

2005 Texas State JCL Certamen  
Upper Round 1

- TU # 1: Who in mythology was the father of Hygeia, the goddess of health?  
ASCLEPIUS / AESCULAPIUS
- B1: Who was the mother of Aesculapius?  
CORONIS OR ARSINOE
- B2: Who was the father of Aesculapius?  
APOLLO
- TU # 2: What queen was defeated at Emesa by Aurelian?  
ZENOBIA
- B1: What city had been her capital?  
PALMYRA
- B2: Who was her husband?  
ODAENATHUS
- TU # 3: In his rhetorical treatise entitled Brutus, Cicero places himself as the leader of a discussion about the history of rhetoric. Who are the other two persons engaged in this discussion?  
M. BRUTUS AND (T. POMPONIUS) ATTICUS
- B1: We have collections of letters that Cicero wrote to each of these men. We have a third collection of letters, written by Cicero to whom?  
HIS BROTHER QUINTUS
- B2: In which important year in Cicero's life do we have NO extant letters written to any of these three men?  
63 BC (THE YEAR OF HIS CONSULSHIP)
- TU # 4: Translate the following phrase into English: monstrum foedum visu  
A MONSTER WRETCHED / HORRIBLE TO SEE  
Using a supine, say in Latin, "IT IS MOST DIFFICULT TO DO".  
(ID) EST DIFFICILLIMUM FACTU  
Using a gerund, say in Latin, "IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO".  
(ID) EST DIFFICILE AD FACIENDUM / AGENDUM
- TU # 5: Who delivered a letter to King Iobates, unaware that the letter asked Iobates to put him to death?  
BELLEROPHON
- B1: What daughter of Iobates had tried to seduce Bellerophon but then lied and said he had tried to seduce her?  
STHENEBOEA / ANTEIA
- B2: What method did Iobates devise for bringing about the death of Bellerophon?  
ASKED HIM TO KILL THE CHIMAERA
- TU # 6: What two uses of the ablative case are found in the following line from Horace: "**Quid rīdēs? Mūtātō nōmine, dē tē fābula narrātur.**"  
ABLATIVE ABSOLUE & ABLATIVE WITH PREPOSITION  
Translate that line.  
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? WITH THE NAME CHANGED, THE STORY IS ABOUT YOU!  
Translate this line from Horace: "**Parturient montēs, nascētur rīdiculus mūs.**"  
THE MOUNTAINS WILL GIVE BIRTH, A RIDICULOUS MOUSE WILL BE BORN

- TU # 7: **Quid Anglicē significat “vēnārī”?**  
TO HUNT
- B1: **Quid Anglicē significat “verērī”?**  
TO FEAR, BE AFRAID, REVERE, HAVE RESPECT
- B2: **Quid Anglicē significat “vescī”?**  
TO FEED UPON, GRAZE, EAT
- TU # 8: For what purpose would Romans have used items called cyathus or crater or poculum?  
SERVING/DRINKING WINE
- B1: For what purpose would Romans have used items called lōrum or scutica or flagrum?  
TO BEAT/WHIP SLAVES
- B2: For what purpose would Romans have used items called līnum and cēra and signum?  
SEALING A LETTER
- TU # 9: Although first interested in writing about philosophy, at the age of thirty he began to write a great historical work which was later published in 142 books. He died in his native city of Patavium in AD 17. Who was he?  
LIVY
- B1: What future emperor did Livy tutor in history?  
CLAUDIUS
- B2: From Tacitus we know that Livy praised what prominent political figure of the first century BC, causing Augustus to remark jokingly that Livy was one of his followers?  
POMPEY
- TU # 10: Whom did the daughters of Cecrops see when they looked inside a box that they were told not to open?  
ERICHTHONIUS
- B1: Who had put Erichthonius in the box? ATHENA
- B2: Who had given Erichthonius to Athena? GAIA / GE
- TU # 11: With what Latin case would you associate all the following verbs: **potior**, **meminī**, **oblīvīscor**?  
GENITIVE - (**potior** takes the genitive case in the phrase “**potīrī rērum**”)
- B1: Say in Latin, “The soldiers were accusing Marcus of theft.”  
**MĪLITĒS MARCUM FURTĪ / PECULĀTŪS DAMNĀBANT / ACCŪSĀBANT**
- B2: Translate into English: **Mē miseret idiōtae.**  
I PITY THE FOO
- TU # 12: What son of Claudius and Messalina was born in the year 41 and died in the year 55?  
(TIBERIUS CLAUDIUS) BRITANNICUS (CAESAR)
- B1: What cognomen did he originally have, before Claudius’ invasion of Britain?  
GERMANICUS
- B2: Which two people were responsible for the death of Britannicus?  
AGRIPPINA (YOUNGER) AND NERO
- TU # 13: In what setting does Aeneas speak with his old comrades Palinurus and Deiphobus?  
HE SEES THEM IN THE UNDERWORLD
- B1: What does Palinurus ask Aeneas to do?  
FIND HIS BODY AND BURY IT, OR ELSE TAKE HIM ACROSS THE STYX
- B2: What is the Sibyl’s reply to Palinurus which brings him comfort?  
THE LAND WHERE HE WAS KILLED WILL BE NAMED FOR HIM

