix tēlō dedit pectus inermum.

ANS: WHILE HE COVERED HIS COMRADE/ALLY, UNLUCKY HALAESUS GAVE HIS UNARMED BREAST TO THE ARCADIAN WEAPON

3. **TOSSUP**: What dictator of Alba Longa, appointed after the death of king Gaius Cluilius, violated his oath with Tullus Hostilius and was punished by being torn apart? ANS: METTIUS FUFETIUS

BONUS: What Roman, selected co-emperor with Balbinus in 238 AD, was a descendant of Scipio Africanus but had a name that is, alas, a bad pun in English? ANS: (MARCUS CLODIUS) PUPIENUS (MAXIMUS)

4. **TOSSUP**: What 1st century A.D. author recommended that teachers not beat students and defined the educated man as **bonus vir dīcendī perītus** –"a good man skilled at speaking"? ANS: (MARCUS FABIUS) QUINTILIAN(US)

BONUS: What emperor appointed Quintilian as the first publicly paid teacher of oratory at Rome? ANS: VESPASIAN

5. **TOSSUP**: From what Latin noun, with what meaning, do we derive the English words "couch," "lieutenant," "milieu," and "dislocate"? ANS: **LOCUS** -PLACE **BONUS**: What Latin legal phrase has the literal translation "a place of standing?"

ANS: **LOCUS STANDĪ**

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6. **TOSSUP**: Listen to the following passage from Peter Needham's translation of that timeless classic, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, which I will read twice, and answer <u>IN LATIN</u> the question that follows:

Harrius vultūs cēterōrum in speculō inspēxit. Oculōs vīridēs similēs suīs et nāsōs similēs suīs vīdit, etiam homunculum senem quī vidēbātur genua nōdōsa Harriī habēre — Harrius familiam suam spectābat quam numquam prius totā vītā vīderat. (REPEAT)

The Question: Qualēs erant oculī quōs Harrius in speculō vīdit? ANS: VĪRIDĒS BONUS: Quae partēs corporis Harriī erant similia eīs senis quem in speculō vīdit? ANS: GENUA

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7. **TOSSUP**: When Laocoon, in Bk. II of the *Aeneid*, exclaims **equō nē crēdite**, **Teucrī**, what is the case and construction of **equō**? ANS: DATIVE W/SPECIAL VERB

BONUS: In this same quote, Vergil expresses a prohibition in a non-standard way. In classical prose, what tense and mood of the verb is most commonly found with **nē** in prohibitions? ANS: PERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE (others are possible, but are not *most common* in *classical prose*)

8. **TOSSUP**: Ascanius actually does a great deal in the *Aeneid*, but which of the following did he NOT do in the *Aeneid*: defend the Trojan camp, go hunting with the Carthaginians, kill a stag, visit Anchises in the Underworld, have a flame appear above his head, find himself replaced by Cupid? ANS: VISIT ANCHISES IN THE UNDERWORLD

BONUS: While in charge of the Trojan camp, what assault did Ascanius endorse? ANS: NISUS AND EURYALUS' RAID

9. **TOSSUP**: What monument, located at the foot of the Palatine Hill, depicts the apotheosis of an emperor and a triumphal procession with spoils from the conquest of Jerusalem?

ANS: ARCH OF TITUS

BONUS: The city of Jerusalem fell in 70 AD, but Jewish resistance to the Romans continued until what stronghold fell in 73 AD? ANS: MASADA

10. **TOSSUP**: What author's attributed works include a tragedy of Octavia, philosophical dialogues, and the Apocolocyntosis, or "Pumpkinification" of the Divine Claudius?

ANS: SENECA THE YOUNGER

BONUS: What nephew of Seneca wrote a historical epic entitled **Dē Bellō Civilī** or

Pharsālia? ANS: (MARCUS ANNAEUS) LUCAN

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11. **TOSSUP**: Give an antonym of **cunctus**. ANS: **NULLUS/NĒMŌ**

BONUS: Give a deponent synonym of **cunctor**.

ANS: MOROR

12. **TOSSUP**: What rhetorical device, other than alliteration, assonance, and consonance, is found in the following line: **eōrum autem castrōrum imperātōrem ducemque hostium**? ANS: CHIASMUS

BONUS: What rhetorical device, other than chiasmus, is found in this line: **omnis**

hic locus acervīs corporum et cīvium sanguine redundāvit?

