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ROUND C1

- I. What is the second person singular perfect active indicative of **ceno**?
CENAVISTI
- What is the same form of **cano**? CECINISTI
What is the same form of **conor**? CONATUS ES
- II. What would a Roman call our first name?
PRAENOMEN
- Of a Roman's three names, which one identified his **gens**? HIS NOMEN (THE MIDDLE ONE)
Which one identified his more immediate branch of that **gens**? THE COGNOMEN (THE LAST ONE)
- III. Who was the Roman king of the gods? JUPITER
- Where was his throne? MOUNT OLYMPUS
What was his Greek name? ZEUS
- IV. What is the ablative plural of **urbs**? URBIBUS
- What is the ablative plural of **hospes**? HOSPITIBUS
What is the ablative plural of **passus**? PASSIBUS
- V. What Latin verb with what meaning is the root of the nouns "decision" and "incision"?
CAEDO=CUT
- What Latin verb with what meaning is the root of the nouns "delusion" and "illusion"?
LUDO = PLAY
- What Latin verb with what meaning is the root of the nouns "depression" and "impression"?
PREMO=PRESS, CRUSH
- VI. What is the gender of **nauta**? MASCULINE
- For five points each, name two other first-declension masculine common nouns.
PIRATA, INCOLA, AGRICOLA, POETA, AURIGA, SCRIBA, VERNA
- VII. What preposition goes with an ablative of agent?
A/AB
- What preposition goes with a dative of agent?
NONE
- What preposition goes with an ablative of means?
NONE

VIII. Quot digiti tibi sunt? DECEM (or VIGINTI)
 Quot capita tibi sunt? UNUM
 Quot oculi tibi sunt? DUO

IX. Where in the Roman world did Q. Sertorius lead a rebellion?
 SPAIN (or LUSITANIA or CELTIBERIA or HISPANIA ULTERIOR)

 Who was sent to quell the rebellion?
 POMPEY or METELLUS PIUS
 How was the rebellion finally crushed? SERTORIUS WAS MURDERED BY ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS (M. PERPERNA)

X. Why do we remember the year 79AD?
 THE ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS or THE DEATH OF VESPASIAN

 Why do we remember the year 31BC? THE BATTLE OF ACTIUM
 Why do we remember the year 69AD? YEAR OF FOUR EMPERORS

XI. How many wars did the Romans fight with the Carthaginians?

 THREE

 How many did they fight with the Samnites? THREE
 How many times did Caesar invade Britain? TWICE

XII. What was the group whose members were Stheno, Euryale and Medusa?

 THE GORGONS

 What was the important distinction between Medusa and her two sisters? THEY WERE IMMORTAL; SHE WASN'T
 What goddess gave Perseus the shield he used as a mirror to slay Medusa? ATHENA (MINERVA)

XIII. What was the name of Pluto's dog? CERBERUS

 How many heads did Cerberus have? THREE
 What did Cerberus guard? THE GATES OF HADES

XIV. What case follows a Latin preposition showing simple location?
 ABLATIVE (or AD/PROPE/APUD/INTER/POST/ANTE + ACCUSATIVE)

 What case follows a preposition showing forward motion?
 ACCUSATIVE
 What case follows a preposition showing motion away from?
 ABLATIVE

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XV. Who gave the people of Attica the olive tree to win their devotion?

ATHENA (MINERVA)

Who was her divine competitor? POSEIDON (NEPTUNE)
What relation was she to him? NIECE

XVI. What emperor soon after accession commanded his brother Geta's murder?

CARACALLA

Who was their father? SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS
What ringleader of Caracalla's assassins succeeded him?
M. OPELLIUS MACRINUS

XVII. Who wounded Venus at Troy? DIOMEDES

Who unsuccessfully requested aid from Diomedes against Aeneas a decade later? TURNUS
Who killed Turnus? AENEAS

XVIII. Give the meaning of the verb **mitto**. SEND

Give the meaning of the verb **mutō**. CHANGE
Give the meaning of the verb **metuo**. FEAR

XIX. Give the command in Latin: "Don't look!"
NOLI/NOLITE SPECTARE!

Say: "We are not afraid."
NON TIMEMUS or TERRITI NON SUMUS
Say: "The angry dog didn't scare us."
CANIS IRATUS NOS NON TERRUIT.

