## 2019 PRINCETON CERTAMEN ADVANCED ROUND ONE

1. Author, auction, and augment are all derived from what Latin verb with what meaning?

**AUGEO - INCREASE** 

B1: Article and articulation are derived from what Latin noun with what meaning?

**ARTUS-**LIMB

B2: Artillery and inertia are derived from what Latin noun with what meaning?

**ARS-**SKILL

2. Which Roman author, born to a plebeian family, despised aristocracy, writing that the Metelli had become consuls by fate, in addition to composing an epic on the First Punic war titled *Bellum Punicum*?

(GNAEUS) NAEVIUS

B1: The Metelli responded to Naevius's insult by imprisoning Naevius, who was ultimately exiled to what city in North Africa?

**UTICA** 

B2: Cicero in his work *Brutus* compared Naevius's *Bellum Punicum* to a statue of Myron, and he compared what earlier author's translation of the *Odyssey* to a primitive carving of Daedalus?

LIVIUS ANDRONICUS

3. Symmachus' speech regarding the altar of victory, the abolishment of the Olympic games, and defeating the usurpers Eugenius and Magnus Maximus all occurred during the reign of what emperor, the last to rule over a unified Roman empire?

THEODOSIUS I

B1: Theodosius I split the empire between his two sons. Name the two sons and the portion of the empire each respective son obtained.

HONORIUS (WEST) & ARCADIUS (EAST)

B2: In what year did Theodosius order the closure of all pagan temples?

391 A.D

4. Dēscrībāmus nunc proprietātēs dictionum in hāc sententiā: "Deī sub nūmine viget." Quā personā est "viget"?

**TERTIĀ** 

B1+B2: For five points each: Quibus cāsibus sunt "deī" et "nūmine"?

**GENITĪVŌ** and **ABLĀTĪVŌ** 

[RESPECTIVELY; FIVE POINTS FOR EACH CORRECT]

5. Upon whose birth did Clotho, Atropos, and Lachesis appear to Althaea to predict the boy's fame and fate?

MELEAGER'S

B1: Who was Meleager's father?

OENEUS / ARES

B2: What expedition did Meleager join at such a young age that he had to be accompanied by his uncle Laocoon?

**ARGONAUTS** 

6. Differentiate in meaning between **pondus** and **pontus** 

WEIGHT/BURDEN/MASS and SEA

B1: Differentiate in meaning between praedo and praeda

THIEF / PIRATE and BOOTY

B2: Differentiate in meaning between pellis and pelagus

SKIN/HIDE and SEA

7. When Numa Pompilius established the position of *pontifex maximus*, who became the first person to ever hold the position?

**NUMA MARCIUS** 

B1: Who served as *pontifex maximus* until his death in 12 B.C., passing off the title to Augustus?

LEPIDUS

B2: What man became the first plebeian to ever hold the position of pontifex maximus CORUNCANIUS

8. Which Roman poet, born on March 20, 43 BC, held a series of administrative posts before he abandoned politics for literature, writing *Remedia Amoris*, *Ars Amatoria*, and *Amores*?

OVID/PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO

B1: What is the only work of Ovid that is composed in dactylic hexameters?

**METAMORPHOSES** 

B2: Ovid enjoyed the patronage of what man, who took part in the Battle of Actium and to whom Tibullus dedicated a hexameter praise?

(MARCUS VALERIUS) MESSALLA (CORVINUS)

9. In addition to the **corvus**, some other Latin animals became mixed up in military terminology. For example, what Latin word means "ram" and, by extension, "battering ram"?

**ARĪĒS** 

B1: Likewise, what Latin word may refer to a "battering ram" in addition to its typical meaning of "crane"?

**GRŪS** 

B2: What type of Roman siege engine derives its name from a particularly stingy arachnid?

10. Situated somewhere near Hecate's grove and the cave of the Cumaean Sibyl, what body of water came to be regarded by the Romans as an entrance to the Underworld?

LAKE AVERNUS

B1: What Lernaean lake was also sometimes considered a port into the Underworld?

ALCYONIAN LAKE

B2: Name one figure in mythology who entered the Underworld through the Alcyonian Lake.

HERACLES / DIONYSUS

11. Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What 2010 movie's title could be rendered into Latin as "Quomode exercere tuum draconem"?

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

B1: What 2018 movie title could be rendered into Latin as Nonne es meus vicinus?

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOOR

(OR A CORRECT LITERAL TRANSLAITON)

B2: What surreal 2018 movie could be rendered into Latin as "**Me paenitet te vexare**"? SORRY TO BOTHER YOU

(ACCEPT CORRECT LITERAL TRANSLATIONS)

12. Many events of the Trojan War, beginning with the fateful judgment of Paris, took place on the slopes of what mountain?

(MT.) IDA

B1: What nymph of Mount Ida was the original wife of Paris before he married Helen?

OENONE

B2: At the time of the Trojan War, what man ruled over Dardania on the slopes of Mount Ida?

**AENEAS / ANCHISES** 

13. Which Roman author, a pupil of Attalus and Sotion, was recalled from exile by Agrippina the Younger to tutor the young Nero before being implicated in the Pisonian conspiracy?

SENECA THE YOUNGER/LUCIUS ANNAEUS SENECA

[prompt on SENECA]

B1: In addition to expounding upon Stoic philosophy, Seneca the Younger wrote a treatise on natural phenomena divided into how many books?

**SEVEN** 

B2: Through his brother Annaeus Mela, Seneca was the uncle to what Roman poet, who composed a ten-book epic on the civil war between Caesar and Pompey?

LUCAN/MARCUS ANNAEUS LUCANUS

14. What 4<sup>th</sup> century emperor's childhood interest in Neoplatonist philosophy led to his open embrace of paganism, earning him the nickname Apostate?

B1: Julian had become emperor after the death of what long-time ruler, the last of Constantine's sons?

**CONSTANTIUS II** 

B2: Jovian absolved Julian's pagan policies and foreshadowed the dominance of Christianity during what new dynasty that succeeded him?

VALENTINIAN / THEODOSIAN DYNASTY

15. What use of the accusative is found in the following sentence: **Suā sponte ducem Marium praebuērunt**?

PREDICATE / DOUBLE ACCUSATIVE

B1: What use of the accusative is found in the phrase virile secus?

ADVERBIAL

B2: What use of the accusative is found in the phrases **huncīne hominem** and **mē miserum**?

**EXCLAMATION** 

16. Near what city, situated on a headland in the Tunisian coast, did Cato the Younger fight Julius Caesar for the final title before committing suicide in 46 B.C.?

**THAPSUS** 

B1: What father-in-law of Pompey commanded the Pompeian forces at Thapsus?

METELLUS SCIPIO

B2: What Numidian king, previously victorious over Caesar's forces at the Bagradas Valley, contributed troops to Thapsus but proved a rash commander?

JUBA

17. It's round one so here's a funsie for your entertainment. Please render this question from Lil Wayne's recent album, *Tha Carter V*, into English: **Intuēns nūbēs, utrum surgō an dēscendunt?**STARING INTO THE CLOUDS, AM I RISING OR THEY COMING DOWN

(cf. A&G §335)

B1: Fantastic job. Now do the same for the following lines from a musician who was known to the Romans as **Tenuis Tenebrōsus**: **Suae palmae sunt sūdōrae**, **genua dēbilia**, **bracchia sunt gravia**, **vomitiō iam est in vestīmentō**, **mātris spacellī**.