ANS: ZEUGMA

13. **TOSSUP**: What mountain range separated **Gallia Cisalpina** from **Italia** proper?

ANS: APENNINES

BONUS: What river divided Gallia Cisalpina into Gallia Transpadana and Gallia

Cispadana? ANS: PO RIVER

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14. **TOSSUP**: Of what verb form is **nosse** a common syncopated form? ANS: **NOVISSE BONUS**: Of what adjective is **summus** a shortened form? ANS: **SUPREMUS**

15. **TOSSUP**: What character in Euripides' *Bacchae* speaks these tragic lines: "Child, to what a dreadful end have we all come, you and your wretched sisters and my unhappy self. An old man, I must go to live as a stranger among barbarian peoples, ... transformed to serpents, I and my wife, Harmonia?

ANS: CADMUS

BONUS: What seer joins Cadmus in Act One of the *Bacchae* dressed in fawn skins and ivy?

ANS: TIRESIAS

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16. **TOSSUP**: Who was famed for opposing the repeal of the **Lex Oppia**, for writing the books **Ōriginēs** and **Dē Agrī Cultūrā**, and for his slogan **Carthāgō dēlenda est**?

ANS: (MARCUS PORCIUS) CATO MAIOR/CENSOR/ELDER

BONUS: Whom did Cato the Younger denounce with an uncompromising call for the death penalty? ANS: (LUCIUS SERGIUS) CATILINA/CATILINE

17. **TOSSUP**: What word is often used to introduce the optative subjunctive and can be roughly translated as "I wish that?" ANS: UTINAM/UTĪ

BONUS: Using **utinam**, say in Latin "Would that Dido had not died!" ANS: **UTINAM NĒ DIDO MORTUA ESSET/PERĪ(V)ISSET**

18. **TOSSUP**: Which of the following Latin adverbs does NOT have an attested comparative form: **acriter**, **diū**, **nuper**, **parum**, **sērō**? ANS: **NUPER BONUS**: What is the superlative of **nuper**? ANS: **NUPERRIMĒ**

19. **TOSSUP**: What war did Rome wage in order to prevent an alliance between Hannibal and Philip V? ANS: FIRST MACEDONIAN WAR

BONUS: What Seleucid king was instigated by Hannibal to invade Greece in 192 BC, but was defeated by the Roman general Glabrio at Thermopylae in 191 BC? ANS: ANTIOCHUS III/THE GREAT

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20. **TOSSUP**: By whom were all of the following killed: Emathion, Iphitus, Laomedon, Diomedes, Linus, Nessus, and Megaera? ANS: HERACLES/HERCULES **BONUS**: How did Heracles kill Linus? ANS: BASHED HIM OVER THE HEAD WITH LYRE/MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

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ROUND III

1. **TOSSUP**: What 2nd century AD emperor neither led an army nor left Italy during his reign, although a fortification wall in Scotland was named for him? ANS: ANTONINUS PIUS

BONUS: Antoninus Pius's successor, Marcus Aurelius, is famous for writing his *Meditations*, which espoused what Greek philosophy? ANS: STOICISM

2. **TOSSUP**: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive the English words "judge," "preach," "vendetta," "edict," and "diction"? ANS: **DĪCŌ** –TO SAY/SPEAK

BONUS: In his essay "Net Gain", Oxford scientist Richard Dawkins inserted a Latin phrase to express his astonishment at the state of technology. What two word Latin expression, which features the ablative supine of **dīcō**, did he use?

ANS: MĪRĀBILE DĪCTŪ

3. **TOSSUP**: What rhetorical device, other than alliteration, assonance, and consonance, is found in the following line: **idque ā mē et mōs maiōrum et huius imperī severitās et rēs publica postulābat**?

ANS: POLYSYNDETON

BONUS: What rhetorical device is found in the following line: **non indecoro pulvere sordidī**? ANS: LITOTES

4. **TOSSUP**: Who am I? I bore Medon and Strophius to Pylades. By some accounts I tried to blind Iphigenia. Other accounts say that Aegisthus forced me to marry a commoner. The most famous accounts simply say that I helped my brother Orestes avenge our father Agamemnon's murder. Who am I?

ANS: ELECTRA

BONUS: What son of Achilles did Electra's husband Pylades murder? ANS: NEOPTOLEMUS/PYRRHUS

5. **TOSSUP**: Using the indeclinable noun **instar**, say in Latin "like a rock."

