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1. Say in Latin: Certamen is difficult to play.

**CERTĀMEN DIFFICILE LUSŪ EST**

B1 Now say in Latin: This question is more difficult to answer.

**HAEC QUAESTIO DIFFICILIOR RESPŌNSŪ EST**

B2 Finally say in Latin: Latin words can be so difficult to remember.

**VERBA LATĪNA TAM / ADEŌ DIFFICILIA MEMORĀTŪ ESSE  
POSSUNT**

2. Against historical generalizations, the senate mourned what man's death and even held an assize that led to the execution of almost 300 members of a mob and the exile of Scipio Nasica?

**TIBERIUS GRACCHUS**

B1 One of Nasica's justifications for his actions was that Gracchus had sought the tribunate two years in a row, an action banned by what law of 180 BC?

**LEX VILLIA ANNALIS**

B2 Despite his status as Pontifex Maximus, the court refused to grant Scipio Nasica amnesty, and instead of being executed, Nasica agreed to go enter honorable exile to what province?

**ASIA**

3. Who shifted from being a radical political revolutionary in the army of Brutus and Cassius, to a member of the establishment when he joined Maecenas' literary circle?

**(QUINTUS) HORACE (FLACCUS)**

B1 What first work did Horace begin writing following his loss at the battle of Philippi?

**EPODES**

B2 What nickname did Horace give those 17 poems as reference to their rhythm and meter?

**IAMBI**

4. To what category do the following figures belong: Theia, Phoebe, Coeus, Iapetus, Oceanus?

**TITANS**

B1 Name the three children of Hyperion, who personified celestial aspects?

**HELIOS, SELENE, EOS**

B2 We know that Prometheus and Epimetheus are the sons of Iapetus. Who were Iapetus's other two sons?

**MENOETIUS, ATLAS**

5. Harry Potter (no, don't worry, it's not one of those) has narrowed down his choice of dates for the Hogwarts' Yule Ball to Lavender Brown and Hermione Granger. Ron Weasley wants to say, "Whom will you choose?" in Latin. What will be the form of the interrogative pronoun in that sentence?

**QUEM**

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B1 Similarly, what is the ablative singular form of the interrogative pronoun for masculine and feminine?

QUŌ

B2 What Latin interrogative would start the sentence “Who are your best friends?”

QUĪ

6. Who panicked when she saw her son Demophoon being placed in the hearth by his nurse?

METANEIRA

B1 Demophoon’s nurse was actually Demeter disguised as an old woman. What false name was Demeter using?

DOSO

B2 In some versions of the story, Demeter suckles Demophoon’s brother, causing him to instantly become an adult. In other versions of the story she chooses to teach him the art of agriculture. In yet others, he takes the place of Demophoon. What is the name of this elusive Eleusinian man?

TRIPTOLEMUS

7. What author’s involvement in the failed Pisonian conspiracy prevented him from completing his ten book magnum opus, **Bellum Civile**?

(MARCUS ANNAEUS) LUCAN(US)

B1 What battle acts as the fulcrum of the **Bellum Civile**, giving the work its famous nickname?

PHARSALUS

B2 Although Lucan is most famous for his ten book epic, he also wrote a series of lost works, including a tragedy on what woman, whom Accius, Seneca the Younger, and Ovid all wrote about?

MEDEA

8. From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive “boil”, “bullet”, and “bowling”?

**BULLA** – LOCKET,  
AMULET, BUBBLE

B1 What table sport also derives its name from **bulla**?

BILLIARDS

B2 Which of the following, if any, IS also derived from **bulla**: “ball”, “budget”, “budge”, “bulge”?

BUDGE  
 (“budget” and “bulge”  
 both from **bulga** –bag)

9. In a cruel twist of fate, what emperor’s decision to kill himself actually saved Rome because it prevented the city from being destroyed while he fought against the forces of Vitellius?

OTHO

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B1 The victory of Valens and Caecina at what site had convinced Otho that his continued resistance to their forces was a futile endeavour?

CREMONA/BEDRIACUM

B2 Prior to the debacle of 69 AD, Otho been governor of what province, a position that had been remuneration for Nero stealing Poppaea Sabina?

LUSITANIA

10. Listen to the following passage from Book 1 of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condītā*, which I will read twice, and answer in English the questions that follow.

**Ex pastōribus duo ferōcissimī dēlectī ad facinus, et in vestibulō rēgiae quam potuēre tumultuōsissimē speciē rixae in sē omnēs rēgiōs convertunt; inde, cum ambō regem appellārent clāmorque eōrum penitus in rēgiam pervēnisset, vocātī ad regem pergunt. iussī ab lictōre in vicem dīcere, ūnus rem ex compositō ōrditur. Cum intentus in eum sē rēx tōtus ēverteret, alter ēlātam secūrim in caput dēiēcit, relictōque in volnere tēlō ambō sē forās ēiciunt.**

Question: How did the shepherds attract everyone's attention?

PRETENDING TO BRAWL AS  
TUMULTUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE

B1 What did the lictor order the men to do?

SPEAK IN TURN

B2 What did the shepherds do with the axe when they fled?

THEY LEFT IN IT IN THE KING'S WOUND/HEAD

11. For the Latin verb **tangō**, give the 1<sup>st</sup> person singular imperfect passive subjunctive.

TANGERER

B1 Make **tangerer** perfect tense, keeping all else the same.

TACTUS / TACTA SIM

B2 Make **tactus sim** active.

TETIGERIM

12. What epic historical work placed Ennius as the preeminent writer of early Latin literature in the eyes of many later authors?

ANNALES

B1 At the beginning of the **Annales**, Ennius claims that what earlier writer came to him in a dream, and told Ennius that he was the man's reincarnation?

HOMER

B2 Although the **Annales** are famous for being the first epic written in dactylic hexameter, what other work of Ennius is the first work to be written in the meter?

HEDYPHAGETICA

13. Differentiate in meaning between **luceō** and **lugeō**.

LUCEŌ – SHINE; LUGEŌ – MOURN / GRIEVE

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B1 Differentiate in meaning between **lucrum** and **lutum**.

