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Round B1

- I. Who was murdered and served to the gods as dinner by  
3412 his father Tantalus? PELOPS
- Which deity took a bite out of Pelops? DEMETER or CERES  
What part of his body was replaced by the gods with one  
of ivory? HIS SHOULDER
- II. Who was in his old age turned into a grasshopper by Aurora?  
3303 TITHONUS
- What divine blessing had she arranged for him? ETERNAL LIFE  
What had she forgotten to arrange for him? ETERNAL YOUTH
- III. What praenomen is abbreviated M'? MANIUS  
748
- Which one is abbreviated Cn? GNAEUS  
Which one is abbreviated Mam? MAMERCUS
- IV. Which of the Julio-Claudian emperors ruled the longest?  
6028 AUGUSTUS
- Which Flavian ruled the longest? DOMITIAN  
Which of the Five Good Emperors ruled longest? ANTONINUS PIUS
- V. Name an emperor of the Severan dynasty.  
5792 SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, CARACALLA, GETA, ELEGABALUS, SEVERUS ALEXANDER
- Name another.  
Name another.
- VI. Who was the Roman counterpart of the Greek goddess Hestia?  
3272 VESTA
- What was her domain? HOME AND HEARTH  
What was her relationship to Zeus/Jupiter? (OLDEST) SISTER
- VII. What verb form often accompanies a form of possum? INFINITIVE  
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- What use of the infinitive is this? COMPLEMENTARY  
Which of these is an infrequent and irregular synonym for  
possum: quo, quaero, queo, quaeso? QUEO
- VIII. Which of the following does not belong in this set: tres,

- 966      **tertius, tredecim, triginta?**      TERTIUS
- To what category of numbers does **tertius** belong?      ORDINALS  
To what category do the others belong?      CARDINALS
- IX.      What is the compound of **ab** and **fero**?      AUFERO  
912
- What is its third principal part?      ABSTULI  
What is its fourth?      ABLATUS
- X.      Complete this analogy: **dono : donandi :: scribo : \_\_\_\_**.      SCRIBENDI  
1204
- Scribo : scribendi :: facio : \_\_\_\_**.      FACIENDI  
**Scribo : scribendi :: audio : \_\_\_\_**.      AUDIENDI
- XI.      What does the English word "patrimony" mean?  
842      LEGACY, INHERITANCE
- What does "paucity" mean?      SCARCITY, LACK, DEARTH, SHORTAGE  
"Impecunious"?      POOR, PENNILESS
- XII.      Where did Odysseus and his men escape from by clinging to the  
3422      bellies of sheep?      THE CAVE OF POLYPHEMUS
- What was the race of giant cannibals the Ithacans encountered  
later?      LAESTRYGONIANS  
How many ships escaped the Laestrygonians?      ONE, CARRYING ODYSSEUS
- XIII.      How many cohorts were in a legion?      TEN  
6024
- How many centuries were in a manipule?      TWO  
How many maniples in a cohort?      THREE
- XIV.      Quot **bracchia** tibi sunt?      DUO  
916
- Quot **colla** tibi sunt?      UNUM  
Quot **labia** tibi sunt?      DUO
- XV.      What case is governed by the verb **credo**?      DATIVE  
884
- What case is governed by **iubeo**?      ACCUSATIVE  
What case is governed by **impero**?      DATIVE
- XVI.      Name all declensions in which a noun can end with a long -a.  
1022      ONLY THE FIRST
- Name all declensions in which a noun can end with a short -e.  
SECOND AND THIRD

Name all declensions in which a noun can end with a short -a.  
FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH

XVII. What race made their last invasion of Italy in 225 BC?  
5786 THE GAULS

At what battle did the Romans defeat the Gauls in 225 BC?  
THE BATTLE OF TELAMON  
What road was built a few years later as part of the Roman  
plan to prevent another Gallic attack? THE VIA FLAMINIA

XVIII. Say in Latin: "It will be sent." MITTETUR  
894  
Say: "They will have sent." MISERINT  
Say: "She has been sent." MISSA EST