HIS PALMS ARE SWEATY, KNEES WEAK, ARMS ARE HEAVY, THERE'S VOMIT ON HIS SWEATER ALREADY, MOM'S SPAGHETTI

(alternate accurate translations acceptable, but boring)

B2: "Lose Yourself" is an instant classic, but who could forget Eminem's collaboration with Rihanna that led to "Love the Way You Lie," a smash hit. Translate the less grammatically ambiguous version of the duo's track, "I love the manner in which you are lying to me."

MODUM IN QUŌ MIHI MENTĪRIS AMŌ

18. Recall from chemistry the law of conservation of mass. Which Roman author states this sentiment, writing **ni fieri ex nihilo, in nihilum nil posse reverti**, setting forth the principles of Epicurean atomic physics in his didactic epic *De Rerum Natura*.

(TITUS) LUCRETIUS (CARUS)

B1: To whom, a tribune of the plebs and an acquaintance of Catullus, is the *De Rerum Natura* dedicated?

**GAIUS MEMMIUS** 

B2: With what disastrous event, also recounted by Thucydides, does the *De Rerum Natura* conclude?

PLAGUE AT ATHENS (IN 430 BC)

19. The people of Cius conducted an annual search for what son of Theiodamas, whom the nymph of the spring Pegae seized as he drew water for Heracles?

**HYLAS** 

B1: While Hylas was drawing water, Heracles had gone to the woods to fashion himself a replacement for what object?

(HIS) OAR

B2: What other Argonaut, who shares a name with a famous Cyclops, was also lost to the Argonauts in Mysia?

**POLYPHEMUS** 

20. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "When the sun rises, they are filled with great joy."

## CUM SOL ORITUR, MAGNO GAUDIO/MAGNI GAUDII (IM)PLENTUR.

B1. Translate the same sentence using a different case for "great joy".

## CUM SOL ORITUR, MAGNO GAUDIO/MAGNI GAUDII (IM)PLENTUR.

B2. Transform the same sentence into a past neutral condition.

## CUM SOL ORSUS EST, MAGNO GAUDIO/MAGNI GAUDII IMPLETI SUNT

(4th pp. of "pleo" not attested)

#### Extra Questions - ADVANCED Round 1

1. For the verb **suadeo**, give the 2nd person, singular, pluperfect, active, subjunctive.

**SUASISSES** 

B1: Change **suaseris** to the perfect.

**SUASERIS** 

B2: Change **suaseris** to the 3rd person, passive.

**SUASI ERUNT** 

2. What hero's ignominious exile from Iolcus by Acastus prompted him to journey to Corinth and marry Glauce, thereby repudiating his wife Medea?

**JASON** 

B1: In retribution for this slight, Medea killed her two children by Jason. Name either.

MERMERUS or PHERES

B2: Jason remarkably ironically met his death when the prow of what ship fell on him? ARGO

3. Naval stations at Luna and Genua came about due to the construction of what Roman road that ran from Tuscany to Pisae?

**VIA AURELIA** 

B1: What ancient road ran parallel to the Via Aurelia up to Arpinum?

VIA FLAMINIA

B2: What road ran in ancient Greece from Apollonia to Thessalonica?

VIA EGNATIA

4. What Roman author, who brought the poet Ennnius to Rome, was famous for his conservative morality and wrote the first historical treatise in Latin titled *Origines*?

CATO THE ELDER/MARCUS PORCIUS CATO

[prompt on "Cato"]

B1: Into how many books was the *Origines* divided?

**SEVEN** 

B2: In 167 B.C., in a speech that would later be incorporated in the fifth book of the *Origines*, Cato defended what city, whose inhabitants had offered to mediate the dispute between Rome and Macedonia?

RHODES

## 2019 PRINCETON CERTAMEN ADVANCED ROUND TWO

1. What was the name of the daily publication that Julius Caesar established, the first of its kind, in 59 B.C.?

#### **ACTA DIURNA**

B1: What precursor to the **Acta Diurna** was a set of historical recordings, compiled by the **pontifex maximus** and arranged chronically, of major events and announcements posted on the an **album** outside the Regia?

#### **ANNALES MAXIMI**

B2: The full edition of the **Annales Maximi**, after being discontinued, was published by what consul of 133 B.C. and **pontifex maximus** after his consulship?

(P.) MUCIUS SCAEVOLA

2. Which Roman author, born in Sabine territory and a staunch member of the **populares**, was judged by Martial as the "prince of Roman historiographers" for writing monographs on the Jugurthian and Catilinarian wars?

## SALLUST/GAIUS SALLUSTIUS CRISPUS

B1: Sallust was the governor of what province, a position for which he was accused of embezzlement?

AFRICA NOVA

B2: Citing Varro, Aulus Gellius suggests that Sallust was expelled from the Roman senate in 52 BC for what crime?

MORAL DEGENERACY/AFFAIR WITH MILO'S WIFE (FAUSTA)

3. After he was aided by the Trojan crown in conquering Thrace, who later returned the favor by leading his army and, in particular, his invaluable horses against the Greeks?

RHESUS

B1: Which of the Trojan allies betrayed Rhesus' location to Odysseus and Diomedes?

**DOLON** 

- B2: What fate ultimately befell Rhesus after his death at the hands of the Greeks?

  HE BECAME AN ORACLE / ORACULAR SPIRIT (IN THRACIAN SILVER MINES)
- 4. Using **decet**, and **nix** for snowflake, say in Latin, "In the winter, snowflakes should fall."

#### HIEME NIVĒS CADERE DECET

B1: Using **opus est**, say in Latin, "Aeneas needs a branch."

AENĒAE RĀMŌ OPUS EST

B2: Using miseret, say in Latin, "The water nymph pities the thief."

NYMPHEN/NAIDA FŪRIS MISERET

5. Give the genitive plural for the phrase **ingēns flūctus**.

INGENTIUM FLŪCTUUM

B1: Make that phrase ablative.

## INGENTIBUS FLŪCTIBUS

B2: Make that phrase superlative and accusative.

#### INGENTISSIMŌS FLŪCTŪS

6. Which Roman author from a distinguished family belonged to the Scipionic Circle, a position which allowed him to attack other prominent figures in his thirty books of satires?

(GAIUS) LUCILIUS

B1: Lucilius attacked which Roman playwright, who was considered by Cicero to be the best of the Roman tragedians, for being contrived, pretentious, and reckless with neologisms?

(MARCUS) PACUVIUS

B2: Which of Lucilius's works is a parody in prose and poetry depicting the gods as they attack a certain Lentulus Lupus?

#### **CONCILIUM DEORUM**

7. The following Latin words appear at the beginning of what type of clause: **Licet, tametsi, quamvis, quamquam** 

CONCESSIVE (CLAUSE)

- B1: Which of the Latin words included in the toss-up regularly takes the subjunctive?

  LICET, QUAMVIS
- B2: The Latin word **dummodo** introduces what type of clause?

(CLAUSE OF) PROVISO

8. To accomplish which of his labors did Heracles make the Strymon river unnavigable by filling it with stones, wrestle with the Sicilian king Eryx, receive a golden cup from Helios, and kill the two-headed hound Orthrus and his three-bodied owner?