XX. Name and define the Latin noun root of "terrain."
TERRA = EARTH, GROUND, LAND

What does the English adjective "arboreal" mean?
IN or RELATING TO TREES
What does "sylvan" mean? IN or RELATING TO THE FOREST

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ROUND C2

- I. Where did Theseus abandon Ariadne? NAXOS (DIA)
What deity rescued and married her?
 DIONYSUS (BACCHUS)
Whom did Theseus marry after his return home?
 HIPPOLYTA/PHAEDRA/ANTIOPE
- II. What is the Latin noun for "foot"? PES
What is the Latin noun for "hand"? MANUS
What is the Latin noun for "arm"? BRACCHIUM
- III. Whose reign as emperor lasted only 66 days in 193AD?
 DIDIUS JULIANUS'
How had Didius Julianus become emperor?
HE BOUGHT THE THRONE, AUCTIONED BY THE PRETORIANS
Who marched on Rome to depose and succeed Didius?
 SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS
- IV. Translate the noun **lectus**. BED, COUCH
Translate the noun **laurus**. LAUREL TREE
Translate the noun **lupus**. WOLF
- V. What is the dative singular of the phrase **vita brevis**?
 VITAE BREVI
What is the ablative singular? VITĀ BREVI
What is the genitive plural? VITARUM BREVIUM
- VI. Translate **dormiunt**. THEY ARE SLEEPING/ASLEEP
Translate **vocabatis**. YOU WERE CALLING
Translate **ducemus**. WE WILL LEAD
- VII. Who was the founder of Thebes? CADMUS
Who was his sister? EUROPA
Who was his wife? HARMONIA
- VIII. What symbol of a Roman leader's authority was composed of
rods and an axe?
 THE FASCES
What power of the king did the rods symbolize?
THE POWER TO SCOURGE/PUNISH
What power did the axe symbolize?
THE POWER TO EXECUTE

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- IX. Who was the messenger of the gods? HERMES/MERCURY
What did he always carry? THE CADUCEUS
Who was Hera's usual messenger? IRIS
- X. Who died first: Julius Caesar, Pompey, Antony, Cicero?
POMPEY
In what battle was Pompey finally defeated by Caesar?
PHARSALUS
In what country did Pompey meet his death? EGYPT
- XI. What derivative of **puer** means "childish"?
PUERILE
What derivative from a Latin noun means "babyish"?
INFANTILE
What derivative from a Latin noun means "slavish"?
SERVILE
- XII. How many emperors ruled in between the Flavian dynasty
and the Five Good Emperors?
NONE
Who was the last of the Flavians? DOMITIAN
Who was the first of the Five Good Emperors?
NERVA
- XIII. What nymph was changed into a bear? CALLISTO
Who was her son? ARCAS
What are the Latin names for the constellations into
which the two of them were transformed?
URSA MINOR AND URSA MAJOR
- XIV. Who sent two serpents to kill the infant Heracles?
HERA
Who was the mother of Heracles? ALCMENA
What was the nine-headed monster he killed?
THE HYDRA
- XV. What is the Roman numeral for 500? D
What is the Roman numeral for 1000? M
What is the Roman numeral for 50? L
- XVI. What is the present passive singular imperative of
celo?
CELARE
Make it plural. CELAMINI
Make that active. CELATE

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XVII. What city, about sixteen miles away, was Rome's seaport?
OSTIA

What other seaport was the departure point from Italy to Greece?
BRUNDISIUM

What was Athens' seaport? PIRAEUS

XVIII. Translate: **Mei amici in lacu natant.**
MY FRIENDS ARE SWIMMING IN THE LAKE.

Pisces in flumine hodie mordent.

THE FISH IN THE RIVER ARE BITING TODAY.

Cras satis piscium capiemus et cenam familiae parabimus.
TOMORROW WE WILL CATCH ENOUGH FISH AND MAKE THE FAMILY'S
DINNER. (or MAKE DINNER FOR THE FAMILY)

XIX. What English derivative of the Latin verb **rego** is the name for the house in which a minister or parish priest lives?