**LUCRUM** – PROFIT / GAIN; **LUTUM** – CLAY / MUD

B2 Differentiate in meaning between the verbs **libō** and **labō**.

**LIBŌ** – NIBBLE / GRAZE / POUR LIBATION; **LABŌ** - TOTTER

14. What founder of Ephrya betrayed Zeus by ratting him out to his lover Aegina's father?

SISYPHUS

B1 What was the name of Aegina's river-god father?

ASOPUS

B2 What punishment did Zeus set on Sisyphus for his betrayal – which he notoriously thwarted a number of times?

CHAINED IN THE UNDERWORLD (BY THANATOS) (DO NOT  
ACCEPT ANYTHING ABOUT ROLLING A ROCK UPHILL)

15. What case is used in Latin to express place where when the place described is the name of a city or town?

LOCATIVE

B1 What case would be used for the word "city" if the sentence "I am in Rome, a most beautiful city" were put into Latin?

ABLATIVE

B2 What locative form is translated "on the ground"?

**HUMĪ**

16. What fair weather ally of the Romans defected to the enemy both after Lautulae and Cannae?

CAPUA

B1 Although the Romans did nothing about the defection during the Second Samnite War, they were far more aggressive in the Second Punic War, sending what man to capture the city in 211 BC?

FULVIUS FLACCUS

B2 Although the city was barely a Roman ally, Capua served as the terminus of the Via Appia until Brundisium was colonized in what year?

244 BC

17. Translate into English: **Quid hodiē agamus?**

WHAT SHOULD WE DO TODAY?

B1 What type of independent subjunctive clause is found in that sentence?

DELIBERATIVE

B3 Now translate the following sentence and identify the independent use of the subjunctive:  
**Semper meminerimus huius diēi.**

LET US / MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS DAY;  
HORTATORY / JUSSIVE

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18. What Trojan man was struck by Zeus's thunderbolt for boasting of his love affair with Aphrodite?

ANCHISES

B1 Why did Zeus punish Aphrodite by causing her to fall in love with Anchises?

BECAUSE SHE CAUSED GODS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH MORTALS

B2 Name the parents of Anchises.

CAPYS AND THEMISTE

19. What author wrote four books of Elegies, the first three of which are dominated by his love for Cynthia?

(SEXTUS) PROPERTIUS

B1 Despite differing in patrons, Propertius is said to have been close friends with what other author, and perhaps even proposed to him the idea of writing elegiac letters to lovers in mythology?

(PUBLIUS) OVID(IUS) (NASO)

B2 Initially thought to have been published together around 25 BC, the second and third books of Propertius' elegies are now considered to have been published separately because the third contains an **epicedium** to what man's death in 23 BC?

MARCELLUS

20. What was the term for the official in charge of Rome's water supply?

**CURATOR AQUARUM**

B1 What was the term for the official in charge of Rome's grain supply?

**PRAEFECTUS ANNONAE**

B2 What was the term for a replacement Consul--usually one appointed during the Empire?

**CONSUL SUFFECTUS**

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1. From what Latin noun with what meaning do we ultimately derive “larceny”?  
**LATRŌ – THIEF**  
B1 From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive “lard”?  
**LĀR(I)DUM – BACON, FAT**  
B2 From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive “larch”?  
**LARIX – LARCH (TREE)**
2. Because of the writer’s obsession with creating articulate characters, both Laelius and Scipio Aemilianus have been postulated to be the author of six comedies usually attributed to what man?  
**(PUBLIUS) TERENTIUS/TERENCE (AFER)**  
B1 What later author called Terence “**Puri Amator Sermonis**” or “Lover of Pure diction”?  
**CAESAR**  
B2 Even Terence’s birth date of 184 BC has been speculated be a fabrication created by later authors, because of it being in the same year as what other playwright’s death?  
**(TITUS MACCIUS) PLAUTUS**
3. During the Trojan War, was the first man who dared to leap ashore when the Greeks landed at Troy?  
**PROTESILAUS**  
B1 Who killed Protesilaus at the shore, in accordance with the oracle that had been made about his death?  
**HECTOR**  
B2 Who was Protesilaus’s devoted wife, who had a bronze statue of him built and jumped into a fire with it?  
**LAODAMIA**
4. Translate the apodosis of the following sentence into Latin: I would immediately sleep if I should lie down.  
**STATIM / PROTINUS / CONFESTIM DORMIAM**  
B1 Now translate the protasis in that same sentence: I would immediately sleep if I should lie down.  
**(SI) RECUMBAM / CUBEM**  
B2 Give the principal parts of the Latin verb **cubō**.  
**CUBŌ, CUBĀRE, CUBUI, CUBITUM**
5. What use of the dependent subjunctive can be found in this Latin sentence: **Imperātor suīs mandāvit quantae hostium cōpiae essent.**  
**INDIRECT QUESTION**

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B1 What use of the dependent subjunctive can be found in this Latin sentence: **Cicerō, arbitrātus Catilinam, in quem ōratiōnem habuisset, fūgisse, libenter in urbe sine timōre ambulābat?**

SUBORDINATE / RELATIVE CLAUSE WITHIN INDIRECT DISCOURSE /  
STATEMENT

B2 What use of the dependent subjunctive can be found in this Latin sentence: **Licet vōbīs respondēre tantum ut celeriter respondeātis?**

PROVISO CLAUSE

6. Which emperor indirectly paved the way for Rome's sack in 410 AD by killing off his capable **Magister Equitum**, Stilicho, two years prior?

HONORIUS

B1 What Visigothic chief had Stilicho repeatedly defeated in battle, but with the general dead, sacked Rome for the first time in 800 years?

ALARIC

B2 What son of Honorius committed a similar act of neurotic murder, that led to Rome's sacking in 455 AD?

VALENTINIAN III

7. Give the genitive of the Latin phrase "thirty-one soldiers."

**TRIGINTĀ (ET) UNĪUS MĪLITUM**

B1 If each of those soldiers cloned himself nine times, you would have 310 soldiers. Give the genitive of that phrase.

**TRĒCENTŌRUM (ET) DECEM MĪLITUM**

B2 493 soldiers join the clone army, giving you 803 soldiers. Give the genitive for this.

