

2004 VJCL State Finals Certamen

Level 1, Round 1

1. Welcome to the 2004 State Finals Certamen. I am confident you will all do well.

What is the Latin word for well? BENE

B1. Say in Latin: This is a good certamen. BONUM CERTAMEN EST.

2. What king of Rome had a wooden bridge built across the Tiber?

ANCUS MARCIUS

B1. Who defended this same bridge from an attack by Lars Porsenna?

HORATIUS COCLES

3. What maiden did Zeus turn into a white cow to escape Hera's jealousy?

IO

B1. What 100-eyed watchman did Hera recruit to guard Io?

ARGUS

Panoptes

4. Who in early Roman history was forced by her uncle to join a chaste

religious order to keep her from having any children? RHEA SILVIA

B1. Who forced Rhea Silvia to join this order?

AMULIUS

5. Change amat to the imperfect tense.

AMABAT

B1. Now change that to the future.

AMABIT

6. What emperor's name meant "little boot"?

CALIGULA

B1. How did he get this nickname?

HE GREW UP IN MILITARY CAMPS AND

WAS

DRESSED IN MINIATURE SOLDIER'S UNIFORM

7. Rome is said to be a city of seven hills. Name four of them.

any 4 of CAPITOLINE, PALATINE, AVENTINE,
QUIRINAL, VIMINAL, EQUILINE, CAELIAN

B1. Name the other three.

see above

8. Who am I? I thought of the idea of how to get inside the walls of Troy,

though I didn't actually build the horse. I had ten long years of trying

to get home to Ithaca before I was finally united with my wife Penelope.

ODYSSEUS

B1. What goddess gave Odysseus the idea of the Trojan horse?

ATHENA

9. What structures, a remarkable feat of Roman engineering, were under the
control of the curator aquarum?

AQUEDUCTS

B1. Spell "aqueduct."

A-Q-U-E-D-U-C-T

10. Translate the following sentence: Et ego et tu sub arbore sedemus.

BOTH YOU AND I ARE SITTING UNDER A TREE

B1. We all know the word *et*. Now give another way to say "and" in Latin.

ATQUE or AC or use the enclitic -QUE

11. What is the difference in meaning between "inter" and "intra"?

INTER means BETWEEN; INTRA means WITHIN

B1. What about "ibi" and "ubi"?

IBI means THERE; UBI means WHERE

12. The pay for a Roman soldier was called a "salarium," which is related to the Latin word for what substance?

SALT

B1. Why was salt important for a Roman soldier?

USED AS CURRENCY or COULD PRESERVE MEAT or SEASONING, etc.

13. Give the correct Latin equivalent for the prepositional phrase in the following sentence: "He read the letter to the slave"

SERVO

B1. Now make *servo* plural. SERVIS

14. The last king of Rome, Tarquinius Superbus, was overthrown in a revolt led by whom?

Lucius Iunius BRUTUS

B1. Perhaps Brutus inspired Virginia's state motto. Please give the Latin and the English.

SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS meaning THUS ALWAYS TO TYRANTS

15. What type of ablative would be used to translate the sentence "Marcus is playing with a ball"?

ABLATIVE of MEANS

B1. Translate the sentence "Marcus is running with the ball."

MARCUS CUM PILA CURRIT

16. Name the first 2 Roman emperors.

1. AUGUSTUS or OCTAVIANus

2. TIBERIUS Claudius Nero

B1. Name 2 of the other Julio-Claudian emperors?

any two of the following: CLAUDIUS, NERO or CALIGULA (GAIUS Caesar)

17. Which of the following items would an ancient Roman not have eaten: cabbage, cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, or carrots?

TOMATOES

B1. What was the favorite meat of the Romans?

PORK

18. In what two cases does the 1st declension exhibit an "is"?

ABLATIVE and DATIVE PLURAL

B1. For which declension can "is" be in the genitive case?

THIRD

19. Welcome to the *Cinema Romana*. What current comedy might the Romans have called *puella vicina*?

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

B1. What other comedy, also featuring Elisha Cuthbert, might the Romans have called *ludus vetus*?