RECTORY

What derivative of **rego** is the name of a person who rules during the absence or disability of a monarch?

REGENT

What derivative of **rego** is the name for the steerable, lighter-than-air craft nicknamed a blimp?

DIRIGIBLE

XX. How many voices are there in Latin? TWO

Name them. ACTIVE AND PASSIVE

Which one is used when the subject experiences the action of the verb? PASSIVE

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- I. Spell Calypso. C A L Y P S O
Spell Ogygia. O G Y G I A
Spell Odysseus. O D Y S S E U S
- II. What case would you need for the word "children" in this sentence: "The children were frightened by the wolf"?
NOMINATIVE
What case would "children" be in this sentence:
"The wolf was protecting her cubs from the children."
ABLATIVE
Give and explain the case of "children" in: "The wolf's lair was near the children."
DATIVE (or ACCUSATIVE WITH AD OR PROPE)
- III. What deity was called Phoebus? APOLLO
Who was Argeiphontes, "the slayer of Argus"? HERMES
Who was called "the cloud-gatherer"? ZEUS
- IV. Translate **dedisti**. YOU GAVE, YOU HAVE GIVEN
Translate **steterat**. HE HAD STOOD
Translate **tetigerimus**. WE SHALL HAVE TOUCHED
- V. In what form did Zeus visit Europa? AS A BULL
In what form did he visit Alcmena?
AS HER HUSBAND AMPHITRYON
What happened when he showed his true form to Semele?
SHE WAS INCINERATED
- VI. Translate **rota**. WHEEL
Translate **raeda**. COVERED WAGON, STAGECOACH
Translate **rana**. FROG
- VII. What vowel appears nowhere in the inflections of the first declension?
O (or Y)
What vowel does not appear in any of the second-declension neuter endings? E (or Y)
In what ending does U appear in every declension?
GENITIVE PLURAL

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- VIII. What is the ablative singular of **manus**? MANU
What is the ablative plural? MANIBUS
What is the genitive plural? MANUUM
- IX. What Latin name was given to the ten commissioners who wrote the code of the Twelve Tables?
DECEMVIRI
Who was the only person to serve on both sessions of the decemviri? APPLIUS CLAUDIUS
Who supposedly was killed by her own father to save her from Appius Claudius' lust? VERGINIA
- X. What does the noun **vicus** mean? VILLAGE
The adjective **vicinus**? NEARBY, NEIGHBORING
The verb **vinco**? CONQUER
- XI. What emperor raised a wall around Rome in the 270s AD?
AURELIAN (L. DOMITIUS AURELIANUS)
Who was Aurelian's immediate predecessor?
CLAUDIUS II (CLAUDIUS GOTHICUS)
What earlier emperor did Aurelian help Claudius II depose?
GALLIENUS
- XII. Translate: **Mei servi mox liberabuntur.**
MY SLAVES WILL SOON BE SET FREE.
Translate: **Servi Romae multa opera faciebant.**
SLAVES IN ROME USED TO PERFORM MANY TASKS.
Translate: **Romani servos e multis terris recipiebant.**
THE ROMANS BROUGHT SLAVES BACK FROM MANY LANDS.
- XIII. Which of Marc Antony's wives was Augustus' sister?
OCTAVIA
Their daughter Antonia Minor married Livia's son Drusus and bore what future emperor? CLAUDIUS
Which of Antony's wives bore him three children, with the sons named Alexander and Ptolemy, and the daughter named for herself? CLEOPATRA
- XIV. Name and define the Latin noun at the root of "abundant."
UNDA=WAVE
What English adjective meaning "everywhere" comes from a Latin adverb meaning just that? UBIQUITOUS
What Latin verb is the root of the English noun "feat"? FACIO