**OCTINGENTŌRUM (ET) TRIUM MĪLITUM**

8. What stepson of Telegonus insulted Phaethon for not knowing his father?

EPAPHUS

B1 What son of Sthenelus lamented Phaethon's death until he transformed into a swan?

CYCNUS

B2 Into what were the Heliades, the sisters of Phaethon, transformed as they mourned?

POPLAR TREES

9. With what structure in Rome are the words **podium**, **praecinctiō**, and **maeniānum** all associated?

COLISEUM/COLOSSEUM

B1 In the Colosseum, what was a **maeniānum**?

TIER/LEVEL OF SEATING

B2 How many **maeniāna** were present in the Colosseum?

THREE

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10. Although there is paltry information on his life, what author has managed to influence Latin literature and even western thought during the Enlightenment with an epic work promulgating Epicurean philosophy?

(TITUS) LUCRETIUS (CARUS)

- B1 Through what author's translation of Eusebius', **Chronicon**, do we know that Lucretius committed suicide through a love potion?

(EUSEBIUS SOPHRONIUS HIERONYMUS) JEROME

- B2 What author does Jerome credit as the editor of Lucretius' **De Rerum Natura**?

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

11. Translate the following sentence into English: **Exercitus scuta apta tegendis corporibus nactus est.**

THE ARMY FOUND SHIELDS SUITABLE FOR  
COVERING / DEFENDING BODIES

- B1 ... **Nemo par Ciceroni loquendō Latinē erat.**

NO ONE WAS EQUAL TO CICERO IN SPEAKING (IN) LATIN

- B2 ... **Domum redīvimus vītandae suspīciōnis causā.**

WE RETURNED HOME (IN ORDER) TO AVOID SUSPICION

12. Following what two battles was Cineas sent to negotiate a peace treaty because of the high cost in casualties the mercenaries suffered while fighting Rome for Tarentum?

HERACLEA and AUSCULUM

- B1 What old man fervently opposed the ratification of the peace terms and demanded that Rome fight on?

APPIUS CLAUDIUS CAECUS

- B2 After the Romans rejected the treaty, Pyrrhus left Italy to fight in Sicily. When he returned, what experienced general was led the Roman army that defeated and expelled the Epirote King?

(CURIUS) DENTATUS

13. Who is the faithful herald of Odysseus who is spared after the killing of the suitors?

MEDON

- B1 What old seer at Ithaca was unable to discourage the dead suitors' fathers from taking revenge upon Odysseus?

HALITHERSES

- B2 Who was Penelope's handmaiden, who was the only person besides her and Odysseus to know the secret of the wedding bed?

ACTORIS

14. Which of the following statements about the Latin verb **rogō** is NOT true: it can start an indirect command, it can start an indirect statement, it can start a substantive clause of result, it can take a double accusative?

IT CAN START A SUBSTANTIVE CLAUSE OF RESULT



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- B1 The verb **accidit** can start a substantive clause of result. **Accidit** is also a verb whose present and perfect indicative forms are identical. Explain how you can tell beyond a doubt whether **accidit** in a substantive clause of result is present or perfect tense.

IF PRESENT, IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRESENT OR PERFECT  
SUBJUNCTIVE; IF PERFECT, IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN IMPERFECT OR  
PLUPERFECT / THE SEQUENCE OF TENSES

- B2 What Latin phrase meaning “it is customary” or “it is the custom” can also begin a substantive clause of result?

**MŌS EST**

15. What rhetorical device, other than any form of alliteration, is found in the following lines of the Aeneid?

**Mīrātur mōlem Aenēās, mag-ā-līā quōn-dam,  
mīrātur por-tās strepī-tumque et strāta viārum.**

ANAPHORA

- B1 What rhetorical device, other than any form of alliteration, can be found in the following lines of Catullus 11?

**sive trāns altās gradiētur Alpēs,  
Caesaris vīsēns monimenta magnī,  
Gallicum Rhēnum horribile aequor ultī-  
mōsque Britannōs,**

ASYNDETON

- B2 Other than any form of alliteration, what rhetorical device can be found in the following lines of the Vergil’s Aeneid?

**circum claustra fremunt; celsa sedet Aeolus arce  
scēptra tenēns, mollitque animōs et temperat īrās**

SYNCHYSIS

16. What name is shared by: a Pleiad, an Oceanid wife of Thaumus, one of the Danaids, and a daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra?

ELECTRA

- B1 The Pleiad Electra bore a son named Iasion to Corythus. With what goddess did Iasion lay and was subsequently killed by Zeus’s thunderbolt?

DEMETER

- B2 The Pleiad Electra was herself seduced by Zeus and bore him a son. What was their son’s name?

DARDANUS

17. Listen carefully to the following passage from Book 13 of Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, which I will read twice as prose, in which Ajax reacts to his defeat by Ulysses by deciding to end his own life. Answer the questions that follow in Latin.

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**Arripit ensem, et ‘meus hic certē est; an et hunc sibi poscit Ulixēs? hōc’ ait ‘ūtendum est in mē mihi, quīque cruōre saepē Phrygum maduit, dominī nunc caede madēbit, nē quisquam Āiācem possit superāre nisi Āiax.’**

**Question: Quem oportet gladiō Āiācis ūtī?**

**ĀIĀCEM (IPSUM)**

**B1 Quōrum sanguine gladius Āiācis madēre solēbat?**

**PHRYGUM / TRŌIĀNŌRUM / TEUCRŌRUM**

**B2 Quot Āiācem superāre possunt?**

**ŪNUS**

**18. Give a synonym of the Latin adverb dēmum.**

**TANDEM / DĒNIQUE / POSTRĒMUM / POSTRĒMO**

**B1 Give a synonym of the Latin adjective dexter.**

**PERĪTUS / CALLIDUS / DOCTUS**

**B2 Give a synonym of the Latin verb dēsum.**

**CAREŌ / EGEŌ / DĒFIŌ**

**19. An invective against his enemies entitled *Ibis* exemplifies what author’s sharp change in tone from his earlier works that included elegies to his lover, Corinna, and a guide to picking up women?**

**OVID**

**B1 What is the title of the five book work that expressed Ovid’s despair at losing everything he had in Rome, including his daughter, Perilla?**

**TRISTIA**

**B2 What woman is Ovid thought to have slept with to incur the wrath of Augustus, causing his exile?**

**JULIA ELDER/MAIOR/DAUGHTER OF AUGUSTUS**

**20. Which King of Rome did Claudius declare to be an Etruscan mercenary named Mastarna, though the most traditional story says he was the son of a slave girl?**

**SERVIUS TULLIUS**

**B1 What is said to have been Tullius’ mother’s name?**

**OCRISIA**

**B2 Acknowledging his clandestine rise to the throne, Servius Tullius betrothed his daughters to what sons of Tarquinius Superbus?**

**ARRUNS and LUCIUS/SUPERBUS TARQUINIUS**

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1. Listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the questions that follow in English.

