

2013 TSJCL Certamen  
Novice Level, Round 1

TU # 1: Who became emperor of the Roman Empire in the same year that general Germanicus began a campaign in Germany, which was the year 14 AD? TIBERIUS  
B1: In what month of that year did Augustus die? AUGUST (then called SEXTILIS)  
B2: What did the Senate decree about Augustus in September of that year?  
THAT HE HAD BECOME A GOD

TU # 2: What bird in mythology received the eyes of the murdered Argus? (HERA'S) PEACOCK  
B1: What bird in mythology helped Zeus locate the center of the Earth? EAGLE  
B2: What bird in mythology was featured on coins of the city of Athens? OWL

TU # 3: According to its Latin derivation, what type of animals are involved in an 'equestrian' competition? HORSES  
B1: According to its Latin derivation, what animal does a person with an 'aquiline' nose resemble? EAGLE  
B2: According to its Latin derivation, what type of animal is one imitating by being 'asinine'? DONKEY

TU # 4: Define the Latin verb favēre. FAVOR, SUPPORT  
B1: Define the Latin verb facere. TO DO, MAKE  
B2: Define the Latin verb ferre. TO BRING, CARRY

TU # 5: Listen carefully to the following Latin passage, which I will read twice, and then answer in English the question that follows:

"Salvē, pater! Haec nōn est prīma epistula mea; iam ad tē mīsī quattuor epistulās. Tū mihi nihil scrīpsistī; tū ad mē nūllam pecūniam mīsistī. Sum pauperrimus discipulus, quī studēre aut edere nōn possum." (repeat)

Question: What kind of student is the author of this passage? (VERY) POOR  
B1: Answer in English: What two things has the student been expecting to receive from his father?  
MONEY, A LETTER / SOME TYPE OF WRITING or RESPONSE  
B2: Answer in English: What two things does the student say he cannot do without money?  
EAT AND STUDY

**(score check)**

TU # 6: Whom did the hunter Actaeon accidentally see bathing in the forest? DIANA / ARTEMIS  
B1: Into what was he then turned? DEER / STAG  
B2: What caused his death? HIS OWN HUNTING DOGS KILLED HIM

TU # 7: Translate the following sentence into English: "dominus est fortior quam servus."  
THE MASTER IS BRAVER (STRONGER) THAN THE SLAVE  
B1: Translate into English: "canis quīnque annōs in villā mănēbat."  
THE DOG REMAINED IN THE HOUSE FOR FIVE YEARS  
B2: Translate into English: "mercātor nāvēs in portū cōspēxit."  
THE MERCHANT CAUGHT SIGHT OF THE SHIPS IN THE HARBOR

TU # 8: What was the special talent of Orpheus? MUSIC / SINGING  
B1: What was the destination of his most famous adventure? UNDERWORLD  
B2: Who was with him just after he left the underworld? NO ONE

TU # 9: Which of the following was NOT one of the four emperors in the year 69 AD: Vitellius, Otho, Nero, Vespasian, Galba? NERO  
B1: Who was the first of the emperors in that year? GALBA  
B2: Who was the last? VESPASIAN

TU #10: Translate "friend's" into Latin for the following sentence: "For three days I traveled with my friend's family to Athens." AMĪCĪ / AMĪCAE / AMĪCŌRUM / AMĪCĀRUM  
B1: Translate "friends" into Latin for the following sentence: "The new dress I bought pleased my friends." AMĪCĪS  
B2: Translate "friends" into Latin for the following sentence: "Marcus and I are friends from way back when." AMĪCĪ

**(score check)**

TU #11: Who customarily received one obol in exchange for providing his service in taking souls across the Styx? CHARON  
B1: Whom were Theseus and Pirithous intending to kidnap when Charon took them across the Styx into the underworld? PERSEPHONE  
B2: Who used a golden branch to get Charon to take him across the Styx? AENEAS

TU #12: Define the Latin noun fabula. STORY, PLAY  
B1: Define the Latin idiom fabulam agere. TO ACT IN A PLAY  
B2: Define the Latin idiom fabulum dare. TO PUT ON A PLAY

TU #13: What was said three times during an ancient ritual called the conclamatio? THE NAME OF A RECENTLY DECEASED PERSON  
B1: What was the cena novendialis that was held nine days after a death? BANQUET/DINNER  
B2: What was the name of the type of toga that was worn by mourners? TOGA PULLA

TU #14: Which word does not belong with the others grammatically: ferte, dīcite, audīte, stāte, forte? FORTE  
B1: Which word does not belong with the others grammatically: dīxī, mānsī, portāvī, rēgī, docuī? REGI

B2: Which word does not belong with the others grammatically: celere, ponere, mittere, trahere, emere?  
CELERE