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- XV. Name a modern title derived from the name Caesar.
CZAR, KAISER
- Name another.
What state has a name that comes from Caesar?
NEW JERSEY (CAESAREA → JERSEY)
- XVI. Who were the parents of Paris? PRIAM AND HECABE/HECUBA
- By what other name was Paris known? ALEXANDER
What herdsman of Priam raised Paris? AGELAUS
- XVII. Annexed by Rome in 58BC, the island of Cyprus was
attached to what mainland province?
CILICIA
- To whom did Caesar give Cyprus in 47BC? CLEOPATRA
Who made it a senatorial province? AUGUSTUS
- XVIII. Give the Latin and the English meaning for the
abbreviation **et al.**
ET ALIA = AND OTHERS, AND OTHER THINGS
or ET ALII = AND OTHERS, AND OTHER PEOPLE
or ET ALIBI = AND ELSEWHERE
- Give the Latin and the English meaning for the
abbreviation **pro tem.**
PRO TEMPORE= FOR THE TIME (BEING)
- Give the Latin and the English for **e.g.**
EXEMPLI GRATIA=FOR (THE SAKE OF) EXAMPLE
- XIX. Who killed these characters: Cercyon, Periphatas,
Phaea, Sciron, Sinis and Procrustes?
THESEUS
- How did Sinis molest travelers?
HE WAS THE PINE-BENDER
- How did Procrustes molest travelers?
WITH THE PROCRUSTEAN BED
- XX. Of the reckoning points within a month of the Roman
calendar, which one is stable month after month?
THE KALENDS
- Of the other two, which one must remain a fixed number
of days before the other? THE NONES
- What is that number, by Roman counting? NINE

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ROUND C10

- I. Who was Hannibal's father? HAMILCAR BARCA
What pledge did Hannibal make to his father?
TO FIGHT ROME ALL HIS LIFE
How many sons did Hamilcar Barca have? THREE
- II. Define *salūs, salūtis*. HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE
Define the noun *solea*. SANDAL, SHOE
Define the verb *soleo, solere*. BE ACCUSTOMED TO
- III. Who instructed Heracles on the lyre? LINUS
Who was Heracles' wife, the woman responsible for his death? DEIANIRA
Who was the centaur whose blood poisoned Heracles? NESSUS
- IV. Which of the following is not a sibling of the other three: Zeus, Hestia, Hephaestus, Hera? HEPHAESTUS
Who was Hephaestus' mother? HERA
Who was Hephaestus' wife? APHRODITE (AGLAIA, CHARIS)
- V. Into what did Dionysus turn his maenads into as punishment for their killing Orpheus? (OAK) TREES
Who was punished with madness for raping a maenad named Coronis? BUTES
How did the mad Butes end his life? JUMPED INTO A WELL
- VI. *Fac sonum asini*. HEEHAW
Fac sonum equi. NEIGH
Fac sonum tauri. MOO
- VII. In whose likeness was the statue for which the Colosseum was nicknamed? NERO'S
What was the Latin name of his palace at that site? DOMUS AUREA
What emperor began the Colosseum? VESPASIAN

- VIII. Translate **miles**. SOLDIER
Translate **pedes**. FOOT SOLDIER, INFANTRYMAN
Translate **eques**. HORSE SOLDIER, CAVALRYMAN
- IX. Who was the beloved of Hero? LEANDER
How did Leander die? DROWNED
Swimming across what body of water did he die?
THE HELLESPONT
- X. What case is needed for Rome in this sentence:
"Messengers carried the news of the victory through
the city of Rome"?
ACCUSATIVE
What case is needed for Rome in these sentences:
"News of the victory was happily received by the consuls
in Rome"? LOCATIVE
"They set out from Rome to join the army"? ABLATIVE
- XI. What mountain range in northwest Africa is named for
a Titan?
THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS
Who changed Atlas into a mountain? PERSEUS
How did he do so? SHOWED HIM THE HEAD OF MEDUSA
- XII. Distinguish in meaning between **mane** and **manē**.
MANE=(IN THE) MORNING, MANĒ=STAY!
Distinguish in meaning between **feci** and **fici**.
FECI = I DID/MADE, FICI=FIG TREES, FIG TREE'S
Distinguish in meaning between **tegi** and **tetigi**, which are
two different verbs in different forms.
TEGI=TO BE COVERED, TETIGI=I TOUCHED
- XIII. What prominent Roman of the first century BC had the
agnomen Felix?
SULLA
What praenomen, also meaning "lucky," did Sulla give
his son? FAUSTUS
What was the cognomen Pompey gave himself? MAGNUS
- XIV. What case is needed for the relative pronoun in this
sentence: "Caesar was the most famous of the Romans who
governed Gaul"?
NOMINATIVE
What number is needed for the relative pronoun? PLURAL
What is the antecedent of the relative pronoun? ROMANS

