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ROUND B1

- I. Responde Latina*
- 797 I. Quot aures tibi sunt? DUAE
Quot linguae tibi sunt? UNA
Quot labia tibi sunt? DUO
- 375 II. What is the vocative of Caesar? CAESAR
What is the vocative of Septimus? SEPTIME
What is the vocative of Lucius? LUCI
- 313 III. What change in the pronoun aliquid would be required if the clause began with nisi? THE ALI- DROPS OFF
What Latin adverb indicates that the expected answer to the question is "No"? NUM
What indicates the answer is "yes"? NONNE
- 627 IV. What Latin infinitive means "to sell"? VENDERE
Of what words is vendere a contraction? VENUM and DARE
What words contract to a verb meaning "to be for sale"? VENUM & IRE
- 2708 V. Who am I? Cupid's lead arrow wounded me, but then his gold arrow struck Apollo who fell in love with me. DAPHNE
What was Daphne changed into? LAUREL
What gift did Apollo give those who won his favor? LAUREL WREATH
- 2820 VI. Who slew the Chimaera? BELLEROPHON
Spell C H I M A E R A.
Spell B E L L E R O P H O N.
- 3011 VII. Who made new armor for Achilles? HEPHAESTUS
Who had died wearing Achilles' old armor? PATROCLUS
What did Hephaestus later make for Achilles? A GOLDEN FUNERARY URN
- 5075 VIII. What disastrous defeat did the Romans suffer in 321 BC? THE BATTLE OF THE CAUDINE FORKS
What was in progress? THE SECOND SAMNITE WAR
How many Samnite Wars were there? THREE
- 2972 IX. Who was the father of Zeus? CRONUS
Who was the mother of Zeus? RHEA
What Relation to Zeus was Rhea besides mother? MOTHER-IN-LAW/AUNT
- 2878 X. What baby did Hera try to kill by sending two serpents to attack him in his crib? HERACLES
Who was Heracles' mortal half-brother? IPHICLES
Who instructed Heracles in music? LINUS
- 155 XI. What Latin verb is the root of the English noun "verdict"? DICO
What Latin noun lies at the root of "perjury"? IUS
What is the Latin noun which means "judge"? IUDEX

- XII. Who was Rome's first king? ROMULUS
 5492 Who was her last king? TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS
 How many ~~k~~ings were there? SEVEN
- XIII. What leader of the pretorian guard usurped the power of
 5378 the emperor Tiberius? SEJANUS
 Where had Tiberius retreated? CAPRI
 During Tiberius' reign, what practice caused the execution
 of many prominent and wealthy Romans? INFORMING - INFORMERS
 WERE REWARDED WITH PART OF THE ACCUSED'S ESTATE (also MAIESTAS)
- XIV. What is the accusative singular of vis? VIM
 281 What is the ablative singular? VI
 What is the accusative singular of prex? PRECEM
- XV. What is the Latin word for "today"? HODIE
 589 For "tomorrow"? CRAS
 What English verb comes from cras? PROCRASTINATE
- XVI. Name a first declension masculine noun. POETA, PIRATA,
 213 AGRICOLA, NAUTA, AURIGA, INCOLA, etc.
 Give the dative singular of the phrase "good sailor." NAUTAE BONO
 Give the dative plural of the phrase "beautiful goddess."
 DEABUS PULCHRIS
- XVII. In the late Republic, what party represented the interests
 5639 of the wealthy? THE OPTIMATES
 What was the opposition party? POPULARES
 To which did Julius Caesar belong? POPULARES
- XVIII. Say in Latin: "I have touched." TETIGI
 7 Say: "I had been touched." TACTUS ERAM
 Say: "I shall be touched." TANGAR
- XIX. What was the Roman army's largest unit? THE LEGION
 5171 Into how many cohorts was a legion divided? TEN
 How many men was a legion supposed to contain? 6000
- XX. What English verb meaning "improve" comes from the
 146 comparative of bonus? MELIORATE (or AMELIORATE)
 What is the superlative of acer? ACERRIMUS
 What is the superlative of agilis? AGILISSIMUS

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- I. 724 How many participles does a regular, transitive Latin verb have? FOUR
How many more could it have, but for which Latin has no forms? TWO
What two participial possibilities don't exist?
PRESENT PASSIVE AND PERFECT ACTIVE
- II. 5046 What brothers were political reformers in the late second century BC? GAIUS AND TIBERIUS GRACCHUS
Who was their mother? CORNELIA
In a famous story, what metaphor did she use to describe them? THEY WERE HER "JEWELS"
- III. 2958 Whom did Ares turn into a rooster? ALECTRYON
Who was turned into a turtle for refusing to attend the wedding of Zeus and Hera? THE NYMPH CHELONE
What playmate of the child Zeus was turned into a stone for calling little Zeus mortal? CELMUS
- IV. 5444 What were Caesar's words, in Latin, as he crossed the Rubicon? ALEA IACTA EST
What was the year? 49 BC
What general led the opposition to Caesar in the civil war that followed? POMPEY
- V. 2667 What villain either stretched or hacked up his victims to make them fit his bed? PROCRUSTES
From what source did the giant Antaeus draw his strength?
HIS MOTHER, THE EARTH
How did Sinis, a highwayman eventually killed by Theseus, murder his victims?
TIED THEM TO TWO BENT PINE TREES AND RELEASED THE TREES
- VI. 3091 What king was twice the host of Aeneas in Scily? ACESTES (AEGESTES)
Who was Acestes' best friend, who returned with him from Troy? ELYMUS
What was Acestes' kingdom in Sicily? DREPANUM
- VII. 1024 To what Latin verb, with what meaning, are the nouns fas and nefas linked? FOR, FARI = SPEAK
Give the Latin nouns and their meanings from which these English words are derived.
federation FOEDUS, TREATY
fulminate FULMEN, THUNDER
- VIII. 69 Translate the verb in this sentence: "Let's remain in Athens."
MANEAMUS
In the same sentence, translate "in Athens." ATHENIS
Make the sentence negative. ATHENIS NE MANEAMUS.