**Consul Romānus superbus ōrātiōnem prō senātū habēbat. “Rēs publica,” ait, “ā pīrātīs undiquē minātur. Cīvitātis servāndae gratiā, dictātor nōbīs dēligendus erit. Opus est virō quī nāvigāre sciat, quī fortiter pugnet, quīque nōn vereātur nē sē forsan pīrātī crūdēliter cruciant et necent.” “Cur nōn tū ipse cum pīrātīs pugnābis?” inquit senātor ē turbā. “Quia,” consul respondit, “Egō pulchrior sum quam ut peream.”**

Question: Where are the pirates who threaten the republic?

ON ALL SIDES /  
EVERYWHERE

B1 What must the dictator not fear?

THAT THE PIRATES MAY CRUELLY TORTURE AND KILL HIM

B2 How does the consul respond when the senator asks him why he doesn't fight the pirates himself?

SAYS HE IS TOO BEAUTIFUL TO DIE /  
“I AM TOO BEAUTIFUL TO DIE” /  
“I AM MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THAT I SHOULD DIE”

2. What foreign king joined Attius Varus in a victory at Bagradas Valley, but was later defeated and killed while fighting against Caesar at Thapsus?

JUBA I

B1 What tribune and puppet of Caesar did Juba defeat at the Bagradas Valley?

SCRIBONIUS CURIO

B2 What Pompeian general was the only one to survive the slaughter at Thapsus?

(TITUS) LABIENUS

3. Who rejected the precedent of historians like Fabius Pictor and Cincius Alimentus, opting to write his 7 book history in Latin, rather than the previous Greek?

(MARCUS PORCIUS) CATO THE ELDER

B1 Cato devotes the entire first book of his history to what event?

FOUNDING OF ROME

B2 With what man's praetorship in 152 BC did Cato choose to end the **Origines**?

(SERVIUS SULPICIUS) GALBA

4. Translate the following sentence into English: **Mānēs ignorant ubi fera rēgia nigrī Dītis est.**

THE SPIRITS (OF THE DEAD) DON'T KNOW / ARE IGNORANT OF WHERE THE  
WILD / SAVAGE PALACE OF BLACK / DARK DIS IS

B1 What use of the subjunctive is found in that sentence?

INDIRECT QUESTION

B2 Now translate this sentence which also features an indirect question: **Quaesivī ā Catilinā cur in conventū Marcum fuisset.**

I ASKED CATILINE WHY HE HAD BEEN AT THE MEETING

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AT THE HOUSE OF MARCUS

5. What prophet and son of Priam foretold the destruction that Paris would bring upon Troy?  
AESACUS  
B1 Who was his mother, the first wife of Priam?  
ARISBE  
B2 After the death of what daughter of the river Cebren did Aesacus attempt to drown himself?  
HESPERIA
6. For the Latin verb **hortor**, give the plural present imperative.  
HORTĀMINĪ  
B3 What is the singular present imperative for that same verb?  
HORTĀRE  
B4 Imperatives are of course often paired with vocatives. Vocatives are pretty regular in their formation, but what is the vocative singular of the noun **nuntius**?  
NUNTIE
7. **De Grammaticis et Rhetoribus** is the only extant portion of what work by Suetonius?  
DE VIRIS ILLUSTRIBUS  
B1 What other portion of the **De Viris Illustribus** has only scant extant fragments through secondhand sources, though we have enough to get sketches on Terence and Vergil, among others?  
DE POETIS  
B2 Although **De Vita Caesarum** is much more fully extent, the work is missing its opening dedication to what patron of Suetonius?  
SEPTICIUS CLARUS
8. **Quid Anglicē significat “sospes”**?  
SAFE / UNHARMED  
B1 **Quid Anglicē significat “hebes”**?  
BLUNT / DULL / STUPID / SLUGGISH  
B2 **Quid Anglicē significat “praepes”**?  
WINGED / NIMBLE / FLEET
9. It’s summertime and you find yourself on a tour of France. Your tour guide just so happens to be a Classics enthusiast like yourself. On your first stop, he tells you that you are walking on the site of a Roman victory over the Cimbri & Teutones in 105 BC. In what modern city are you walking?  
ORANGE  
B1 At your next stop, he informs you that you are at the site where Marcus Aurelius died. In what modern city are you standing now?  
VIENNA

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B2 At your final stop, your guide informs you that you are in the same location as Septimius Severus when he declared himself sole-emperor after defeating his rival Clodius Albinus. What modern day city are you in now?

LYONS

10. Who sent fifty ships as promised to Agamemnon for the Trojan War – with forty-nine of them being made of clay?

CINYRAS

B1 Who bribed Agamemnon with a fine mare to avoid going to the war?

ECHEPOLUS

B2 What son of Jason sent gifts of wine to the Greeks at Troy?

EUNEOS

11. In the standard, thirty-form declension of the Latin relative pronoun, how many times does **quae** appear?

FOUR

B1 Give all the forms of the relative pronoun that appear only once in the standard thirty-form declension?

**QUEM, QUAM, QUĀ, QUĀRUM, QUŌS, QUĀS**

B2 Compounds of the relative and interrogative pronoun are numerous and, frankly, awesome. What does the Latin word **quidquid** mean?

WHATEVER / WHAATEEEEEVERRRRRR

12. From what Latin noun is “pumice” derived?

**PŪMEX**

B1 From what Latin noun is “pillow” derived?