ANS: INSTAR SAXĪ/LAPIS/SCOPULĪ

BONUS: What preposition meaning "as far as" can take the genitive case?

ANS: TENUS

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6. **TOSSUP**: Listen to the following lines inscribed on a statue of the poet Ovid from the ancient city of Tomis, which I will read twice, then answer the question that follows <u>IN</u> ENGLISH:

Hīc ego quī iaceō tenerōrum lūsor amōrum ingeniō periī, Nāso poēta, meō, At tibi quī transis, nē sit grave, quisquis amāstī, dīcere: Nāsōnis molliter ossa cubent

(REPEAT)

The question: According to the inscription, what was the cause of the poet's death?

ANS: HIS (OWN) TALENT

BONUS: What does the author encourage those who have loved to say? ANS: MAY THE BONES OF NASO LIE GENTLY (paraphrases okay)

7. **TOSSUP**: What son of Tithonus and Eos, the king of Ethiopia, was killed by Achilles and gives his name to the kind of birds that his countrymen became? ANS: MEMNON

BONUS: What son of Nestor had Memnon killed just before his death?

ANS: ANTILOCHUS

8. **TOSSUP**: The sentiment "One should not be satisfied to live like a beast, a slave to the belly, but should seek glory for honorable deeds and, even better, for achievements of the mind" can be found in the introduction to what Republican historian's account of the Catilinarian Conspiracy?

ANS: (GAIUS) SALLUST(IUS CRISPUS)

BONUS: Who was the Greek historian whose *Histories* emphasize the rise of Rome between 264 and 146 BC, including an alleged meeting between Scipio soon-to-become Africanus and Hannibal?

ANS: POLYBIUS

9. **TOSSUP**: What area of Rome was called the cow pasture in the medieval period before excavations revealed the remains of the **Basilica Aemilia** and the **Atrium Vestae** among other temples and monuments? ANS: FORUM ROMANUM (prompt on "Forum")

BONUS: What archaeological site found in 1709 near the Bay of Naples required excavators to tunnel through pyroclastic material to reach the remains, which included a library with papyrus scrolls of Greek philosophy, some of which have been able to be unrolled and read?

ANS: HERCULANEUM

10. **TOSSUP**: What meaning do all of the following interrogative particles have in common: **an, utrum, num,** and **-ne**? ANS: **WHETHER**

BONUS: What is the meaning of the particle haud? ANS: NOT (AT ALL)

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11. **TOSSUP**: Which of the consuls of 509 B.C, criticized for building a house on high ground, instead had his house built at the bottom of a hill and thus earned the name defender of the people?

ANS: (PUBLIUS VALERIUS) POPLICOLA/PUBLICOLA

BONUS: Why was Marcus Manlius Capitolinus thrown off the Tarpeian Rock after he acted to relieve the burdens on poor plebeians? ANS: HE WAS (CHARGED WITH) TRYING TO MAKE HIMSELF A KING

12. **TOSSUP**: What Latin word is common to the abbreviations v.i. and v.s.?

ANS: VIDĒ

BONUS: What Latin word is common to the abbreviations viz. and sc.?

ANS: LICET

13. **TOSSUP**: Translate this paraphrased line from Bk. I of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*: **Phoebus spērāndō sterilem amōrem nūtrit.** ANS: PHOEBUS NOURISHES A STERILE LOVE BY HOPING

BONUS: Translate this paraphrased plea from Daphne: Perpetuā virginitāte, genitor cārissime, fruī volō.

ANS: I WANT TO ENJOY

EVERLASTING VIRGINITY, DEAREST FATHER

14. **TOSSUP**: What Cretan youth was found after the seer Polyidus correctly interpreted the omen of an owl plagued by bees to mean that the young son of Minos had fallen into a jar of honey?

ANS: GLAUCUS

BONUS: The name Glaucus was shared by many characters in mythology. How did the Glaucus who was the mortal father of Bellerophon die?

ANS: EATEN BY HIS OWN HORSES

15. **TOSSUP**: Bedriacum was the site of two battles between Roman forces in what year, the first in which Rome had more than two emperors? ANS: 69 A.D.

BONUS: 100 years later the first period of co-rule between two emperors came to an end when what emperor died, leaving Marcus Aurelius as the sole ruler?