CATTLE OF GERYON [PROMPT ON "TENTH"]

- B1: Heracles also killed what herdsman of Geryon when he came to the help of Orthrus? EURYTION
- B2: According to Vergil, Heracles was honored as a hero at Pallanteum for killing what fire-breathing giant on his way home from the labor?

**CACUS** 

9. After handing Domitian a list of individuals that we're conspiring against him, what imperial butler stabbed the emperor to death in 96 A.D.?

**STEPHANUS** 

B1: The real conspiracy against Domitian was led by what praetorian prefect?

PETRONIUS SECUNDUS

B2: During the early reign of Nerva, what other praetorian prefect demanded the execution of all those who had conspired against Domitian?

**CASPERIUS AELIANUS** 

10. Differentiate in derivation between the noun soil and the verb soil.

## NOUN FROM **SOLUM** (GROUND) & VERB FROM **SUS** (PIG)

B1: Differentiate in derivation between refrain meaning 'to abstain from an impulse to say or do something' and refrain meaning 'a phrase or verse recurring at intervals in a song or poem, especially at the end of each stanza'.

FRENUM (BRIDLE) & FRANGO (BREAK) RESPECTIVELY

B2: The English word air, spelled A-I-R, is derived from Greek, but from what Latin word is the English word heir, spelled H-E-I-R, derived?

**HERES - HEIR** 

11. Give the accusative supine for the verb **cieo**, meaning "to stir up."

**CITUM** 

B1: Give the accusative supine for the verb hiō, meaning "to gape."

HIĀTUM

B2: Give the accusative supine for the verb **rādō**, meaning "to scrape."

**RĀSUM** 

12. According to Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, what maiden pointed to a heap of dust and said "I want as many birthdays as there are grains of sand within that pile" when Apollo asked for her greatest wish?

CUMAEAN SIBYL / DEIPHOBË

B1: The Sibyl therefore tells Aeneas, who was visiting Cumae, that she will live for how many years?

ONE THOUSAND

B2: In both Ovid and Vergil's accounts, Aeneas visits the Cumaean Sibyl so he can access the Underworld and speak to what father of his?

**ANCHISES** 

13. What city in southern Italy never recovered from it's losses in the Second Punic War the way Capua did, though it was regained by the Romans just by 209 B.C.?

**TARENTUM** 

B1: What former dictator successfully recaptured Tarentum?

Q. FABIUS MAXIMUS CUNCTATOR

B2: Tarentum was chosen, like Carthage, as a site for a colony by what relative of Scipio Afrianus?

**GAIUS GRACCHUS** 

14. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "I fear that the Carthaginians will enter the city."

# VEREOR/TIMEO NE POENI/CARTHAGINIENSES (IN) URBEM INEANT/INTRENT.

B1. Using a participle, translate the following sentence into Latin: "Hannibal has come to avenge his father."

HANNIBAL VENIT PATREM (SUUM) ULTURUS.

B2. Using a cum-clause, translate the following sentence into Latin: "Since the fields had been sown with salt, the land produced no grain."

## CUM AGRI SALE SATI ESSENT, TERRA NIHIL FRUMENTI GENUIT (OR SIMILAR VERB).

15. Second only to Caecilius Statius in the rankings of Volcacius Sedigitus, which Roman dramatist worked in a flour mill after his nautical business collapsed and wrote *Persa*, *Rudens*, and *Miles Gloriosus*?

(TITUS MACCIUS/MACCUS) PLAUTUS

B1: Which Plautine comedy, featuring Tyndarus, Philepolemus [FEE-leh-PAUL-le-mus], and Hegio, contains no female characters?

CAPTIVI

B2: Which Plautine comedy, whose prologue is delivered by the **lar familiaris** of Euclio, is the inspiration for Moliere's *L'Avare* and features a hidden pot of gold?

**AULULARIA** 

16. What Latin noun, found only in the plural, shares its meaning with **gula** and **iugulum**, and is at the root of "suffocate"?

**FAUCĒS** 

B1: What reduplicative verb synonymous with **gigno** is at the root of "repertoire"?

**PARIŌ** 

B2: What adverb, the comparative of **multum**, is at the root of "master" and "maxim"?

MAGIS (OR MAGE, <u>BUT THAT'S THE POETIC FORM</u>)

17. Quid Anglicē significat "corōlla"?

LITTLE CROWN / LITTLE WREATH

B1: Quid Anglicē significat "foculus"?

LITTLE HEARTH / BRAZIER

B2: Quid Anglicē significat "opusculum"?

LITTLE WORK / TRIFLE

18. Failing to hold the city of Aquileia, what 3<sup>rd</sup> century emperor lost to the forces of Puppienus and Balbinus and was killed by his own troops after a 3-year reign in 238 A.D.?

**MAXIMINUS THRAX** 

B1: Maximinus Thrax took the throne in 235 A.D. when he committed the double execution of his predecessor and his mother. Name both these figures.

ALEXANDER SEVERUS & JULIA MAMAEA

B2: What eastern province became the first to declare for Maximinus Thrax in 234 A.D.?

PANNONIA

19. What man conceived his son Polypoetes on the same day he led the Lapiths in battle against the centaurs?

**PIRITHOUS** 

B1: Pirithous' battle with the centaurs took place after they interrupted his marriage to what daughter of Butes?

HIPPODAMEIA

B2: With what son of Coronus did Polypoetes later lead the Lapiths to Troy?

**LEONTEUS** 

20. Which equestrian Roman author from Cisalpine Gaul, who describes his work as **expolitum**, was greatly inspired by Hellenistic poetry and Sappho in composing his *Carmina* consisting of 116 poems?

(GAIUS VALERIUS) CATULLUS

B1: In his *Carmina docta*, Catullus translates what work of Callimachus?

LOCK OF BERENICE

B2: Which distinguished politician, an **imperator unice**, does Catullus attack in poem 29 for giving Mamurra free reign in Gaul and Britain?

(GAIUS JULIUS) CAESAR

### Extra Questions - ADVANCED Round 2

1. What does the preposition adversus mean?

**AGAINST** 

B1: ... secundum

**FOLLOWING** 

B2: ... praeter

**BEYOND** 

2. Who led a company of Tyrians first to Cyprus and then to the Libyan coast in an effort to escape the tyranny of her brother Pygmalion?

DIDO

B1: What name was originally given to the city which Dido founded in Libya?

**BYRSA** 

B2: By what other name, perhaps a Phoenician divinity, is Dido sometimes known?

**ELISSA** 

3. What festival celebrated the purification of sheep and shepherds and was connected to Rome's foundation as it was celebrated on April 21<sup>st</sup>?

**PARILLIA** 

B1: What festival hosted on February 15<sup>th</sup> was finally replaced by Pope Galasius I in 494 A.D.?

LUPERCALIA

B2: What month held the Festival of Mars Invictus and the Festival of Fortuna?

MAY

4. What Roman author, born in **Forum Iulii**, was highly esteemed by his contemporaries for his elegiac poetry, but later committed suicide due to a falling out with Augustus?

**CORNELIUS GALLUS** 

B1: How many books of elegiac poetry did Cornelius Gallus compose?