- XV. From what Latin verb do "ditty" and "ditto" come?
DICO
- What Latin noun with what meaning is preserved in "enjoy"? GAUDIUM=JOY
What Latin noun with what meaning is preserved in "endow"? DOS=DOWRY
- XVI. What is the locative of **Athenae**? ATHENIS
- What is the locative of **Carthago**?
CARTHAGINI or CARTHAGINE
What is the locative of **Ostia**? OSTIAE/OSTIIS
- XVII. What English word for Mt. Etna or Mt. Vesuvius comes from the Roman god of fire?
VOLCANO
- What name for a grain product reminds us of the Roman goddess of agriculture? CEREAL
What adjective for "dark and gloomy" comes from the name of one of the Underworld's rivers? STYGIAN
- XVIII. What is the genitive plural of **lex**? LEGUM
- What is the genitive plural of **legio**? LEGIONUM
What is the genitive plural of **legumen**? LEGUMINUM
- XIX. What was the crimson-edged toga of magistrates and young boys?
TOGA PRAETEXTA
- What was the brightly colored toga of a triumphing general? TOGA PICTA
What was the plain white toga of manhood?
TOGA VIRILIS (or PURA or LIBERA)
- XX. What king built the first drainage system for the growing city of Rome?
TARQUINIUS PRISCUS
- What king built the Cloaca Maxima?
TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS or TARQUINIUS PRISCUS
What temple did Tarquinius Superbus begin?
THE TEMPLE OF JUPITER CAPITOLINUS

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- I. For what year was Tiberius Gracchus first elected
tribune?

133BC

Name two prominent noblemen who supported Tiberius' land
law.

APP. CLAUDIUS PULCHER

P. LICINIUS CRASSUS DIVES MUCIANUS

P. MUCIUS SCAEVOLA

- II. Whose death at Athens necessitated a periodic tribute of
seven maidens and seven youths?

ANDROGEUS'

Who was Androgeus' father? MINOS

What king of Athens had had a part in Androgeus' death?

AEGEUS

- III. What does the idiom **verba dare** mean? DECEIVE, TRICK

What does the idiom **manus dare** mean?

SURRENDER, ACQUIESCE, YIELD

What does the idiom **fabulam dare** mean?

PRODUCE/EXHIBIT A PLAY

- IV. What eastern power did Aurelian destroy in 273AD?

PALMYRA

Who was the ruler of Palmyra? ZENOBIA

What husband had been killed on this ambitious woman's
orders?

ODAENATHUS

- V. Which of Caesar's wives left him a widower?

CORNELIA

Which of them did he leave a widow? CALPURNIA

Which one bore him his only legitimate child?

CORNELIA

- VI. Who was the first husband of Julia, daughter of Augustus?

MARCELLUS

Who was her second? AGRIPPA

Who was her third? TIBERIUS

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- VII. Which of these would you be most likely to hear from a **medicus**: **lacus**, **aestas**, **arx**, **morbis**?
MORBIS

Which of these might your **medicus** ask to examine: **auris**,
rus, **custos**, **vicus**? AURIS
Which of these would he be unlikely to ask to see:
anguis, **lingua**, **sanguis**, **unguis**? ANGUIS

- VIII. Tell me in Latin: "Rome is a beautiful city in Italy."
ROMA EST URBS PULCHRA IN ITALIA.