**PULVĪNUS**

B2 From what Latin noun is “pony” derived?

**PULLUS**

13. After the revolt of the Selgovae and Novantae early in his reign, Hadrian commissioned what man to construct a wall in Britain?

PLATORIUS NEPOS

B1 Between what two locations was the wall located?

TYNE and SOLWAY

B2 Although Hadrian’s wall remained a fixture of Roman defenses in Britain, Antoninus Pius insisted on moving the Roman border further north, and had what man construct a wall between the Forth and Clyde?

LOLLIUS URBICUS

14. Who wrote a tragedy entitled **Oedipus** and a two book grammatical treatise entitled **De Analogia**, both of which have been lost to us, leading to the author only being remembered for his self-aggrandizing commentaries?

CAESAR

B1 To what man did Caesar dedicate his **De Analogia**?

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CICERO

- B2 Although they clearly had an admiration for each other, Caesar and Cicero disagreed on the legacy of Cato the Younger. What work did Caesar compose as an invective against Cato, in response to Cicero's **Laus Catonis**?

ANTICATO(NES)

15. On what hill was the trial of Orestes and Clytemnestra held?

AREOPAGUS

- B1 On what hill does Endymion sleep for all eternity?

MOUNT LATMUS

- B2 What mountain contains the Aganippe, a spring sacred to the Muses, and shares its name with the Yale Undergraduate Journal of Classics?

HELICON

16. Say in Latin: I fear that war is coming.

**TIMEŌ / METUŌ / VEREOR NĒ BELLUM / PROELIUM VENIAT**

- B1 Now say in Latin: I doubt that the enemy can win.

**DUBITŌ QUIN HOSTIS VINCERE / SUPERĀRE POSSIT** (also accept **hostēs ... possint**)

- B2 Now say in Latin: We cannot return until we conquer the enemy.

**NŌN POSSUMUS REDĪRE / REGREDI DUM / QUOAD HOSTEM /  
HOSTĒS VINCAMUS / SUPERĒMUS**

17. What daughter of Perseus is considered the first widow in mythology to remarry?

GORGOPHONE

- B1 What Thracian singer and lover of Hyacinthus is considered the first man to have loved another man?

THAMYRIS

- B2 The first murder trial in mythology tried Ares for the murder of what son of Poseidon, who had raped his daughter Alcippe?

HALIRRHOTHIUS

18. Which emperor did Suetonius describe as “**amor ac dēliciae generis hūmānī**”?

TITUS

- B1 Although Titus was beloved by the people of Rome, he did earn the ire of the senate when it was discovered that he had been sleeping with what woman?

BERENICE

- B2 During his short reign, Titus was able to construct what building over the **Domus Aurea**?  
BATHS

19. Give the ablative singular of the Latin phrase **turpe genū**?

TURPĪ GENŪ

- B1 Change **turpī genū** to the nominative plural?

TURPIA GENUA

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B2 Let's say the other joints in your body are equally shameful, so now give the nominative plural for "shameful elbow"?

**TURPĒS CUBITĪ**

20. During to the widespread persecution of Christians under Septimius Severus, what otherwise extremist author wrote a more conciliatory work entitled **Apologeticum**, that is addressed to Pagans pleading for them to stop the attacks?

(QUINTUS SEPTIMIUS FLORENS) TERTULLIAN(US)

B1 What fundamentalist sect did Tertullian join after his conversion to Christianity?

MONTANISM

B2 What work, addressed to Christians who are to be executed because of their faith, is Tertullian's most famous alongside the **Apologeticum**?

MARTYRAS

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1. What rhetorical device, other than any form of alliteration, can be found in the following lines of the Aeneid?

**incute vim ventīs submersāsque obrue puppēs,  
aut age dīversōs et disiice corpora pontō**

PROLEPSIS

- B1 What rhetorical device, other than any form of alliteration, can be found in these lines from Catullus 14?

**quī tantum tibi mīsīt impiōrum.  
quod sī, ut suspīcor, hoc novum ac repertum  
mūnus dat tibi Sulla litterātor**

HENDIADYS

- B2 What rhetorical device, other than any form of alliteration, can be found in these lines from Ovid's **Metamorphoses**?

**vertitur extemplō faciēs et mentis et ōris;  
nam modo quae poterat Dītī quoque maesta vidērī**

ZEUGMA

2. Differentiate in meaning between the verb **potior** and the adjective **potior**.

**POTIOR** (verb) – OBTAIN / GET POSSESSION OF,  
**POTIOR** (adjective) – BETTER / MORE POWERFUL

- B1 Differentiate in meaning between the adjective **uncus** and **unctus**.

**UNCUS** – HOOKED / CURVED / BENT, **UNCTUS** – OILY / GREASY / ANOINTED

- B2 Differentiate in meaning among the Latin nouns **faba**, **faber**, and **fiber**.

**FABA** - BEAN, **FABER** - CRAFTSMAN / ARTISAN, **FIBER** -  
BEAVER

3. You and your friends have just journeyed back in time to take a stroll through ancient Rome. After a day of tourism, when you review your camera roll, you see pictures of the Temple of Concord, the Curia Iulia, the Regia, the Rostra, and several other local monuments. Where in the city did you spend the majority of your day?

**FORUM ROMANUM**

- B1 The next day, when you check out your roll of film, you see images of the Theater of Marcellus, the Mausoleum of Augustus, and the Ara Pacis. Where did you spend the majority of this day?

**CAMPUS MARTIUS**

- B2 On your final day in Rome, you decide to head to the Tiber Island to check out the Temple of Aesculapius. What bridge must you cross to get there?

**PONS FABRICIUS**



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4. What name is shared by: a grandson of Sisyphus, an Achaean leader in the Trojan War whom Poseidon impersonates to convince Idomeneus, a Giant that is clubbed to death by the Fates during the Gigantomachy, a king of the Taurians, and the father of Hypsiyle?

THOAS

B1 The name Thoas was used again for one of the twin sons of Jason and Hypsipyle. Name the other.

EUNEUS

B2 What girl was the priestess of King Thoas of the Taurians and ordered to sacrifice Greek blood?