OLD SCHOOL

20. Spell the answer to the following question. What hero left his plow to
save Rome from a military crisis?

C-I-N-C-I-N-N-A-T-U-S

B1. To what office was he appointed?

DICTATOR

LATIN I, ROUND 3 2

- Toss-Up #1:** Using the Latin verb from which we get the English word “invincible,”
say in Latin “We will win.” **VINCEMUS**
- Bonus:** Say in Latin “We will win in this certamen.”
VINCEMUS IN HOC CERTAMINE
- Toss-Up #2:** Who was the first Christian emperor of Rome?
CONSTANTINE
- Bonus:** Which emperor split the empire into four divisions?
DIOCLETIAN
- Toss-Up #3:** What work of the poet Ovid is one of our main sources of the stories from
mythology? **METAMORPHOSES**
- Bonus:** What recurrent theme is obvious in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*?
TRANSFORMATIONS
- Toss-Up #4:** What youth was appointed the judge of a divine beauty contest? The
reward was a golden apple labeled “to the fairest.” **PARIS**
- Bonus:** The beauty contest took place on what mountain where Paris was a
shepherd? **MT. IDA**
- Toss-Up #5:** What are the colored pieces of marble used in a mosaic called?
TESSERAE
- Bonus:** What artistic technique involve painting directly onto wet plaster?
FRESCO
- Toss-Up #6:** What is the Latin phrase for “what you just said does not logically
follow”? **NON SEQUITUR**
- Bonus:** What is the Latin phrase for “I do something for you, you do something
for me”? **QUID PRO QUO or MANUS MANUM
LAVAT**
- Toss-Up #7:** The rape of what virtuous wife led to the expulsion of the Tarquins from
Rome? **LUCRETIA**
- Bonus:** Who was Lucretius’ husband who would go on to become one of Rome’s
first consuls? **COLLATINUS**
- Toss-Up #8:** Who was the husband of Helen and the king of Sparta?
MENELAUS
- Bonus:** Who had kidnapped Helen when she was a child?
THESEUS

- Toss-Up #9:** What is the third person plural, future indicative of the verb "to be"?
ERUNT
- Bonus:** What is the second person singular, perfect active indicative of the verb "to be"?
FUISTI
- Toss-Up #10:** What is the Latin equivalent of Persephone, daughter of Demeter?
PROSERPINA
- Bonus:** Who was the Roman goddess of gardens and fruit trees?
POMONA
- Toss-Up #11:** Who was the author of *Ab Urbe Condita*, a history covering the founding and early history of Rome?
LIVY
- Bonus:** Was the *Ab Urbe Condita* 100, 128, or 142 books in length?
142
- Toss-Up #12:** Give the translation for "*Ambulare solet*".
"HE IS ACCUSTOMED TO WALK"
- Bonus:** What is the Latin for "He walks alone"?
SOLUS AMBULAT
- Toss-Up #13:** What was the term for a well-to-do man who received *clientes* in the morning?
PATRONUS
- Bonus:** What was a slave's property called?
SPORTULA
- Toss-Up #14:** The opening ceremonies of the 2004 Olympics are just a few months away. In what year were the very first ancient Olympics held?
776 BC
- Bonus:** What is the official Latin motto of the modern Olympics?
CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS
- Toss-Up #15:** What is the difference in meaning between *opus* and *onus*?
OPUS = WORK/EFFORT/TASK and ONUS = LOAD, BURDEN
- Bonus:** What is the declension and gender of *opus* and *onus*?
THIRD DECLENSION NEUTER
- Toss-Up #16:** What was the term for the Roman head of government in the Republic?
CONSUL
- Bonus:** What was the term for a consul who essentially held the position of governor in a province?
PROCONSUL
- Toss-Up #17:** Complete the following sequence: *unus, quattuor, septem, _____*.
DECEM

Bonus: What is the Latin for "fifteen"? **QUINDECIM**

Toss-Up #18: What is the term for a Roman lunch? **PRANDIUM**

Bonus: What is the term for breakfast? **IENTACULUM**

Toss-Up #19: What were the names of the three Fates?