TU #15: Define the Latin verb habēre. TO HAVE, HOLD  
B1: Define the Latin verb habitāre. TO LIVE, INHABIT, DWELL  
B2: Define the Latin verb haerēre. TO STICK, CLING

**(score check)**

TU #16: What is the meaning of the Latin verb which is at the root of the English noun 'inspiration'?  
BREATHE  
B1: What derivative of this same verb is an English verb meaning 'to agree together, especially secretly, to do something wrong'?  
CONSPIRE  
B2: What derivative of this same verb is an English noun meaning 'a strong desire or ambition'?  
ASPIRATION

TU #17: The emperor Constantine, like the emperors Titus and Septimius Severus, still has one of these standing in Rome in tribute to him. What type of structure is it?  
ARCH  
B1: The Arch of Constantine commemorates his victory over his rival Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge. What river flowed under the Milvian Bridge?  
TIBER  
B2: In what year was this battle fought?  
312 AD

TU #18: What was the special talent in mythology of a woman named Atalanta?  
FAST RUNNER  
B1: What objects did Hippomenes use to win a foot race against her?  
GOLDEN APPLES  
B2: Into what animals were Atalanta and Hippomenes later turned?  
LIONS

TU #19: What did a gladiator called a venator fight?  
ANIMALS  
B1: What animal resembled the helmet of a murmillo?  
FISH  
B2: What two objects were held by a gladiator called a retiarius?  
NET, TRIDENT

**(score check)**

TU #20: Translate into English: "Horātius, quī multa vulnera habēbat, in aquam saluit."  
HORATIUS, WHO HAD MANY WOUNDS, JUMPED INTO THE WATER  
B1: Translate into English: "Mīles Rōmam contrā multōs hostēs dēfendēbat."  
THE SOLDIER WAS DEFENDING ROME AGAINST MANY ENEMIES  
B2: Translate into English: "Populī mīlitī grātiās ēgērunt."  
THE PEOPLE GAVE THANKS TO THE SOLDIER

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Novice Level, Final Round

TU # 1: Name the husbands of Helen and Clytemnestra who also happened to be brothers.  
MENELAUS AND AGAMEMNON  
B1: Where was Agamemnon king? MYCENAE  
B2: What was Helen's hometown? SPARTA

TU # 2: What English noun meaning 'a fake drug' is a Latin verb literally meaning 'I will please'?  
PLACEBO  
B1: What derivative of this same Latin word is an English adjective meaning 'calm' or 'peaceful'?  
PLACID / PLEASANT  
B2: What derivative of this same Latin word is an English adjective meaning 'unable to be calmed'?  
IMPLACABLE

TU # 3: **Audī diligenter et respondē Latīnē: Quot dēclīnātiōnēs linguae Latīnae sunt?**  
QUINQUE  
B1: Now decline the Latin noun for the city of Athens in all seven cases and identify each.  
ATHĒNAE – NOM  
ATHĒNĀRUM – GEN  
ATHĒNĪS – DAT  
ATHĒNĀS – ACC  
ATHĒNĪS – ABL  
ATHĒNAE – VOC  
ATHĒNĪS – LOC  
B2: Give the case, gender, and number for the noun form “**equābus**”.  
DATIVE / ABLATIVE, PLURAL, FEMININE

TU # 4: Who gave Odysseus the herb that kept him from being turned into a pig by Circe?  
HERMES/MERCURY  
B1: What was the name of the herb? MOLY  
B2: What were the colors of the flower and root of this plant?  
WHITE (FLOWER) AND BLACK (ROOT)

TU # 5: What beverage in the ancient Roman diet was mulsum?  
WINE MIXED WITH HONEY  
B1: What beverage was mērum?  
UNDILUTED (PURE) WINE  
B2: What beverage was mulsa?  
HONEYED WATER (MEAD)

**(score check)**

TU # 6: What form of the adjective liber agrees with the noun form uxōrēs?  
LĪBERAE/LĪBERĀS  
B1: What form of the adjective liber agrees with the noun form manus?  
LĪBERA  
B2: What form of the adjective liber agrees with the pronoun form mihi?  
LĪBERŌ/LĪBERAE

TU # 7: What Latin title has been given to the period of relative calm that settled upon the Roman Empire during the reign of Augustus? PAX ROMANA  
 B1: What general returned triumphantly to Rome with Augustus in the year 13 BC? AGRIPPA  
 B2: What familial relationship existed between these two men at Agrippa's death?  
 AGRIPPA WAS THE SON-IN-LAW OF AUGUSTUS

TU # 8: Translate into English: "**Flavius flammam facillimē fēcit.**" FLAVIUS MADE A FLAME (FIRE) VERY EASILY  
 B1: Translate into English: "**Perītissimē per perīcula pugnāre poteris.**" YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT THROUGH DANGERS VERY SKILLFULLY  
 B2: Translate into English: "**Dormīveram domī diū.**" I HAD SLEPT AT HOME FOR A LONG TIME