- TU # 14: Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in Latin the question that follows: “Senātor in Curiam ad cōnsēnsiōnem de suā lēge petendam ingressus est. Ibi trēs cōsūlēs vehementer inter sē colloquēbantur. Itaque senātor existimāvit tempus nōn esse optimum petere.” (repeat)  
 Quaestio: Cur senator in Curiam ingressus est?  
 AD CONSENSIONEM PETENDAM (DE SUA LEGE)
- B1: Answer in English: What were the consuls doing?  
 ARGUING / TALKING STRONGLY AMONG THEMSELVES
- B2: Answer in English: Cur senātor cōnsēnsiōnem non petivit?  
 HE THOUGHT THE TIME WAS NOT THE BEST FOR SEEKING
- TU # 15: What woman in mythology unfortunately did not know that the Greek word ‘aura’ meant ‘breeze’?  
 PROCRIS
- B1: What did she think ‘aura’ was?  
 THE NAME OF HER HUSBAND CEPHALUS’ GIRLFRIEND
- B2: How did Procris die?  
 CEPHALUS SHOT HER, THINKING SHE WAS AN ANIMAL, WHILE SHE WAS IN THE WOODS SPYING ON HIM
- TU # 16: Give the third person singular, perfect subjunctive for the verb from which we derive the English noun oblivion.  
 Change **oblītus sit** to the imperfect tense.  
 Change **oblīvīscerētur** to the present tense.
- OBLītUS / -A/-UM SIT**  
**OBLīvīSCERētUR**  
**OBLīvīSCātUR**
- TU # 17: What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **sub corona vendere**?  
 TO SELL INTO SLAVERY  
 What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **certiorem facere**?  
 TO INFORM  
 What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **est mihi tanti**?  
 IT IS WORTH MY WHILE
- TU # 18: Name one of the two Italian cities whose harbors served as a base for the Roman fleet.  
 MISENUM or RAVENNA (DO NOT READ THE OTHER ONE – SEE FIRST BONUS)
- B1: Name the other.
- B2: Who was the fleet commander at Misenum during the reign of the emperor Vespasian?  
 PLINY THE ELDER
- TU # 19: Which of the following English words does not belong based on its Latin root:  
 Latent, translate, relate, correlate?  
 LATENT
- B1: From what Latin word with what meaning is "latent" derived?  
 LATEO – LIE HIDDEN
- B2: Which of the following English words does not belong based on its Latin root: courage, cursory, cursive, course, current?  
 COURAGE

- TU # 20: What were the two main characteristics of a Roman play called a 'fabula praetexta'?  
TRAGEDY / IN A ROMAN SETTING
- B1: What were the two main characteristics of a Roman play called a 'fabula palliata'?  
COMEDY / IN A GREEK SETTING
- B2: What were the two main characteristics of a Roman play called a 'fabula togata'?  
COMEDY / IN A ROMAN SETTING