XIX. Who was the boatman who ferried souls across the River Styx?  
3251 CHARON

Who led souls to him? HERMES or MERCURY  
What Greek coin was Charon's fare? AN OBOL

XX. From what battle site did Caesar send his famous short  
5998 message Veni, vidi, vici? ZELA

Who was the enemy commander? PHARNACES  
What was the year? 47 BC

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ROUND B2

- I. 930 What construction requiring the subjunctive is required in this sentence: "Tell me where you've been."  
INDIRECT QUESTION
- "I think the man who just left is a doctor."  
RELATIVE (SUBORDINATE) CLAUSE WITHIN INDIRECT STATEMENT
- "We're going to the aquarium to see the dolphins."  
PORPOISE CLAUSE
- II. 660 Supply and translate the Latin noun at the root of the English adjective "lachrymose." LACRIMA = TEAR
- Supply and translate the Latin verb at the root of the English noun "lavatory." LAVO = WASH
- Supply and translate the Latin verb at the root of the English noun "laboratory." LABORO = WORK
- III. 3343 What was the name of Aphrodite's magic garment? CESTUS
- What was Zeus' shield? AEGIS
- What were Hermes' sandals? TALARIA
- IV. 5908 Who was Rome's second king? NUMA POMPILIUS
- How many kings did Rome have? SEVEN
- Who was last? TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS
- V. 1176 What is the meaning of the idiom consilium capere?  
ADOPT A PLAN
- The idiom poenam dare? PAY THE PENALTY, SUFFER THE PUNISHMENT
- The idiom certiozem facere? INFORM
- VI. 5910 Who was Rome's second emperor? TIBERIUS
- What dynasty was he part of? JULIO-CLAUDIAN
- To whom was Tiberius' mother married for 52 years? AUGUSTUS
- VII. 5952 From the beginning of the first to the end of the last, what are the years of the Punic Wars? 264 - 146 BC
- Which was ended by the Battle of Zama? THE SECOND
- Which gave Rome possession of Sicily? THE FIRST

- VIII. 1114 What is the first person plural present active indicative of *nolo*? NOLUMUS
- Make that form second person plural. NON VULTIS  
What is the corresponding form of *malo*? MAVULTIS
- IX. 3217 What villain in mythology was known as the "club-bearer"? PERIPHETES/CORYNETES
- Who was called the "stretcher"? PROCRUSTES/DAMASTES/POLYPEMON  
Who was known as the "pine-bender"? SINIS/PITYOCAMPTES
- X. 864 What case expresses time when? ABLATIVE
- What case shows time within which? ABLATIVE  
What case shows duration of time? ACCUSATIVE
- XI. 6017 Who was Caesar's favorite lieutenant in Gaul, who later fought against him in the Civil War? T. LABIENUS
- What associate of Caesar finished his work on the Gallic campaign? AULUS HIRTIUS  
In what battle, the last of Caesar's career, did Labienus die? MUNDA (45 BC)
- XII. 1127 Make *mihi* plural. NOBIS
- Give another singular for *nobis*. ME  
Give another plural for *me*. NOS
- XIII. 1121 What would be the Latin verb in this English sentence:  
"All day long yesterday it was raining." PLUEBAT
- "It will rain tomorrow." PLUET  
"The crops need the water; let it rain all day." PLUAT
- XIV. 1013 In the sentence "She herself saw him," say "him." EUM
- In the sentence "She herself saw him," say "herself." IPSA  
In the sentence "She saw herself," say "herself." SE
- XV. 3317 What act was the reason for Poseidon's hatred of Odysseus? HIS BLINDING OF THE CYCLOPS POLYPHEMUS, POSEIDON'S SON
- Who was Polyphemus' mother? THOOSA  
By what name did Odysseus identify himself to Polyphemus? NOMAN/OUTIS