**FOUR** 

B2: Give the poetic pseudonym of Cornelius Gallus's lover, who was a former mistress of Marc Antony?

**LYCORIS** 

[Do not accept "Volumnia" as that is her real name or "Cytheris" as that is Volumnia's stage name as a mime actress]

## 2019 PRINCETON CERTAMEN ADVANCED ROUND THREE

1. Which of the following Latin words does not belong because of gender? **Quercus, humus, vulgus, manus** 

**VULGUS** 

B1: Which of the following Latin nouns is not a pure i-stem? **Vis, securis, febris, iuvenis IUVENIS** 

B2: Which of the following Latin nouns is not 4th declension? **Cetus, porticus, gradus, metus** 

**CETUS** 

2. Legend has it that Castor & Pollux aided the Romans at the Battle of Lake Regillus, earning them a temple built by what dictator?

(AULUS) POSTUMIUS ALBINUS

B1: Where was Albinus said to have built a temple in their name?

ROMAN FORUM/WHERE THEIR HORSES WATERED (STYLE POINS)

B2: What son-in-law of Tarquinius Superbus led the Latins in this battle?

(OCTAVIUS) MAMILIUS

3. Which rhetorical device, excluding alliteration, assonance, and consonance, is featured in the following lines from Book 8 of Vergil's *Aeneid*, when the river god Tiber appears to Aeneas: **eum tenuis glauco velabat amictu carbasus**, **et crinis umbrosa tegebat harundo**.

**SYNCHESIS** 

B1: Which rhetorical device, excluding alliteration, assonance, and consonance, is featured in the following lines concerning Cacus's cave: **umbrosae penitus patuere cavernae**, **non secus ac si qua penitus vi terra dehiscens infernas reseret sedes et regna recludat**.

SIMILE/LITOTES

[note to reader: the gloom of Cacus's cave is being compared to the Underworld, and the litotes specifically refers to **non secus**, "not otherwise"]

B2: Which rhetorical device, excluding alliteration, assonance, and consonance, is featured in the following lines depicting Evander escorting Aeneas around Pallanteum: talibus inter se dictis ad tecta subibant pauperis Evandri, passimque armenta videbant."

**SYNECDOCHE** 

4. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "You must sail as quickly as possible across the sea."

## TIBI/VOBIS QUAM CELERRIME TRANS MARE NAVIGANDUM EST.

B1. Using the nominative case, say in Latin: "It is said that Cicero is very skilled in oratory."

## CICERO DICITUR ESSE PERITISSIMUS ORATIONIS/SERMONIS/LOQUENDI/DICENDI.

B2. Using a word that has different meanings in the singular and plural, say in Latin: "The army retreated."

## EXERCITUS CASTRA RETTULIT / COPIAE SE RECEPERUNT

5. What woman, often said to be Helen's only child, was accidentally promised as a bride to both Orestes and Neoptolemus?

**HERMIONE** 

B1: After she was unable to bear any children to Neoptolemus, on whom did Hermione blame her infertility?

ANDROMACHE

B2: What son did Hermione eventually bear to Orestes?

**TISAMENUS** 

6. Give the Latin for the abbreviation viz.

**VIDELICET** 

B1: What does the phrase **ut supra** mean?

AS ABOVE

B2: What does the phrase **anguis in herba** mean?

SNAKE IN THE GRASS

7. The third child of Marcus Aurelius was also the wife of Lucius Verus, but is more known for staging a revolt against her brother Commodus in 182 B.C. Name this empress.

**LUCILLA** 

B1: What secret police did Commodus use, expanding his power but provoking conspiracies throughout his reign?

**FRUMENTARII** 

B2: What early praetorian prefect was disposed by his colleague Perennis in 282 A.D.?

PATERNUS

8. Which Roman author, whose father had been captured in the Social War, worked at auction sales at Rome, studied under the Academic Theomnestus, and wrote *Epistula ad Pisonem*, *Epodes*, and *Odes*?

## HORACE/QUINTUS HORATIUS FLACCUS

B1: In which of Horace's works can we find jokes about garlic, an invective against Canidia, and an **antiprompempticon** against Maevius, wishing him a shipwreck?

**EPODES** 

B2: Considered by Quintillian to be the only lyrics worth reading, Horace's *Odes* features how many different meters?

**NINETEEN** 

9. What goddess was afflicted with a propensity for carrying off mortal men after she was caught having an affair with Aphrodite's lover Ares?

EOS

B1: What celestial deities were the parents of Eos?

HYPERION & THEIA

B2: What son of Eos and the mortal Tithonus was killed by Heracles as the hero passed through Arabia?

**EMATHION** 

- 10. Order the following Latin temporal adverbs chronologically: **perendiē, hodiē, crās, herī. HERĪ, HODIĒ, CRĀS, PERENDIĒ** 
  - B1: What Latin temporal adverb means "on the day before"?

PRĪDIĒ

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin temporal adverb **āctūtum**?

IMMEDIATELY / AT ONCE

11. Translate the following sentence adapted from Sallust's *Bellum Catilīnae*: Cum vōs cōnsīderō, mīlitēs, magna mē spēs victōriae tenet.

WHEN I THINK ON / CONSIDER YOU (or WILL HAVE...), (MY) SOLDIERS, A GREAT HOPE OF VICTORY HOLDS ME

B1: Translate the following sentence from Cicero's *Prō Archiā*, which I will read as prose: Iam vērō ille, quī cum Aetōlīs Enniō comite bellāvit, Fulvius, nōn dubitāvit Mārtis manubiās Mūsīs cōnsecrāre.

BUT INDEED ALREADY / NOW / LATELY THAT (GREAT) MAN FULVIUS, WHO FOUGHT / WARRED WITH THE AETOLIANS, WITH ENNIUS AS HIS COMPANION, DID NOT HESITATE TO DEVOTE THE SPOILS OF MARS TO THE MUSES

B2: Translate the following lines from a certain extremely raunchy poem of Catullus, which I will read as prose:

vos, quod mīlia multa bāsiorum

lēgistis, male mē marem pūtātis?

YOU (ALL), BECAUSE YOU HAVE READ ABOUT MY MANY THOUSANDS OF KISSES,
THINK THAT I AM BADLY / LESS OF A MAN /MASCULINE

12. Give the comparative for the indeclinable adjective meaning "worthless."

**NĒQUIOR** 

B1: Give the comparative for the indeclinable adjective meaning "fruitful."

FRŪGĀLIOR

B2: Some comparatives and superlatives appear without a positive. Give the comparative for such an adjective meaning "swifter."

ŌCIOR

13. According to Vergil's *Aeneid*, what youth let himself be captured by the Trojans in a successful plot to induce them to take the Trojan Horse within their walls?

B1: To win the Trojans' trust, Sinon cited his close relationship with what man, whom Odysseus had betrayed?

**PALAMEDES** 

B2: Among those involved in the plot against Palamedes was what chief seer of the Greeks?

CALCHAS

14. What chieftain of the Aedui appealed to Julius Caesar for help against Ariovistus?

DIVITIACUS

B1: Despite an earlier piece between the Romans and Aeduans, what younger brother of Divitiacus maintained anti-Roman sentiments during Caesar's campaigns?

