

2011 BLS Certamen—Intermediate Level

1. Name the only emperor of the Julio-Claudian dynasty who had no Julian blood.

Tiberius

B1: Which of the parents of the emperor Caligula contributed his Julian blood?

Germanicus / Agrippina the Elder (Augustus' Granddaughter)---Yes, he gets it from both sides.....whoops!

B2: Which of the parents of the emperor Claudius contributed his Julian blood?

Antonia (minor) (Daughter of Octavia)

2. What do the following verbs have in common? *immineo, pareo, invideo, parco.*

They take Dative objects

B1: Besides the fact that they are deponent verbs, what do the following have in common: *potior, vescor, fungor.* **They take Ablative objects**

B2: What do the following adjectives have in common? *solus, uter, anus.*

They have -ius in the Genitive and -i in the dative

3. What daughter of King Minos did Theseus abandon on the island Naxos?

Ariadne

B1: Why had Theseus agreed to take her upon his ship?

She helped him escape from the Labyrinth

B2: What god found Ariadne stranded on Naxos and married her? **Dionysus**

4. Differentiate in meaning between *Nix, Nux,* and *Nox.* **Nix = Snow, Nux = Nut, Nox = Night.**

B1: Differentiate in meaning between *descendo* and *discedo.* **Descendo = climb down, Discedo = leave or depart**

B2: Differentiate in meaning between *inter* and *iter.* **Inter = between, iter = journey**

5. After a difficult and costly siege lasting eight months, what city, perched on a rocky plateau, was finally captured by Hannibal in 219 BC? **Saguntum**

B1: The siege of Saguntum was the cause of what war? **Second Punic War**

B2: According to the Romans, the siege of Saguntum violated what treaty of 226 BC? **The Ebro (River) Treaty**

6. Excluding its compounds, give a synonym for the verb *rogo, rogare.*

Peto/Posco/Quaero

B1: Excluding its compounds, give a synonym for the verb *muto, mutare.*

Verto/Converto/Novo

B2: Excluding all compounds, give a synonym for the verb *tempto, temptare.*

Conor

7. Who, guided by a lighthouse, swam the Hellespont nightly in order to reach the town of Sestus and his lover Hero? **Leander**

B1: Leander drowned on his way to see Hero. Why was he unable to find shore?

It was dark and there was a storm

B2: What was Hero's reaction when she discovered Leander's corpse?

Committed suicide

8. Translate this sentence into Latin: "The woman, whom you have seen, will be the wife of the emperor." **Femina, quam vidisti/vidistis, erit uxor imperatoris.**

B1: Translate this phrase into Latin: "Two bodies." **Duo Corpora**

B2: Translate this phrase into Latin: "Two hundred animals." **Ducenta Animalia**

9. What three animals were sacrificed during the Suovetauralia? **Pig, Sheep, Bull**

B1: During what festival did boys assume the *toga virilis*? **Liberalia**

B2: During what festival were roles of masters and slaves somewhat reversed?

Saturnalia

10. Thank you for listening to WROM—The best in popular music in Latin! What modern song might the Romans have called "Fabula Amoris"? **Love Story**

B1: What modern song might the Romans have called "Amor Malus"? **Bad**

Romance (Lady Gaga)

B2: What modern song might the Romans have called "Diutissime"? **For the Longest Time (Billy Joel).**

11. Who purified Jason and Medea for the murder of her brother Apsyrtus? **Circe**

B1: For whose murder were Jason and Medea driven out of Iolcus? **Pelias**

B2: Name the father and daughter whom Medea murdered in Corinth.

Creon and Glauce/Creusa

12. When recognized by a spotter, perform the following action: Surge et clama Anglice "Iace eum ex fenestra!" **Student rises and shouts: "Throw him out the window!"**

B1: Surgite et date amplexum vestro duci. **Team rises and gives their captain a hug.**

B2: Surgite et currite ad ianuam quam celerrime. **Students rise and run to the door.**