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- XVI. Who was the son of Hector? ASTYANAX / SCAMANDRIUS  
3244
- Who was Hector's wife? ANDROMACHE  
Who was Hector's mother? HECABE (HECUBA)
- XVII. What is the Latin word for "iron"? FERRUM  
964  
For "silver"? ARGENTUM  
For "gold"? AURUM
- XVIII. A building still standing today in Rome testifies that Agrippa  
6039 built it. What building is this? THE PANTHEON
- What emperor rebuilt it so thoroughly that it is often mistakenly  
credited to him? HADRIAN  
In what part of the city do you find the Pantheon? CAMPUS MARTIUS
- XIX. What was the land of Orpheus' birth? THRACE  
3436
- What Thracian king is sometimes cited as his father? OEAGRUS  
What nymph was his mother? CALLIOPE
- XX. What English verb comes from the Latin noun nihil? ANNIHILATE  
705
- What English synonym of "annihilate" comes from radix? ERADICATE  
What English synonym of "annihilate" and "eradicate" comes from  
stirps? EXTIRPATE

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ROUND B3

- I.       What determines the case of an appositive?  
834       THE CASE OF ITS ANTECEDENT NOUN
- What is the normal case for exclamations?       ACCUSATIVE  
In what case is the subject of an infinitive?   ACCUSATIVE
- II.       What were the *tabellae ceratae* used by Roman schoolboys?  
897       WAX-COVERED TABLETS
- With what instrument did schoolboys write on their tablets?  
          STILUS (or GRAPHIUM)  
Who was the slave who accompanied a Roman boy to school?  
          PAEDAGOGUS
- III.      What valuable Latin construction is often the shortest way  
1165      to render "As soon as the camp had been pitched"?  
          ABLATIVE ABSOLUTE
- If the sentence went on to read, "It was overrun by the  
enemy," would an ablative absolute be possible?   NO  
If it went on to read, "Caesar issued his orders"? YES
- IV.       Supply and define the Latin verb at the root of "imbibe" and  
1208      "bibulous."                   BIBO = DRINK
- Supply and define the Latin verb at the root of "edible" and  
"comestible."                   EDO = EAT  
Supply and define the Latin verb at the root of "spirit" and  
"respiratory."                  SPIRO = BREATHE
- V.        In which of these places did a Roman boy wear his *bullae*: in  
5914      *capite*, *circum collum*, in *pedibus* or in *digito*?   CIRCUM COLLUM
- In Latin, where did a man wear his *anulus*?       IN DIGITO  
His *petasus*?                   IN CAPITE
- VI.       What are the present active imperatives of *capio*?   CAPE AND CAPITE  
1081
- Of *facio*?                   FAC AND FACITE  
Of *patior*?                  PATERE AND PATIMINI
- VII.      Who were *Aglaia*, *Thalia* and *Euphrosyne*?       THE GRACES  
3427

- Who were Tisiphone, Megaera and Alecto? THE FURIES  
Who were Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos? THE FATES
- VIII. What Latin adverb is the root of the English verb "reiterate"?  
108 ITERUM
- What Latin verb is the root of the noun "junction"? IUNGO  
What Latin noun is the root of the adjective "urbane"? URBS
- IX. Who killed Achilles? PARIS  
3333
- Around whose tomb did Achilles drag Hector's dead body? PATROCLUS'  
Who won the struggle for Achilles' armor? ODYSSEUS
- X. What queen of Thebes was a daughter of Tantalus? NIOBE  
3418
- Who was her husband? AMPHION  
Who was her ill-fated brother? PELOPS
- XI. What is the adverbial form of **magnus**? MAGNOPERE  
981
- What is the superlative of **magnopere**? MAXIME  
What is the superlative of **celeriter**? CELERRIME
- XII. At the time of Julius Caesar, who was the wealthiest man in  
6016 Rome? MARCUS LICINIUS CRASSUS
- What was his appropriate agnomen? DIVES  
Where did he die in an ignominious military defeat? CARRHAE
- XIII. Translate this Latin phrase into English: **cum grano salis**.  
885 WITH A GRAIN OF SALT
- Translate these phrases: **in absentia**. ABSENT, IN ONE'S ABSENCE  
**lapsus linguae**. SLIP OF THE TONGUE
- XIV. **Fac sonum canis**. WOOF, ARF, BOW WOW  
1147
- Fac sonum felis**. MEOW  
**Fac sonum bovis**. MOO
- XV. What princess of the Phaeacians was Odysseus' last dalliance  
3322 before reaching Ithaca? NAUSICAA
- Who was Nausicaa's father? ALCINOUS  
What was the Phaeacians' island? SCHERIA