**DUMNORIX** 

B2: Which of Caesar's lieutenants aided him in defeating Ariovistus at the foot of the Vosges in 58 B.C.?

PUBLIUS CRASSUS

15. Which Roman author, whose father was a **duovir iuri dicundo**, composed a work, whose Greek equivalent has been attributed to Lucian, on the adventures and transformations of Lucius titled *Asinus Aureus*?

(LUCIUS) APULEIUS

B1: What famous Romantic mythological story is featured in Book 4 of the *Asinus Aureus*?

CUPID AND PSYCHE

B2: Which of Apuleius's works can be considered as a C.V. of sorts as it features twenty-three excerpts from his best speeches and lectures?

FLORIDA/ANTHERA

16. From what Latin noun with what meaning is coin derived?

**CUNEUS** - WEDGE

B1: From what Latin noun with what meaning is immaculate derived?

MACULA - SPOT/STAIN

B2: From what Latin noun with what meaning is raucous derived?

**RAVIS - HOARSENESS** 

17. Which Roman author, a pupil of the Stoic Diodotus and Aelius Stilo, looks to Plato's *Republic* and declares that the best form of government is a mixed government and culminates with the *Somnium Scipionis* in his *De Re Publica*?

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

B1: The 2018 NJCL theme, "I urge you, as much as I am able, to place friendship before all human issues," is taken from Cicero's *De Amicitia*. Give another title for this work, which is the name of Scipio Aemilianus's close friend.

LAFLIUS

B2: Speaking of NJCL themes, the 2014 NJCL, **omnium enim rerum principia parva sunt**, is taken from what work of Cicero, a five-book philosophical masterpiece dedicated to Brutus?

#### De Finibus Bonorum et Malorum

18. Situated just south of the Temple of Fortuna in the limits of the Servian Wall in the northeast part of Rome, what emperor's bath complex was completed in 306 A.D.?

**BATHS OF DIOCLETIAN** 

B1: What two structures built on different sides of the Tiber in the northwest part of Rome were completed in 28 B.C. and 139 A.D.?

MAUSOLEUM OF AUGUSTUS AND MAUSOLEUM OF HADRIAN

B2: What structure formed a shape similar to the shape of Texas around the old Servian Wall, the Seven Hills, and the Campus Martius, and was completed in 275 A.D.?

**AURELIAN'S WALL** 

19. What class of Latin verbs would one use to express the meanings "to go to see," "to be in labor," "to be hungry," and "to wish to buy"?

DESIDERATIVE

B1: Give the Latin desideratives for all four of those meanings.

VĪSŌ, PARTURIŌ, ĒSURIŌ, EMPTŪRIŌ [RESPECTIVELY]

B2: What other related, but non-desiderative Latin verb means "to lighten"?

FULGURIŌ, FULGURĪRE [ACCEPT EITHER]

20. What city in northern Argolis was the site of funeral games instituted by the Seven Against Thebes in honor of Opheltes and the home of the lion Heracles killed for his first labor?

**NEMEA** 

B1: The victors at the Nemean Games were crowned with what herb since Opheltes had died when he was laid on a bed of it?

**PARSLEY** 

B2: What moon-goddess had supposedly suckled the Nemean Lion?

**SELENE** 

## Extra Questions - ADVANCED Round 3

1. Differentiate in meaning between **figo** and **fingo**.

TO FASTEN AND TO MOLD/INVENT

B1: Differentiate between mando, mandere and mando, mandare.

TO CHEW AND TO ORDER

B2: Differentiate between **siccus** and **sica**.

DRY AND DAGGER

2. According to some sources, what goddess' original home at Lake Tritonis was the site of her ill-fated and ultimately fatal duel with her friend Pallas?

**ATHENA** 

B1: Pallas' death can partly be attributed to Zeus' interposition of what gorgon-faced shield, which caused Pallas to drop her guard?

**AEGIS** 

B2: Another display of Athena's temper was the blinding of what seer and son of her favorite nymph Chariclo?

T(E)IRESIAS

3. What governor of Britain from 78 - 85 A.D. was said to have been the first to circumnavigate the island of Britain?

CN. IULIUS AGRICOLA

B1: Agricola was also the father-in-law to what consul suffectus of 97 A.D -- succeeding Verginius Rufus after delivering a funeral oration to him -- and famous historian?

**TACITUS** 

B2: During his tenure as governor, Agricola subdued the Caledonian forces of Calgacus in what battle of 84 A.D?

**MONS GRAUPIUS** 

4. Which Roman author, whose father was a champion at the poetic contests in Naples, won the Alban contest for his *De Bello Germanico* and curried the favor of Domitian under whom he published the twelve-book epic *Thebaid*?

(PUBLIUS PAPINIUS) STATIUS

B1: Statius's *Silvae*, was a five-book collection that contained how many poems?

THIRTY-TWO

B2: Name Statius's unfinished epic poem concerning Homeric themes.

**ACHILLEID** 

## 2019 PRINCETON CERTAMEN ADVANCED SEMIFINALS

1. To what mythological group to Calypso, Doris, Styx, and Amphitrite all belong?

**OCEANIDS** 

B1: Which of the Oceanids, whose name meant "craft," had shape-shifting abilities?

**METIS** 

B2: Which of the Oceanids was the mother of Prometheus?

CLYMENE / ASIA

2. Found frequently in the dramatists, what is the meaning of the word **sōdēs**, a contracted form belonging to a semi-deponent verb?

AN THOU WILT / IF YOU WILL / IF YOU DARE

B1: Name one verb that is only sometimes found as a semi-deponent.

NŪBŌ / PLACEŌ / IŪRŌ

B2: Translate the word **vēnibit**, and name the grammatical category to which it belongs—one that also includes verbs such as **accēdō** and **vāpulō**.

IT WILL BE SOLD; NEUTRAL PASSIVE

3. What Roman author, who remarks that the *Aeneid* will surpass the *Iliad*, describes his infatuation with a certain descendant of Hostius in his *Monobiblos*, the first book of his four-part elegiac corpus?

(SEXTUS) PROPERTIUS

B1: Declaring himself to be the Roman Callimachus, Propertius, in narrating the Roman myths in Book 4 of his corpus, follows what work of his Hellenistic inspiration?

**AETIA** 

B2: Although the object of his affections in his poetry is Cynthia, Propertius held a passing fancy for what slave woman, who incited Cynthia's jealousy?

**LYCINNA** 

4. During the Mithridatic Wars, Mediterranean piracy runs rampant, in part due to the machinations of Mithridates VI. Who was tasked with clearing the pirates around Crete from 74 to 72 B.C., although his ineptitude earned him a humiliating posthumous **cognomen**?

(M. ANTONIUS) CRETICUS

B1: Yet another defeat was issued to the Romans around Ostia when what consul of 68 B.C. failed to prevent pirates from intercepting the grain supplies of Rome?

MARCIUS REX

B2: Who finally managed to complete what Creticus failed to do by clearing pirates from Crete and subsequently establishing it as a province?

(Q.) METELLUS

5. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "My teammate wants to know why this is so easy."

## SOCIUS MEUS (OR SIMILAR) VULT SCIRE CUR HOC TAM FACILE SIT.

B1. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "My teammate says we can win with only five questions."