IPHIGENIA

5. For the Latin verb **gerō**, list all its active infinitive forms.

**GERERE, GESSISSE, GESTŪRUS (-A) ESSE**

B1 Now list all of **gerō**'s passive participles.

**GESTUS (-A, -UM), GERENDUS (-A, -UM)**

B2 Now give **gerō**'s most entertaining form, the 2<sup>nd</sup> person singular, imperfect passive subjunctive.

**GERERĒRIS**

6. What work is Hitler said to have used as a propaganda tool because it offered a sharp contrast between the Romans and the tribes along the Rhine, often criticizing Roman hypocrisy, while praising German virtue?

GERMANIA

B1 What other work of Tacitus was published in the same year as **Germania**?

DE VITA IULII AGRICOLAE/AGRICOLA

B2 From what work of Pliny the Elder is Tacitus thought to have derived much of his information on the Germans?

BELLA GERMANIAE

7. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the questions that follow in Latin.

**Ōlim in silvā habitābant duae sorōrēs. Prima soror cum parentibus habitābat in casā minimā quam pater ē lignō aedificāverat. Altera soror ā lupīs ēdūcēbātur. Prima cum cervīs currere ludereque amābat; Secunda cervōs vērārī edereque amābat. Quōdam diē, advena, similis Gabiō Mōlīnae formā, ad silvam vēnit. Prima, quae numquam alium hominem viderat, advenae nubere voluit, dōnec, lūnā plēnā, eum versipellem esse invēnit! Cum Prima timēret, Secunda tamen advenam amābat, et ūnā ululāvērunt ad lunam.**

Question: **Quid faciat Secunda sī cervum videat?**

**CERVUM/ID**

**VĒNĒTUR ET EDAT**

B1 **Quandō Prima non iam advenae nubere voluit?**

**LŪNĀ PLĒNĀ /**

**CUM LŪNA PLĒNA ESSET /**

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**CUM EUM VERSIPELLEM ESSE INVĒNIT**

**B2 Cuius materiae domus Primae facta est?**

**LIGNĪ**

8. What consul of 181 BC, who had gained fame for defeating the Ingauni, reluctantly agreed to take control of Roman forces after they were defeated at Larissa by Perseus of Macedon?

(LUCIUS AEMILIUS) PAULLUS

B1 What Roman commander had been defeated at Larissa in 171 BC?

PUBLIUS CRASSUS

B2 Following the victory at Pydna, the Romans felt so emboldened by their victory that they seized what Illyrian King's land?

GENTHIUS

9. Whose funeral had Menelaus been attending when Paris carried Helen off to Troy?

CATREUS

B1 Catreus had heard an oracle that he would be killed by one of his children. Who was his son, who fled to Rhodes after learning of the oracle in fear that he would be the one to kill his father?

ALTHAEMENES

B2 Who was Althaemenes's sister, whom he kicked to death because he refused to believe Hermes had slept with her?

APEMOSYNE

10. Say in Latin: I didn't know whether I wanted to leave or stay.

**NESCĪVĪ / NŌN SCĪVĪ UTRUM DISCEDERE / LINQUERE / EXĪRE VELLEM  
AN MANĒRE** (also accept *sīve / seu ... sīve / seu* instead of *utrum ... an*)

B1 Now say in Latin: The building became so hot that all of us tried to leave.

**AEDIFICIUM TAM CALIDUM FĪEBAT / FACTUM EST UT OMNES NOSTRUM  
DISCEDERE / LINQUERE / EXĪRE TEMPTARENT / CONARENTUR**

B2 Finally, say in Latin: I thought that the few who had stayed would never leave.

**PUTĀVĪ / PUTĀBAM PAUCŌS/-ĀS QUI MANSISSENT  
NUMQUAM DISCESSURŌS/-ĀS / LICTURŌS/-ĀS / EXITURŌS/-  
ĀS ESSE**

11. A lamentation for the death of Daphnis, the unrequited love of Corydon for Alexis, and a dialogue between Tityrus and Meliboeus on the nature of destiny are all found in what 10 book work?

ECLOGUES/BUCOLICS

B1 What two books of the Eclogues mention Virgil's friend and fellow poet, Cornelius Gallus?

6<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>

B2 Although Vergil largely avoided political elements in his works until the Aeneid, which book of the Eclogues is a dialogue that acts as a clear reference to the land confiscations around Mantua during the Civil War?

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9<sup>TH</sup>

12. What use of the dative case can be seen in the following line from Catullus 76: **sī vītam pūrīter ēgī, ēripite hanc pestem perniciemque mihi?**

DATIVE OF SEPARATION

- B1 What use of the dative case can be seen in this sentence: **Caesar milītēs hortātur ut fossam impedimentō effoderent?**

DATIVE OF PURPOSE

- B2 Although a man marrying a woman is expressed in Latin with the transitive idiom **in mātrimōnium ducere**, when discussing a woman marrying a man, what intransitive verb that takes a dative object is used?

NUBŌ, NUBERE

13. What law, because of its unverified purpose and passage in 449 BC, is widely believed to have created the **Comitia Tributa**?

LEX VALERIA HORATIA

- B1 Plebeian dissatisfaction with the Twelve Tables and even the **Lex Valeria Horatia** ultimately led to the government giving what office consular power in 444 BC, a decision that lasted until the **Lex Licinia Sextia**?

MILITARY TRIBUNE

- B2 The passage of the Lex Valeria Horatia and increase of **Tribunicia Potestas** ultimately stemmed from what tribune's demand that the laws of Roman be codified in 462 BC?

TERENTILIUS HARSA

14. In the Argonautica, Orpheus drowns out the Sirens with his lyre-playing as the Argonauts pass what island?

ANTHEMOESSA

- B1 What son of Teleon was the only one unable to resist the song of the Sirens and leapt overboard?

BUTES

- B2 Luckily, Aphrodite saved him and brought him to Lilybaeum. There she lay with him for several nights apparently to spite which of her lovers, the son of Cinyras?

ADONIS

15. Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: "ravenous", "ravishing", "enrage", and "rapture"?