- XVI. What is a scutum? SHIELD  
1173  
What is a galea? HELMET (LEATHER)  
A lorica? BREASTPLATE (LEATHER)
- XVII. What city of Sicily defected from Rome in 215 BC? SYRACUSE  
6022  
Who was the Roman general who then conquered Syracuse?  
M. CLAUDIUS METELLUS  
What famous scientist was killed in the siege? ARCHIMEDES
- XVIII. What emperor presided over the dedication of the Colosseum  
5920 in June of 80 AD? TITUS  
What emperor's giant statue gave the structure its name? NERO'S  
What was the name of Nero's palace at that site? THE DOMUS AUREA
- XIX. What people founded Carthage? PHOENICIANS  
3279  
Under what legendary queen? DIDO  
How much land did they buy from the locals, according to the legend?  
ALL THEY COULD CONTAIN WITHIN A BULL'S HIDE
- XX. What Sabine family migrated to Rome in 504 BC and became one of  
5764 the ruling families? THE CLAUDII  
Name the Claudian who built Rome's first aqueduct.  
APPIUS CLAUDIUS CAECUS (THE CENSOR)  
Name the Claudian who drowned the sacred chickens and lost the  
Battle of Drepana. PUBLIUS CLAUDIUS PULCHER

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Round B10

- I. 5931 What Greek city sits at the isthmus connecting the Peloponnesus to the mainland? CORINTH
- What is the port of Athens? PIRAEUS
- Of what region is Thebes the principal city? BOEOTIA
- II. 5960 Name a Latin ordinal number which is used as a praenomen. QUINTUS, SEXTUS, SEPTIMUS, DECIMUS
- Name two which aren't. PRIMUS, SECUNDUS, TERTIUS, QUARTUS, OCTAVUS, NONUS, UNDECIMUS ETC.
- III. 862 Translate into Latin: "Let them be willing." VELINT
- "May he go." EAT
- "Let us weep." FLEAMUS
- IV. 1034 Define the noun **volumen**. SCROLL, BOOK, VOLUME, ROLL
- What was a book's **cornu**? THE ROLLING KNOB
- (THE KNOB[S] ON THE END OF THE STAFF IT WAS ROLLED AROUND)
- What is the Latin for "book" in our sense (i.e., pages, covers and a spine)? CODEX, CODICIS M
- V. 977 What is the genitive singular of the phrase **unus princeps**? UNIUS PRINCIPIIS
- Double the phrase. DUORUM PRINCIPUM
- Change **duorum principum** to ablative. DUOBUS PRINCIPIBUS
- VI. 5926 What provincial governor revolted against Domitian in 88 AD? SATURNINUS
- Where was he governor? UPPER GERMANY
- What governor of Lower Germany defeated Saturninus' mutiny and killed him while Domitian was still on the way from Rome? LAPPUS MAXIMUS
- VII. 1180 What fourth-conjugation deponent verb is a synonym for **oppugno**? ADORIOR, -IRI, -ORTUS
- What first-conjugation deponent is a synonym for **oro**? PRECOR
- What second-conjugation deponent is a synonym for **puto**? REOR