# SOCIUS MEUS DICIT NOS POSSE SOLUM/TANTUM QUINQUE QUAESTIONIBUS VINCERE.

B2. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "I have asked my teammate to stop talking."

## ROGAVI SOCIUM MEUM UT DESINAT/CESSET LOQUI/DICERE.

6. Which Silver Age author, who studied under the rhetor Verginius Flavus and Cornutus, was said to have **scriptavit raro et tarde** since we only know of his six-book collection *Satires*?

(AULES) PERSIUS (FLACCUS)

B1: Persius passed away at the age of twenty-eight. To which native of Leptis Magna, the addressee of Book 5 of his *Satires*, did Persius bequeath his work and fortune?

(LUCIUS ANNAEUS) CORNUTUS

B2: During his studies under Cornutus, Persius became acquainted with what lyric poet, who would later edit his work after Persius's death and is also the addressee of Book 6 of Persius's *Satires*?

**CAESIUS BASSUS** 

7. The city of Antheia, the constellation Ophiuchus, and the first lynx were all results of what Eleusinian prince's mission to teach the world to sow wheat?

**TRIPTOLEMUS** 

B1: What goddess had invested Triptolemus with that mission?

DEMETER

B2: Demeter placed what wicked of the Getae in the sky as the constellation Ophiuchus as a warning to evildoers?

**CARNABON** 

8. Differentiate in meaning between **meō** and **beō**.

TO GO ALONG / TRAVERSE and TO BLESS [RESPECTIVELY]

B1: Differentiate in meaning between vas and mās.

VESSEL / VASE / BAIL / SURETY and MALE / MAN [RESPECTIVELY]

B2: Differentiate in meaning between **mel** and **fel**.

HONEY and BILE [RESPECTIVELY]

9. After checking a raid by the Alemanni at Lake Garda, what emperor set out to stop the Goths from occupying the Balkan peninsula and defeated a detachment of Goths at Naissus?

CLAUDIUS II / CLAUDIUS GOTHICUS

B1: After Victorinus died, the Gallic senate appointed what man to be the new emperor of the Gallic empire?

(C. PIUS) TETRICUS

B2: After Claudius II died of the plague, what brother of Claudius II was proclaimed emperor by the troops in Italy, although he was quickly assassinated by these same roops after the Balkan troops proclaimed Aurelian emperor?

**QUINTILLUS** 

10. Translate into English the Latin contracted form **ain**.

ARE YOU SAYING? [CONTRACTED FROM **AISNE**]

B1: Translate into English the Latin contracted form **sūltis**.

IF YOU (ALL) WISH / WANT [SĪ VULTIS]

B2: Translate into English the Latin contracted form consuerat.

HE HAD ACCUSTOMED / HABITUATED / INURED [CŌNSUĒVERAT]

11. Using a compound of the Latin verb **sum**, translate the following sentence from English to Latin: Marcus and Lucius, be useful.

## PRODESTE, MARCE ET LUCI

B1: The Latin word **ferre** can be what two forms of the Latin verb **fero**? Please include the number, tense, voice, and mood in your answer.

SINGULAR, PRESENT, PASSIVE IMPERATIVE and PRESENT, ACTIVE INFINITIVE

12. What legate of the rebel Marcus Aemilius Lepidus fled to Spain to join Sertorius and, after sustaining many defeats, became infuriated at Sertorius's continuous victories and decided to usurp Sertorius's command by treacherously murdering him in 74 BC?

(M.) PERPERNA

B1: What famous commander, who was defeated by Sertorius near the rivers Lauro and Sucro, promptly executed Perperna for the murder of Sertorius?

POMPEY (THE GREAT)

B2: What more able commander of Sertorius was defeated by Q. Metellus Macedonicus near Segovia?

(L.) HIRTULEIUS

13. Believing his son guilty of either complicity or cowardice in the Greeks' treatment of Ajax, what old man refused to allow Teucer to land on the island of Salamis?

**TELAMON** 

B1: According to an oracle of Apollo, on what island was Teucer destined to found a "new Salamis"?

**CYPRUS** 

B2: What Trojan woman, whom Heracles once saved from a sea-monster, was the mother of Teucer by Telamon?

**HESIONE** 

14. From what two Latin words with what meanings do we derive vintage?

VINUM - WINE & EMŌ - BUY

B1: From what two Latin words with what meanings do we derive parapet?

### PARŌ - PREPARE & PECTUS - CHEST

B2: From what two Latin words with what meanings do we derive hidalgo?

## ALIQUIS - ANYONE & FILIUS - SON (ALSO FROM DE - FROM)

15. Which later Roman author, born to a physician, accompanied Valentinian I against the Germans in 368-369 AD, held a professorship of grammar and rhetoric at Burdigala, and composed an epyllion of the river Moselle?

(DECIMUS MAGNUS) AUSONIUS

B1: After holding the professorship at Burdigala for thirty years, Ausonius was appointed as the tutor to what emperor?

GRATIAN/FLAVIUS GRATIANUS AUGUSTUS

B2: Ausonius's prayer is peculiar in that for each line of verse, the first word would have one syllable, the second word would have two, and so on. Give the term for this construction.

RHOPALIC HEXAMETERS

[prompt on "dactylic hexameters']

16. Tiberius Gracchus's opponents in the Senate maintained that he was trying to name himself king and that he had retained the scepter, diadem, and royal vestments of what kingdom, the treasury of which he asked the people to make available to his land commission in 133 BC?

**PERGAMUM** 

B1: What king of Pergamum named the Roman people as heirs to his kingdom upon his death?

**ATTALUS III** 

B2: After the revolt of Aristonicus, what consul constituted Pergamum into the province of Asia in 129 BC?

(MANIUS) AQUILIUS

17. **Invidia ardeo** and **laetitia lacrimo** are both examples of what use of the ablative?

**CAUSE** 

B1: What use of the ablative is exemplified in the phrase: terra genitus

SOURCE / ORIGIN

B2: What use of the ablative is expressed in the sentence: **effigies de ligno facta est** 

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**HESIONE** 

19. For a time, the poet Statius made his living at Rome writing librettos. Give the Latin term for this type of performance, a component of a pantomime, which features a duet performance involving singing and miming.

### FABULA SALTICA/SALTATA

[Also accept plural forms, ie fabulae salticae/saltatae]

B1: Derived from the name of the short cloak worn by female characters of this genre, give the Latin term for the dramatic works of Decimus Laberius and Publilius Syrus.

#### **FABULA RICINIATA**

B2: Created by Gaius Maecenas Melissus, give the Latin term for an experimental genre of comedy intended for the equestrian class.

**FABULA TRABEATA** 

20. Give the genitive singular for the phrase haec pulchra nāis.

## HŪIUS PULCHRAE NAIDŌS/NAIDIS

B1: Give the genitive singular for the phrase **lātus horīzōn**.

LĀTĪ HORĪZONTŌS/HORĪZONTIS

B2: Give the genitive singular for the phrase **praeclāra Trapēzus**.

### PRAECLĀRAE TRAPĒZŪNTIS / TRAPĒZŪNTŌS

Extra Questions - ADVANCED Semis

1. Which of the following does not belong, **coram, absque, prae, citra, ex**?

CITRA

B1: What does citra mean?

AROUND

B2: What does **coram** mean?