CLOTHO, LACHESIS, AND ATROPOS

Bonus: By what name was the group Aglaia, Euphrosyne, and Thalia?

GRACES/GRATIAE/CHARITIES

Toss-Up #20: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What Disney movie would you be seeing in Rome by the name *Domus in Campo*? **HOME ON THE RANGE**

Bonus: Say in Latin, "I want to watch *The Matrix*".

**VOLO/CUPIO SPECTARE/VIDERE
MATICEM.**

2004 VJCL Year-End Certamen
Level ONE
Round 3

1. Who was the unfaithful wife of Hephaestus? APHRODITE
B. What are the Roman names of those two divinities? VULCAN & VENUS
2. Change capiunt to passive. CAPIUNTUR
B. Change capiuntur to imperfect tense. CAPIEBANTUR
3. How many consuls served at one time? TWO
B. How long did a consul serve? ONE YEAR
4. From what Latin noun, with what meaning do we derive the English word "nocturnal"?
NOX, NIGHT
B. From what Latin verb, with what meaning do we derive the English word "deposit"? PONO, PUT or PLACE
5. What nomen was shared by two of Rome's kings? TARQUIN(IUS)
B. What nationality were they? ETRUSCAN
6. Give the Latin phrase which means "Seize the Day." CARPE DIEM
B. Give the Latin phrase which means "Beware the Dog." CAVE CANEM
7. Whose kidnapping caused the Trojan War? HELEN'S
B. By whom and from whom was she kidnapped? BY PARIS FROM MENELAUS
8. Distinguish in meaning between vir and homo. MALE VS. HUMAN
B. What is the antonym of vir? FEMINA/ MULIER
9. Who wore a tunica recta? BRIDES (also VESTAL VIRGINS)
B. What were a bride's socci lutei? HER FOOTWEAR
10. Give the genitive and gender of the noun corpus. CORPORIS, NEUTER
B. ... of the noun manus. MANUS, FEM.
11. What Roman writer and admiral lost his life while investigating the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, only to be memorialized by his nephew? PLINY THE ELDER
B. Name the nephew. PLINY THE YOUNGER
12. What three Latin words did Julius Caesar speak after the very quick battle of Zela?
VENI, VIDI, VICI
B. Caesar liked three-word sayings. What were his Latin words when he crossed the Rubicon and began a civil war? ALEA IACTA EST
13. Tell me in English what the following words have in common: ater, russatus, viridis, and albus. THEY ARE COLORS
B. Which of those words means "green"? VIRIDIS
14. In what form did Zeus seduce Danae? SHOWER OF GOLDEN RAIN
B. Who was born of that union? PERSEUS
15. Complete this analogy: magnus: magnos :: omnis: _____. OMNES
B. What TWO cases can omnes be? NOMINATIVE AND ACCUSATIVE
16. Tell me in Latin what type person would have a galea, pilum, scutum, and gladius?
MILES / GLADIATOR
B. What is the Latin word for a shopkeeper or merchant? TABERNARIUS / MERCATOR
17. Quis Alpes transiit contra Romam cum exercitibus et elephantis?
HANNIBAL

B. Where was Hannibal finally defeated by the Romans? ZAMA

18. Give the Latin verb which is missing from this synopsis: audis, audiebas, audies, audiveras, audiveris. AUDIVISTI

B. Change audivisti to the passive. AUDITUS/A ES

19. What island was the sacred birthplace of Apollo? DELOS

B. What city on the Greek mainland was his most famous oracle? DELPHI

20. When you have been recognized, perform the following command: Pone digitum dextrum in aure sinistra et vice versa. (VIH-keh VER-saah) PUT YOUR RIGHT FINGER IN/ON YOUR LEFT EAR AND VICE VERSA

B. Monstrate digitis vestris discipulos qui in hac parte certaminis vicerunt. ALL POINT TO THE WINNING TEAM IN THIS ROUND