- VIII. 873      **Quid facis in cubiculo?**      DORMIO/DORMIS (or other correct verb)  
**Quid familia facit in triclinio?**      EDIT/EDIMUS (or other correct verb)  
**Ubi pater familias res suas curat?**      IN TABLINO
- IX. 1128      Change **utēris** to plural.      UTĪMINI  
Change **utimini** to future.      UTĒMINI  
Change **utimini** to subjunctive.      UTĀMINI
- X. 3301      What daughter of Inachus was turned into a heifer?      IO  
What monster guarded her from Zeus' attentions?      ARGUS  
What god slew Argus for Zeus?      HERMES
- XI. 3392      What master did two virtuous servants named Philoetius and Eumaeus serve?      ODYSSEUS  
What was Eumaeus' job?      SWINEHERD  
What was Philoetius' job?      COWHERD
- XII. 3390      Who were the parents of Hermaphroditus?      HERMES AND APHRODITE  
What nymph fell in love with him, and in answer to her prayer, was joined to him in body?      SALMACIS  
By what other name is he known?      ATLANTIUS/ATLANTIADES
- XIII. 844      How many sides does a decagon have?      TEN  
A nonagon?      NINE  
A dodecagon?      TWELVE
- XIV. 5964      Who was Marius' last co-consul?      CINNA  
In what year?      86 BC  
Who was Cinna's most prominent son-in-law?      JULIUS CAESAR
- XV. 807      What case follows **satis**?      GENITIVE  
What case follows **cupidus**?      GENITIVE  
What case follows **dignus**?      ABLATIVE
- XVI. 739      Of what type of verb is **odi** an example?      DEFECTIVE  
Using it, say "I used to hate."      ODERAM  
Using it, say "They will hate."      ODERINT

- XVII. What daughter of Perseis and Helius was a witch? CIRCE  
3444
- What brother of Circe fathered a witch? AEETES  
What sister of Circe and Aeetes gave birth to a monster? PASIPHAE
- XVIII. Where was a battle fought on July 18, 390 BC? THE RIVER ALLIA  
6035
- Who was the victorious leader? BRENNUS  
What Gallic tribe was he chieftain of? THE SENONES
- XIX. Which of the following is not a derivative of a compound of do:  
757 addition, edition, sedition, perdition? SEDITION
- What verb lies at the root of "sedition"? EO, IRE + SE-  
What synonym for "sedition" is from a do compound? TREASON
- XX. What son of Theseus was falsely accused by his stepmother  
3397 Phaedra? HIPPOLYTUS
- Who drove Tyndareus from the throne of Sparta? HIPPOCOON  
What son of Poseidon did Theseus put on the throne of Eleusis?  
HIPPOTHOUS

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Round B100

- I. 1170 What objects can all the following name: *tesserae, aleae, tali*?  
DICE
- Which of these words means "knucklebones"? TALI  
What do you call the box dice are kept in? FRITILLUS
- II. 3404 Who sang sweetly on the island of Anthemoessa? THE SIRENS
- Various sources give their number differently. What is the largest number given? FOUR  
Give any three names used for them.  
(WHEN TWO) HIMEROPA AND THELXIEPEIA  
(WHEN THREE) LIGEIA, LEUCOSIA, PARTHENOPE  
(WHEN FOUR) AGLAOPHEME, MOLPE, PEISINOE, THELXIEPEIA
- III. 1187 What preposition is needed for the ablative of degree of difference?  
NONE
- What preposition is perhaps needed for the ablative of manner?  
CUM
- What kinds of place-names need no preposition for ablative of place from which? CITIES/TOWNS AND SMALL ISLANDS
- IV. 1209 What is the third principal part of *lego*? LEGI
- What is the third part of its compound *colligo*? COLLEGI  
What is the third part of its compound *intellego*? INTELLEXI
- V. 3374 What deity was offended when Admetus forgot certain rites during his wedding?  
ARTEMIS
- What was her punishment?  
HIS HONEYMOON BEDROOM WAS FILLED WITH SNAKES  
What god, always helpful to Admetus, told him how to remedy the situation?  
APOLLO
- VI. 5973 Who married his own widowed ex-stepmother-in-law? TIBERIUS
- Explain. HIS SECOND WIFE JULIA WAS THE WIDOW  
OF HIS FIRST WIFE'S FATHER  
What name was shared by Tiberius' brother and son? DRUSUS
- VII. What Latin noun is the root of "fuel"? FOCUS