ANS: LUCIUS VERUS

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16. **TOSSUP**: Whose exploits and mishaps included accidentally killing Cyzicus, carrying on a relationship with Hypsipyle, yoking together fire-breathing bulls, and bringing home the Golden Fleece he had set out to obtain?

ANS: JASON

BONUS: What two sets of twins joined Jason on his quest?

ANS: BOREADES/ZETES & CALAIS -AND-

GEMINI/DIOSCURI/TYNDARIDES/CASTOR & POLLUX/POLYDEUCES

(ALSO: IDAS & LYNCEUS/APHARIDAE)

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17. **TOSSUP**: What Roman republican-era epic poet, in book 6 of his masterpiece, uses imagery of death during a plague to emphasize his point that a wise man, following the teachings of Epicurus, does not fear death because he understands "the Nature of Things? ANS: LUCRETIUS

BONUS: According to St. Jerome, how did Lucretius die? ANS: HE DRANK A LOVE POTION (#9?)

18. **TOSSUP**: The lower part of the ancient Tabularium, used as the archives of Rome, is still used as a passageway between two wings of the modern namesake museum of what hill overlooking the Forum Romanum? ANS: CAPITOLINE

BONUS: The construction of which imperial forum required the excavation of the Quirinal Hill? ANS: FORUM OF TRAJAN

19. **TOSSUP**: For the verb **nequeo**, give the 3rd person plural, present subjunctive.

ANS: NEOUEANT

BONUS: For the verb **prōsum**, give the 3rd person plural, imperfect subjunctive.

ANS: PRŌDESSENT

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20. **TOSSUP**: Congratulations, you've reached the final question of the preliminary rounds! What Latin noun, with what meaning, is at the root of "preliminary?"

ANS: LĪMEN -THRESHOLD

BONUS: What derivative of the Latin word for "cud" means "to ponder" or "to chew the cud?" ANS: RUMINATE

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REPLACEMENT QUESTIONS TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF MODERATOR ERROR

Language

- Which of the following Latin infinitives is **NOT** in the PRESENT tense? ANS: *morārī*, *dūcere*, *fuisse*, and *velle*?
- Using the defective verb *meminī*, translate the phrase "I want to remember" into Latin: ANS: *meminisse volō/cupidō/desiderō*
- Distinguish in meaning between the Latin idioms *poenās dāre* and *fābulam dāre*: ANS: *poenās dāre* is to suffer punishment/to be punished/pay the penalties while *fābulam dāre* means to put on a play/give a show).
- Distinguish in meaning between the Latin idioms *certiorem facere* and *floccī nōn facere*. ANS: *certiōrem facere* is to inform/to tell someone about something while *floccī nōn facere* is to not give a hoot/to not care about something.
- Translate this sentence into English: *nostrī amīcī rogāverunt quibus epistulās herī mīserīmus*. ANS: Our friends asked to whom we sent the letters yesterday.
- What use of the dative is seen in this sentence? Aeneas visitātūrus Erebum cum paucīs sociīs antrō obscurō Cūmīs contendere. ANS: Dative of Direction

Mythology

- What swineherd remains loyal to Odysseus during his long absence? ANS: Eumaeus
- What mythical dog was fated to always catch its prey? ANS: Laelaps
- What young girl did Theseus kidnap from Sparta to be his bride in the future? ANS: Helen
- Hephaestus tried to rape what goddess, only to have her rebuff his advances? ANS: Athena

History and Culture

- What was the term for a wedding between slaves? ANS: contubernium
- What monument commissioned by Augustus was dedicated in 9 BC? ANS: Ara Pacis
- What temple's doors were closed during the Pax Romana for only the second time since the reign of Numa Pompilius? ANS: Temple of Janus
- At what mountain's pass did a force of 300 Spartans repel the Persian army for nearly three days in 480 BC? ANS: Thermopylae
- What was the *nomen* of the Gracchi brothers? ANS: Sempronius
- What would it mean if you were being carried out of the Porta Libitinensis? ANS: You were (a) dead (gladiator)

Literature

- What author had his Sabine farm confiscated during the civil conflict of the late Republic? ANS: (Q.) Horatius (Flaccus) / Horace
- Who was Ovid's literary patron? ANS (M. Valerius) Messala (Corvinus)
- The "gentleman of Verona" in Latin literature is also the lover and hater of a woman named Clodia. Who is this author? ANS: (C. Valerius) Catullus
- What was Vergil's full Latin name? Publius Vergilius Maro