ENRAGE (from **rabiēs** all others from **rapiō**)

- B1 The word "Canola" (which comes from the phrase "Canada oil") was developed as a way to refer to "rape oil" without saying the word "rape". This "rape" however is not the same as the one from **rapiō**. Instead, it refers to rapeseed, the seed of the rape plant whose name is derived from what Latin noun?

RĀPUM or RĀPA (a turnip)

- B2 What derivative of **rāpum** "turnip" is a type of Italian pasta?

RAVIOLI

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16. What daughter of Pittheus did Castor and Pollux kidnap to be Helen's nurse?

AETHRA

B1 Who was her grandson who rescued her from Troy during the war?

ACAMAS

B2 Who was the prettiest daughter of Priam, whose affections Acamas won during his time at Troy?

LAODICE

17. Verbs in Latin are frequently made into adjectives with the addition of certain suffixes. What two-letter suffix in Latin denotes an adjective describing a faulty characteristic or tendency of a person, as evidenced by the Latin adjectives literally meaning "tending to fight", "tending to dare", "tending to take," and "tending to snatch"?

-AX

B1 What Latin adjective means "tending to lie"?

MENDAX

B2 What does the Latin suffix **-osus** mean?

FULL OF

18. Name one of the two **Cothurnatae** whose title is shared by Livius Andronicus and Naevius.

EQUOS TROIANOS/DANAE

B1 What work of Naevius was the first to be performed at the opening of the Theatre of Pompey?

EQUOS TROIANOS

B2 Although Naevius and Livius Andronicus also both wrote **Palliatae**, Naevius distinguished himself as the first writer of **Praetextae**. Name both of Naevius' **Praetextae**.

ROMULUS and CLASTIDIUM

19. Who cleared an infestation of pirates from the British Channel, but then staged a rebellion against the western tetrarchy?

CARAUSIUS

B1 Where had Carausius been stationed before he began his rebellion?

GESORACUM

B2 What praetorian prefect under Constantius Chlorus proved himself a capable general when he defeated Carausius' successor, Allectus, near Silchester at the end of the rebellion?

ASCLEPIODOTUS

20. Translate the following sentence into English: **Sperō fore ut melior fortuna hoc infelix principium sequitur.**

I HOPE THAT A BETTER FATE / FORTUNE WILL FOLLOW THIS UNHAPPY / UNFORTUNATE BEGINNING

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B1 Change the sentence in the tossup to an indirect statement that expresses the same meaning.

**SPERŌ MELIOREM FORTUNAM HOC ĪNFĒLĪX PRINCIPIUM  
SECUTURAM ESSE**

B2 What use of the subjunctive is found in the sentence from the tossup?

**SUBSTANTIVE CLAUSE OF RESULT**

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1. Which emperor displayed confidence in his own rule when he granted amnesty to the conspirator Gaius Calpurnius Crassus, but then capitulated at the Praetorian Guard's demand for Petronius Secundus' death?

(MARCUS COCCEIUS) NERVA

B1 Nerva eventually conceded to what prefect of the guard's demand that Petronius Secundus be killed?

CASPERIUS AELIANUS

B2 Although Nerva is generally considered a strong emperor, he did severely reduce revenues to the **fiscus** by ending the mandate that what group pay taxes to Jupiter Capitolinus?

JEWS

2. What son of Heracles failed to conquer the Peloponnesus and was instructed by the Delphic Oracle to wait for the "third fruit"?

HYLLUS

B1 What king and ancestor of the Dorians offered Hyllus a third of his kingdom and adopted him as part of an old pact he'd made with Heracles for assisting him in war with the Lapiths?

AEGIMIUS

B2 Turns out, "third fruit" actually meant third generation. What great-great-great-grandson of Heracles attempted to lead the final attack against the Peloponnesus, but was unfortunately struck by lightning before his fleet even set sail?

ARISTODEMUS

3. Of the irregular verbs **volō**, **nōlō**, and **mālō**, which one or ones have a present participle?

VOLŌ & NŌLŌ

B3 Of the irregular verbs **volō**, **nōlō**, and **mālō**, which one or ones have a present imperative?

NŌLŌ

B4 Of the irregular verbs **volō**, **nōlō**, and **mālō**, which one or ones have a future infinitive?

NONE OF THEM

4. What author wrote a mock letter to Caesius Bassus that attacks greed and espouses Stoicism as the counter to all vices?

(AULES) PERSIUS (FLACCUS)

B1 In which book of Persius' satires in this letter featured?

6<sup>TH</sup>

B2 To what other man, responsible for editing Persius' work, did Persius dedicate his 5th satire?

CORNUTUS

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5. Translate the following sentence, adapted from Ovid's *Heroides*, into English: **Utinam adulter vagus aquis saevīs obrutus esset.**

IF ONLY THE WANDERING ADULTERER HAD BEEN OVERWHELMED/CRUSHED  
BY THE SAVAGE/RAGING WATERS

- B1 Now translate this sentence taken from a different poem in Ovid's *Heroides*: **Dīc mihi, quid fēcī nisi nōn sapienter amāvī?**

TELL ME, WHAT HAVE I DONE, EXCEPT NOT LOVE WISELY?

- B2 Finally, translate the dependent clause in the following sentence adapted from yet another *Heroides* poem: **Cum crāstina fulserit Eos, fama est tē dare nubiferis linthea velle Notis.**

WHEN TOMORROW'S DAWN WILL HAVE SHONE (FORTH)

6. It seems that every prominent figure in mythology has an obscure sister. Who is the lesser-known sister of Helen and Clytemnestra, who was similarly unfaithful in that she deserted her husband Echemus?

TIMANDRA

- B1 Who is the lesser-known sister of Penelope, whose form Athena sends to a sleeping Penelope to encourage her?

IPHTHIME

- B2 Who is the lesser-known sister of Odysseus, who was reared alongside Eumaeus as children?

CTIMENE

7. Whose blockade caused such severe starvation in Rome that Octavian was forced to meet him at a conference in Misenum?

SEXTUS POMPEY

- B1 Name two of the three places Sextus was made proconsul as part of the Treaty of Misenum.