- 1194 In English, what room of the house is from *focus*? FOYER  
What Latin noun is the root of "suffocate"? FAUCES
- VIII. What provincial governor was quickly named Caesar by the new  
5927 emperor Septimius Severus? CLODIUS ALBINUS
- Where was Albinus governor? BRITAIN  
What rival for the principate did Severus move against first?  
PESCENNIUS NIGER
- IX. *Monstra mihi titulum.* MUST SHOW MODERATOR A NAMETAG  
1156  
*Monstra mihi nummum.* MUST SHOW A COIN.  
*Monstra mihi anulum.* MUST SHOW A RING.
- X. Name the hereditary cognomens of the members of the First Triumvirate.  
6063 CAESAR, CRASSUS, STRABO
- Caesar's sword was piously preserved in a temple that had been  
vowed at the Battle of Philippi to the divine avenger of Caesar's  
death. Who was this god? MARS ULTOR  
Who built the Temple of Mars Ultor? AUGUSTUS
- XI. In the sentence "I'm at home now but tomorrow I'm going to the  
1146 country," translate the words "home" and "country."  
DOMI (or DOMUI), RUS
- "My brother is in the country, but is coming home tomorrow."  
RURI, DOMUM  
"We're going to Rome to sit on the ground." Translate "Rome"  
and "ground." ROMAM, HUMI
- XII. In ancient Rome, what would you buy from a *mango*? SLAVES  
1132  
From a *sutor*? SHOES  
What would you hire a *metator* to do? SURVEY LAND
- XIII. What did a Roman commander have to do to claim *spolia opima*?  
5939 KILL THE ENEMY COMMANDER IN SINGLE COMBAT
- Who instituted the practice? ROMULUS  
Who asked for *spolia opima* but was denied the honor by  
Octavian? LICINIUS CRASSUS, 29 BC
- XIV. Whose idea was the oath sworn by all of Helen's suitors? ODYSSEUS'  
3360  
Who carried off Helen years before Paris did? THESEUS  
What woman did Pirithous try to capture when Theseus seized Helen?

# PERSEPHONE

- XV. 3440 What mortal couple was changed into mountains for daring to give themselves the names Zeus and Hera?  
HAEMUS AND RHODOPE
- What modern mountain range are these in? THE BALKANS  
Haemus can mean "bloody." According to another source, whose blood was Haemus named for? TYPHON'S/TYPHOEUS'
- XVI. 1200 What word should be used to introduce the dependent clause in this sentence: "I'm afraid the general has seen the city."  
NE
- Translate the dependent verb. VIDERIT  
Translate the subordinate clause in this sentence: "We feared that he wasn't telling the truth." UT VERUM/VERITATEM DICERET
- XVII. 3398 What evil king sent Perseus on his quest for the Gorgon's head?  
POLYDECTES
- What king of Corinth was Oedipus' foster father? POLYBUS  
Who was Oedipus' older son? POLYNICES
- XVIII. 1193 What fruit's name tells you it's from Persia?  
PEACH (MALUM PERSICUM)
- What fruit tells you it's from Corinth? CURRANT  
What fruit's name refers to its golden color? ORANGE
- XIX. 5957 Since the Romans called Paris Lutetia, where does the name Paris come from? THE LOCAL TRIBE WAS THE PARISII
- Where in the Roman world was a tribe called the Parisi? BRITAIN  
What adjective for part of Gaul differentiated it from the rest, the so-called Gallia togata? GALLIA COMATA ("long-haired")
- XX. 1197 What passive participle is formed on a Latin verb's present stem?  
FUTURE PASSIVE
- What active participle is formed on the participial stem?  
FUTURE ACTIVE
- What stem is not used for any participle? PERFECT STEM