TU # 9: Who was so in love with a man that didn't love her back that she eventually lost her body with only her voice remaining? ECHO  
 B1: Who was the man? NARCISSUS  
 B2: Who had condemned Echo to be able only to repeat what was said to her? HERA

TU #10: Listen carefully to the following Latin passage, which I will read twice, and then answer in English the question that follows:

**Rēx pulcherrimam fēminam, cui nōmen Iūlia erat, maximē amābat. Familia Iūliae nōn erat nōbilis sed plēbēia. Mōs nōn erat rēgī in mātirimōnium dūcere plēbem. Rēx suō populō dīxit, "Sine fēminā quam amō, rēx esse nōn possum." Tum rēx rēgnū rēnuntiāvit et fēminam in mātirimōnium dūxit.**" (repeat)

Question: Why was the king not supposed to marry a girl like Iulia?  
 HER FAMILY WAS PLEBEIAN / NOT NOBLE / NOT UPPER-CLASS  
 B1: What specifically did the king announce to his people?  
 I AM NOT ABLE TO BE KING WITHOUT THE WOMAN (WHOM) I LOVE  
 B2: What did the king do before marrying the woman?  
 GAVE UP/RENOUNCED HIS KINGDOM

**(score check)**

TU #11: Green is your absolute FAVORITE color, and so you buy a red hat. What Latin phrase could be used to designate this illogicality? NŌN SEQUITUR  
 B1: What Latin phrase might you say to reinforce the idea that everyone has different tastes such that it doesn't really matter that green is your friend's favorite color and blue is your's?  
 DĒ GUSTIBUS NŌN EST DISPUTANDUM  
 B2: What Latin phrase might you say to your teammates if they complain when you buzz in and miss a toss-up question?  
 MEA CULPA / ERRĀRE HUMANUM EST

TU #12: What Roman general spent the last part of the year 69 AD and the first part of the year 70 subduing Jerusalem, then returned to Rome to celebrate a triumph? TITUS  
 B1: For what natural disaster did Titus send help two months into his reign?  
 ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS  
 B2: For what disaster in Rome did Titus provide relief in the following year?  
 FIRE

- TU #13: What is the difference in meaning between the Latin nouns aula and ara?  
AULA - PALACE / ARA - ALTAR
- B1: What is the difference in meaning between the Latin nouns eques and equus?  
EQUES - CAVALRYMAN / EQUUS - HORSE
- B2: What is the difference in meaning between the Latin adjectives fēlīx and ferōx?  
FELIX - HAPPY, LUCKY / FEROX - WILD, FIERCE, SAVAGE
- TU #14: According to its Latin derivation, what does one receive during a 'coronation'? CROWN
- B1: According to its Latin derivation, where does one go for an 'incarceration'? PRISON/JAIL
- B2: According to its Latin derivation, who makes a 'concoction'? COOK
- TU #15: Which of the following would be the BEST antonym of mōns: vallis, collis, arbor, agger, mīles?  
VALLIS
- B1: Which of the following, if any, is an antonym of prope: hīc, ad, bene, intrā, longē? LONGĒ
- B2: Which of the following, if any, is an antonym of aeger: campus, tardus, facilis, incertus, validus?  
VALIDUS
- (score check)**
- TU #16: Who rode Pegasus? BELLEROPHON
- B1: Who had given Bellerophon a magic bridle with which to tame Pegasus? ATHENA / MINERVA
- B2: What was Bellerophon's intended destination when he fell off Pegasus and died?  
MT. OLYMPUS
- TU #17: What was the job in ancient Pompeii of a lanista? GLADIATOR TRAINER
- B1: What was the job in ancient Pompeii of a paedagogus?  
TUTOR / ACCOMPANIED CHILD TO SCHOOL
- B2: What was the job in ancient Pompeii of a libitinārius? FUNERAL DIRECTOR
- TU #18: Translate into Latin: Mother, do not say these words.  
MĀTER, NŌLĪ HAEC (VERBA) DĪCERE
- B1: ...Lucius and Marcus, do not believe the merchants  
LŪCĪ ET MĀRCE, NŌLĪTE MERCĀTŌRIBUS CRĒDERE
- B2: Now say in Latin, "Friends, do not walk faster."  
AMĪCĪ, NŌLĪTE CELERIUS AMBULĀRE
- TU #19: Name the first consort of Zeus whom he swallowed to avert a prophecy about their child one day becoming greater than him. METIS
- B1: Who was their child? ATHENA
- B2: Which Titan was the father of Metis? OCEANUS

**(score check)**

TU #20: Name the father of the emperor Geta who was himself emperor from 193 to 211 AD.

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

B1: Who served as co-emperor with Geta and was murdered by him?

CARACALLA

B2: Name the modern city in England, known in ancient times as Eboracum, where Septimius Severus died.

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