SARDINIA/SICILY/PELOPONNESUS (OF GREECE)

- B2 The Treaty of Misenum was quickly ignored by both sides, and a year later Octavian invaded Sicily, only for him to get crushed at what battle?

TAUROMENIUM

8. What author wrote a highly influential work, considered one of the first erotic poems in the elegiac model, that is dedicated to his lover, Leucadia?

VARRO ATACINUS/ATAX

- B1 What other work of Varro is an acclaimed historical poem in the style of Ennius' **Scipio** that follows Caesar's war against the Suebian chief Ariovistus?

BELLUM SEQUANICUM

- B2 We are only aware of Varro's lost satires because of what later author's condemnation of their quality?

HORACE

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9. If Vergil or one of his contemporaries used the word **hostīs** in his work, what case and number would that word be?

ACCUSATIVE PLURAL

- B3 Greek names also have some non-standard forms. What is the vocative of the musician Orpheus' name?

ORPHEŪ

- B4 Similarly, give the genitive AND the accusative for Anchises, the father of Aeneas.

GENITIVE – **ANCHĪSAE**; ACCUSATIVE – **ANCHĪSEN**

10. What king of Boeotia commissioned two brothers to build a treasury with a secret entrance that only he could access?

HYREIUS

- B1 Who were these two brothers, who secretly stole from the treasury after they'd built it?

AGAMEDES AND TROPHONIUS

- B2 What temple had these brothers built that distinguished them as architects?

THE TEMPLE AT (THE ORACLE OF) DELPHI

11. If the famous movie quote "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" were rendered in Latin, what three words expressing a Genitive of Value might be used to translate "I don't give a damn."

**NŌN FLOCCI FACIŌ**

- B1 In the quote "Love means never having to say you're sorry," how might you translate "you're sorry" into Latin using only two words?

**TĒ PAENITĒRE**

- B2 Adapting a quote from *The Hunger Games*, how would you say in Latin "Hope is the only thing which is stronger than fear"?

**SPĒS SOLA EST QUAE FORTIOR TIMORE / METŪ SIT**

12. Which of the hills of Rome became part of the city along with the Viminal during the reign of Servius Tullius, was the site of the gardens of Sallust and the lost baths of Constantine, is the northernmost of the seven hills, and is perhaps named for the deified Romulus?

QUIRINAL

- B1 At the base of which hill is Septimius Severus' Triumphal Arch?

CAPITOLINE

- B2 Maecenas' famous gardens and Trajan's bath complex were located on which Roman hill?

ESQUILINE

13. Listen carefully to the following lines from Book 8 of Vergil's *Aeneid*, which I will read twice as prose, and answer the questions that follow in English.

**Illic rēs Italās Rōmānōrumque triumphōs haud vātum ignārus ventūrīque inscius aevī  
fēcerat Ignipotens, illic genus omne futūrae stirpis ab Ascaniō pugnātaque in ordine**



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**bella. Fēcerat et viridī fētam Māvortis in antrō prōcubuisse lupam, geminōs huic ūbera circum lūdere.**

Question: Name two *living* things that Vulcan depicted on the shield, according to these lines.

RACE OF DESCENDANTS FROM ASCANIUS,  
SHE-WOLF,  
TWINS / ROMULUS and REMUS

B1 Where specifically are the twins playing?

AROUND THE SHE-WOLF'S TEATS

B2 Where is the she-wolf lying?

IN THE GREEN CAVE OF MARS

14. Who was the husband of Juturna who was killed by Ascanius's arrow, becoming Ascanius's first kill in combat?

NUMANUS

B1 Who is the charioteer of Turnus whose form Juturna assumes to try to protect him?

METISCUS

B2 Disguised as what Latin warrior does Juturna attempt to convince the Rutulians to break the truce?

CAMERS

15. Whose poetry is categorized for its preciousness and attention to unique observations that act as the author's attempt to encapsulate the minutiae of Roman Society in the late 4th century; an endeavour that earned him such respect that Theodosius I would request a copy of poems such as the **Mosella**?

(DECIMUS MAGNUS) AUSONIUS

B1 In what town, the place of his birth, did Ausonius teach rhetoric before tutoring the emperor Gratian?

BURDIGALA

B2 What work of Ausonius, one of his only prose works, is a speech delivered in 379 AD that honors the newly ascended emperor?

GRATIANUS' ORATION

16. What emperor was involved in the conspiracy to murder his predecessor, and, during his short reign, is famous for crushing the Goths at Naissus?

(MARCUS AURELIUS) CLAUDIUS II/GOTHICUS

B1 Despite his military prowess, Gothicus largely ignored the Gallic and Palmyrene empires, and even set aid to what Gallic emperor when the town of Augustodunum revolted?

(MARCUS AURELIUS) VICTORINUS

B2 After Claudius' death from the plague, what brother of his was initially elevated as emperor, but was immediately killed when Aurelian declared himself emperor?

QUINTILLUS

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17. **Quid Anglicē significat “pignus”?**

PLEDGE / HOSTAGE

B1 **Quid Anglicē significat “paelex”?**

CONCUBINE / MISTRESS

B2 **Quid Anglicē significat “pecten”?**

COMB / RAKE

18. When introducing an indirect question, what is the meaning of the Latin word **num**?

WHETHER / IF

B1 What other Latin adverb that can mean whether is often used to begin double questions in Latin?

**UTRUM**

B2 What enclitic can serve the same purpose as **utrum** in double questions?

**-NE**

19. What work of Cicero is a five book dialogue that attempts to address the Greek ethical question of happiness through examinations of grief, death, and sadness?

TUSCULAN DISPUTATIONS

B1 The last book of the Tusculan Disputations espouses what idealistic concept as the guaranteed path to happiness?

VIRTUE

B2 To what friend and orator did Cicero dedicate the work?

BRUTUS

20. Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others:

“humble”, “exhume”, “posthumous”, “humiliate”?

POSTHUMOUS (from **postumus** superlative of **post**; “h” added by folk etymology mistake)

B1 Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others:

“fascism”, “fess”, “fascial”, “fascinate”?

FASCINATE

B2 Which of the following is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: “emulsify”, “demulcent”, “vaccimulgence”, “emulge”?

DEMULCENT