Italy today is a large country in Europe.
ITALIA HODIE EST PATRIA MAGNA IN EUROPA.
Germany is now larger than Italy.
GERMANIA NUNC EST MAIOR ITALIA (QUAM ITALIA)

- IX. In a curious whim of derivation, what English word do
you find where three Latin roads come together?
TRIVIA

What English adjective for "detailed" or "mystifying"
comes from **arca**? ARCANUM
What English noun for "details" comes from **minuo**?
MINUTIAE

- X. What kind of pronoun are **tu** and **ego**?
PERSONAL

What kind of pronoun refers back to the sentence's
subject? REFLEXIVE
What kind of pronoun modifies and specifies a noun?
DEMONSTRATIVE

- XI. In English it's a noun for a legal document, but in Latin
it's a verb that means "he has sworn." What is the word?
AFFIDAVIT

What English legal term is a Latin phrase that means
"under penalty"? SUB POENA
What English legal term is a Latin ablative phrase
meaning "in good faith"? BONA FIDE

- XII. We are in the **tonsor's** establishment. Translate into
Latin: "Show me your teeth, Marcus."
MONSTRA MIHI TUOS DENTES, MARCE.

"Marcus has 30 white teeth."
TRIGINTA DENTES CANDIDI MARCO SUNT or
MARCUS DENTES TRIGINTA CANDIDOS HABET.
"Marcus has lost two teeth this year."
MARCUS DUO/DUOS DENTES HOC ANNO AMISIT.

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- XIII. What is the adverb of **potens**? POTENTER
What is the comparative adverb? POTENTIUS
What is the superlative adverb? POTENTISSIME
- XIV. What rare praenomen is abbreviated K? KAESO
Distinguish the abbreviations for Tiberius and Titus.
TI = TIBERIUS, T = TITUS
Distinguish the abbreviations for Marcus and Manius.
M = MARCUS, M' = MANIUS
- XV. What was the name of Circe's island? AEAEA
How long was Odysseus there? ONE YEAR
What god helped him to defy Circe's magic? HERMES
- XVI. Name two living mortals who entered and left the Underworld.
ADONIS, AENEAS, HERACLES, ODYSSEUS, ORPHEUS, PSYCHE, THESEUS
Name two more.
Name two more.
- XVII. To win whose hand in marriage did a suitor have to yoke a lion and a boar to a chariot?
ALCESTIS'
What did her husband find when he forgot to sacrifice to Artemis at his wedding? HIS BED/BEDROOM FULL OF SNAKES
How did Apollo get for his friend Admetus the prophecy that he wouldn't have to die if someone would die for him?
APOLLO GOT THE FATES DRUNK AND GOT THE OFFER OUT OF THEM
- XVIII. What period of time was the **nundinae**? 9 DAYS (or 8)
What was a baby's naming day called?
DIES LUSTRICUS (or DIES NOMINUM or NOMINALIA)
What were the gifts given to the kid on the **dies lustricus** called? CREPUNDIA
- XIX. What mythological character suckled the baby Zeus?
AMALTHEA
What nymph brought the baby to the goat Amalthea?
ADRASTEA
What mountain did this take place on? IDA (or DICTE)

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XX.	What is the plural of illud?	ILLA
	What is the plural of illā?	ILLIS
	What is the plural of illā?	ILLAE

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C LEVEL TIEBREAKERS

I. LANGUAGE

1. What is the Latin word for "goddess"? DEA
2. **Quot genua tibi sunt?** DUO
3. Give the meaning of **miror**. WONDER, MARVEL, BE SURPRISED
4. **Pone digitum in aure.** PLAYER SHOULD PUT FINGER IN EAR.
5. What is the perfect active infinitive of **suadeo**? SUASISSE
6. Make **fugit** perfect. FUGIT
7. Name and define the Latin root of "contemporary." TEMPUS=TIME
8. What English verb comes from **cras**? PROCRASTINATE
9. Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **i.e.**
ID EST=THAT IS
10. In what case do you address someone? VOCATIVE

II. MYTHOLOGY

1. What was the Roman name for Hera? JUNO
2. What maiden turned into a laurel tree? DAPHNE
3. Who was Oedipus' adoptive father? POLYBUS
4. Who was Jason's father? AESON
5. What two gods were entertained by Baucis and Philemon?
HERMES/MERCURY AND ZEUS/JUPITER

III. HISTORY

1. Who were the important Roman spirits of the cupboard? PENATES
2. What wife of the emperor Claudius was executed for treason?
MESSALINA
3. What emperor was called "the Arab"? PHILIP
4. What battle was Julius Caesar's last? MUNDA
5. What battle of 225BC saw the last Roman defeat of the Gauls
on Italian soil? TELAMON