IN THE PRESENCE OF

2. Place the following Roman provinces in order from West to East: **Dacia, Lusitania, Raetia, Aquitania** 

#### LUSITANIA, AQUITANIA, RAETIA, DACIA

B1: Put the following provinces in order from west to east: **Terraconensis, Galatia, Baetica, Mesopotamia** 

#### BAETICA, TERRACONENSIS, GALATIA, MESOPOTAMIA

B2: Put the following Roman provinces in order from North to South: **Britannia**, **Cyrenaica**, **Arabia**, **Asia** 

## BRITANNIA, ASIA, ARABIA, CYRENAICA

3. What Athenian divinities, worshiped in a cave on the Areopagus, are often identified with the Erinyes, though their name means "Venerable Goddesses"?

**SEMNAI THEAI** 

B1: By what other name were the Erinyes sometimes known in Athens?

**EUMENIDES** 

B2: After what famous event atop the Areopagus did the Erinyes come to known by these milder epithets?

TRIAL / ACQUITTAL OF ORESTES

4. Let's talk about jurists! Which Roman jurist, a friend of Septimius Severus and a praetorian prefect, before being murdered by Caracalla, wrote *Quaestiones* and *Definitiones*, which were later incorporated in the *Codex Theodosianus*?

(AEMILIUS) PAPNINIAN

B1: Which Roman jurist, a Phoenician from Tyre, was banished by Elagabalus, but reinstated by Severus Alexander, and wrote *Ad Edictum Praetoris*, *Ad Sabinum*, *Responsa*, and *Disputationes*?

ULPIAN/GNAEUS DOMITIUS ANNIUS ULPIANUS

B2: Which Roman jurist, whose life details are so scanty that we just have his **praenomen**, was highly regarded by Theodosius II and wrote *Institutes*, a complete exposition on the elements Roman law?

**GAIUS** 

## 2019 PRINCETON CERTAMEN ADVANCED FINALS

1. Thinking very highly of himself, which Roman author, acquainted with Decimus Iunius Brutus Callaicus, placed large statues of himself in the Temple of the Muses and wrote works such as *Panrerga*, *Didascalica*, and *Atreus*?

(LUCIUS) ACCIUS

B1: In 135 B.C., Accius made an educational pilgrimage to what city?

PERGAMUM

B2: What work of Accius in at least twenty-seven books concerned the Greek origins of Roman festivals?

**ANNALES** 

2. What is the meaning of the Latin noun **pernicies**, which derives from the verb **perneco**? SLAUGHTER / RUIN / DESTRUCTION / DEATH

B1: What is the meaning of the Latin noun **superstes**, which derives from the verb **superstō**?

**SURVIVOR** 

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin noun **caries**, which derives from the verb **careo** and typically refers to wood?

DECAY / ROT / CORRUPTION / CARIES [AS AN ENGLISH WORD]

3. Chione, Apemosyne, and Herse were all mortal women pursued by which Olympian deity?

HERMES

B1&2: For five points each, name the two sons whom Hermes fathered by Chione and Herse?

**AUTOLYCUS & CEPHALUS (respectively)** 

- 4. Prior to the battle of Drepana, the Romans failed to besiege what Carthaginian stronghold and remained the last stronghold in Sicily, until finally being taken by the Romans in 241 B.C.?

  LILYBAEUM
  - B1: Who was governing Lilybaeum during the attempted siege in 249 B.C.?

**HIMILCO** 

B2: The Carthaginians were able to gain intelligence of the Roman navy at Drepana due to the efforts of what ship captain, who used a specially designed ship to break through the blockade enforced by the Romans at Lilybaeum?

HANNIBAL THE RHODIAN

5. What use of the subjunctive is found twice in these lines of Vergil's *Aeneid*: **dissimulant et** nūbe cavā speculantur amictī / quae fortūna virīs, classem quō lītore linquant, / quid veniant.

INDIRECT QUESTION

B1: What use of the subjunctive is found in this line of Vergil's *Aeneid*: **quid memorem Lapithās**, **Ixīona Pīrithoumque**?

DELIBERATIVE

B2: What use of the subjunctive is found in this line of Vergil's *Aeneid*: **atque utinam rēx ipse Notō compulsus eōdem adforet Aenēās!** 

**VOLITIVE** 

6. The names Tisandrus, Thessalus, Pheres, Alcimenes, and Mermerus are often interchanged to refer to the offspring of what mythological couple?

JASON & MEDEA

B1: What other son, most often considered an offspring of Aegeus, is sometimes included in this list of children of Jason and Medea?

**MEDUS** 

B2: What woman is occasionally listed as their only daughter?

**ERIOPIS** 

7. Wine and oil processing, duties of the **vilicus**, and animal husbandry are all topics discussed in what Spanish author's ten-book treatise on agriculture titled *De Re Rustica*?

(LUCIUS IUNIUS MODERATUS) COLUMELLA

B1: On the topic of technical writers, Pomponius Mela, also hailing from Spain, wrote what three-book geographic treatise on the lands and people of Europe and Asia?

#### (DE) CHOROGRAPHIA

B2: What technical writer, a freedman of Augustus, wrote treatises on agriculture, bees, astronomy, as well as a handbook of mythology titled *Fabulae*?

(GAIUS IULIUS) HYGINUS

8. Despite his early victory at Larissa against the Roman Publius Licinius Crassus, what Roman enemy was so shaken by Quintus Marcius Philippus's 11-day march across Mt. Olympus that he abandoned the entire frontier and soon surrendered to L. Aemilius Paullus?

**PERSEUS** 

B1: What king of Pergamum, carrying on a long feud with Macedon, was eager to shed negative light on Perseus and delivered a speech that denounced Perseus to the Roman senate in 172 BC?

EUMENES II

B2: Who tried to rally a royalist party to reunite Macedonia under the pretence of being a son of Perseus in 150 BC?

**ANDRISCUS** 

9. There are many English words that have multiple meanings. An example of such a word is count, which can be a verb meaning to enumerate or a noun denoting a type of nobleman. It so happens that the verb count and the noun count have different Latin roots. Please give the Latin roots for both the verb count and the noun count.

THE VERB COMES FROM PUTO and THE NOUN COMES FROM EO

B1: The English word refrain also has two different meanings. It can be a verb meaning ] to avoid or a noun meaning a repeated verse in a song. Please give the Latin roots for the verb refrain and the noun refrain.

THE VERB COMES FROM FRENUM and THE NOUN COMES FROM FRANGO

B2: The English words fusillade and fusillage sound similar, but they have different Latin roots. Please give the Latin root for both fusillade and fusillage.

#### FUSILLADE IS FROM FOCUS and FUSILLAGE IS FROM FUSUS

10. Translate the command in the following. Brutus clamat, "Marce, ego hodie requiesco. Cras canem petito!"

ASK FOR A DOG TOMORROW

B1: Change **petito** to the plural

**PETITOTE** 

B2: Change **petitote** to the third person and passive.

**PETUNTUR** 

11. An ardent apologist, described by Jerome as "would that he could affirm our doctrine as readily as he destroys others," which Christian author taught rhetoric at Nicomedia and wrote works including *De Opificio Dei*, *De Ira Dei*, and *Divinae Institutiones*?

(LUCIUS CAECILIUS/CAELIUS FIRMIANUS) LACTANTIUS

B1: Which author from Sicca Veneria taught Lactantius and converted his pupil to Christianity?

ARNOBIUS

B2: Give the title of Arnobius's seven-book work, written in response to the Diocletian persecutions, which defends Christianity and also contains Minucius Felix's *Octavius*.

ADVERSUS NATIONES

12. For the verb **ferveo**, give the 3rd person singular present active subjunctive.

**FERVEAT** 

B1: Make that form imperfect.

**FERVĒRET** 

B2: Make that form perfect.

**FERBUERIT** 

13. Appointed to guide Valentinian II in ruling the western empire, what barbarian master of the soldiers had Valentinian II murdered and set up the rhetorician Eugenius as emperor?

**ARBOGAST** 

B1: Arbogast recovered Gaul from the son of what man, who executed Gratian after being proclaimed emperor by soldiers in Britain in 383 AD?

**MAGNUS MAXIMUS** 

B2: At what location near Aquileia did Theodosius defeat Arbogast and Eugenius to become the sole ruler of the empire?

FRIGIDUS RIVER

14. What tense in Latin regularly follows cave in order to express a negative command?

PRESENT

B1: What Latin verb, which only has present active imperative forms, means "give" or "tell."

CĚDŎ (this irregular imperative form is not the same as cēdō) / CEDITE / CETTE B2: Translate the following sentence containing a future imperative from Latin into English: Habētō repetītiōnem mātrem memoriae esse ut lūsor maximē scius fīās.

CONSIDER THAT REPETITION IS THE MOTHER OF MEMORY SO THAT YOU MAY / CAN / WILL / ETC. BECOME THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PLAYER

15. Which of the Pleiades so loved Artemis that she inscribed the golden horns of the Ceryneian hind with the goddess' name?

TAŸGETE

B1: Which of the Pleiades lived on Samothrace before Zeus carried her off to Olympus, although she eventually returned to her island to bear Dardanus and Iasion?

**ELECTRA** 

B2: The quiet life of which Pleiad at Mt. Cyllene did not shield her from the eye of Zeus?

MAIA

16. Which Roman author, who was saved from proscription in 43 BC by Fufius Calenus, was the most prolific Roman author and wrote works including *Hebdomades vel de Imaginibus*, *Disciplinae*, and *De Lingua Latina*?

VARRO REATINUS/VARRO OF REATE/MARCUS TERENTIUS VARRO

B1: Into how many books was *Disciplinae*, which influenced the **trivium** and **quadrivium** of medieval writers, divided?

NINE

B2: Varro's *Disciplinae* influenced what later North African author's allegorical tale concerning the liberal arts titled *De Nuptiis Mercurii et Philologiae*?

MARTIANUS CAPELLA

17. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "There is no doubt that Catiline is the basest of all men."

## NON DUBIUM EST QUIN CATILINA SCELESTISSIMUS

(OR SIMILAR) HOMINUM OMNIUM SIT.

B1. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "The walls were too tall for me to scale them."

MURI/MOENIA ALTIORES/ALTIORA ERANT QUAM (UT) (EOS/EA) ASCENDEREM.

B2. Using a concessive participle, say in Latin: "I tried to scale the walls, but they were too tall."

CONATUS ASCENDERE MUROS/MOENIA, (TAMEN) ALTIORES/ALTIORA ERANT.

18. When Menelaus was utterly at a loss over how to escape Pharos, what beautiful nymph appeared to him and explained how to force her father Proteus to reveal the way back to Sparta?

**EIDOTHEA** 

B1: According to Eidothea, Menelaus had to disguise himself as what animal in order to approach Proteus without being noticed and capture him?

SEAL

B2: Name any three of the six forms—four animate, two inanimate—into which Proteus transformed himself in a failed attempt to evade Menelaus' grasp?

THREE OF: (BEARDED) LION / SERPENT / LEOPARD / BOAR / WATER / TREE

19. What dark and bitter fluid, often used as a fertilizer, was the first fluid to flow when olives are pressed?

**AMURCA** 

B1: What salad, commonly eaten with cheese, was made by chopping up the pulp of the olive and seasoning it with vinegar, coriander seeds, cumin, fennel, and mint?

**EPITRYUM** 

B2: What did the Romans call the receptacle into which olive oil was placed while the **amurca** settled to the bottom?

LABRUM FICTILE

20. Listen carefully to the following passage from Eutropius' *Breviārium ab Urbe Cōnditā*, and answer in English the questions that follow. Rōmānum imperium, quō neque ab exōrdiō ūllum ferē minus neque incrēmentīs tōtō orbe amplius hūmāna potest memoria recordārī, ā Rōmulō exōrdium habet, quī Reae Silviae, Vestālis virginis, fīlius et, quantum putātus est, Mārtis cum Remō frātre ūnō partū ēditus est. Is cum inter pāstōrēs latrōcinārētur, decem et octo annōs nātus urbem exiguam in Palātīnō monte cōnstituit XI Kal. Maiās, Olympiadis sextae annō tertiō, post Troiae excidium, ut quī plūrimum minimumque trādunt, annō trecentēsimō nōnāgēsimō quārtō.

The question: Romulus is said to have led a predatory life among what group of people?

**SHEPHERDS** 

B1: According to the passage, what is significant about the Roman Empire with regard to human memory?

THERE WAS NOTHING SO SMALL IN ITS BEGINNING NOR SO LARGE IN ITS PROGRESS B2: How many years after the destruction of Troy was founded?

THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR

## Extra Questions - ADVANCED Finals

1. Give the genitive singular form of the Latin phrase **vesper obscurus** 

**VESPERI OBSCURI** 

B1: Change **vesperi obscuri** to the accusative, keeping all else the same.

**VESPERUM OBSCURUM** 

B2: Change **vesperum obscurum** to the ablative, keeping all else the same.

## **VESPERE OBSCURO**

2. "Go to the rising sun; my sun is setting" were the last words of what emperor, who crushed the Quadi and Marcomanni in the third Marcomannic War and died soon after in Vindobona?

MARCUS AURELIUS

B1: Name one of the two provinces that Marcus Aurelius annexed after the third Marcomannic war?

MARCOMANNIA or SARMATIA

B2: What husband of Lucilla advised Commodus to finish the war with the Quadi and Marcomanni?

(CLAUDIUS) POMPEIANUS

3. Braiding his hair as though he were a maiden and putting on woman's clothes, what son of Oenomaüs asked to be allowed to hunt with Daphne?

LEUCIPPUS / OENO

B1: Leucippus' deception was revealed when Daphne and some other girls forced to swim in what river?

LADON

B2: Another Leucippus was the father of what two maidens, whom the Dioscuri abducted despite their betrothals to Lynceus and Idas?

PHOEBE and HILAEIRA

4. Covering the periods 96-284 A.D., which historical work, often considered a hoax by many, was a collection of biographies from Nerva to Carinus and Numerian?

#### HISTORIA AUGUSTA

B1: Name two of the six supposed authors of the *Historia Augusta*.

AELIUS SPARTIANUS / JULIUS CAPITOLINUS/VULCACIUS GALLICANUS/
AELIUS LAMPRIDIUS/TREBELLIUS POLLIO/FLAVIUS VOPISCUS (SYRACUSANUS)
B2: Now name two more.

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