- IX. 2813 Who were the parents of Harmonia, the wife of Cadmus?
APHRODITE AND ARES (VENUS & MARS)
Who was the father of Thetis, wife of Peleus? NEREUS
Who was the father of Andromeda, wife of Perseus? CEPHEUS
- X. 923 Tell me all the English nouns which would be accusative if you translated this sentence: "For many years I have taught the language of the Ancient Romans to clever students with great zeal." YEARS, LANGUAGE, STUDENTS
How many prepositions would be required in that Latin sentence? NONE
What other case or cases would the sentence contain?
GENITIVE (ROMANS) AND ABLATIVE (ZEAL)
- XI. 5727 How many paces were in a Roman mile? 1000
How many Roman feet were in a Roman pace? 5
What unit of length was 125 paces? STADIUM
- XII. 1015 What is the perfect active infinitive of lego? LEGISSE
Of intellego? INTELLEXISSE
Of neglego? NEGLEXISSE
- XIII. 2965 How many Graces were there? THREE
What did the Greeks call them? CHARITES
Who was their mother? EURYNOME
- XIV. 156 Define this ^{English} ~~Latin~~ noun ~~and~~ unchanged ^{from Latin} ~~Latin~~: acumen.
INTELLIGENCE, EXPERTISE
Define these English nouns, taken unchanged from Latin:
"cadaver" CORPSE
"colloquium" CONFERENCE, CONVERSATION
- XV. 601 Which of these nouns is out of place: coluber, volucris, anguis, serpens? VOLUCRIS
What is a synonym for volucris? AVIS
What do the other three nouns mean? SNAKE
- XVI. 5709 As the crow flies (or, as the Romans would say, Ut corvus volat), what direction is it from Rome to Illyricum?
EAST
What sea would you cross? THE ADRIATIC
What country today is roughly equivalent to ancient Illyricum? YUGOSLAVIA
- XVII. 734 What Latin noun is a general term for these nouns: torus, sella, lectus, mensa? SUPELLEX
What noun contains all of these: mala, uva, fici, pruna? FRUGES/POMA
What Latin noun contains all of these: vespertilio, iumentum, caper, lepus? ANIMALIA

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XVIII. What is the perfect active infinitive of fallo? FEFELLISSE
 749 Of pello? PEPULISSE
 Of ballo? BALLAVISSE

XIX. What was the ethnic identity of Cleopatra of Egypt?
 5640 MACEDONIAN

What two Romans did she say were the fathers of her children? JULIUS CAESAR AND MARC ANTONY
 How many children did she have? FOUR (1 JC, 3 MA)

XX. When do you take a prescription that reads a.c.?
 166 BEFORE MEALS (ANTE CIBUM)

When do you take one that says q.i.d.? FOUR TIMES DAILY (QUATER IN DIEM)
 How do you take one that says p.o.? ORALLY - PER OS

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- I. 5264 During the time of Caesar, the Romans mined a certain metal in central Britain; they called it plumbum album - "white lead." What was it? TIN
In Caesar's account, what color did the Britons paint their skin in order to appear fierce in battle? BLUE
How many times did Caesar visit Britain during his campaigns? TWO
- II. 667 How does cum always change whenever it becomes a verbal prefix? THE -U- BECOMES -O-
By what process does the last letter of a prefix change to match better with the first letter of the word to which it is attached? ASSIMILATION
What change is undergone by ab when it combines with teneo and traho? S INSERTED (ABSTINEO, ABSTRAHO)
- III. 521 What was the Latin noun for the relationship between a host and his guest? HOSPITIUM
The relationship between a patron and his clients was clientela. What was the name of the morning calling hour for clientes? SALUTATIO
At the salutatio, a patron often gave his client a dole of food. What was this called? SPORTULA
- IV. 575 What is the Latin noun for "health"? SALUS
What is the word for "swamp"? PALUS
What is the noun for "wolf"? LUPUS
- V. 3042 What animals pulled the chariot of Cybele? LIONS
What animals do we associate with the Dioscuri? HORSES
Into what animals were pirates, the captors of Bacchus, transformed? DOLPHIN S
- VI. 5394 A second-century emperor is also famous as a philosopher, who wrote in Greek a word called Meditations. Who was he? MARCUS AURELIUS
What Roman emperor was the first to embrace Christianity? CONSTANTINE
Who was emperor at the time of Christ's crucifixion? TIBERIUS
- VII. 219 Of what kind of subjunctive is this an example: Fabulam legamus? HORTATORY
What type of cum-clause is this: Cum non vicissemus, tamen laeti eramus? CONCESSIVE
Is the subjunctive mandatory in a concessive cum-clause? YES
- VIII. 2578 The wicked are punished in the lowest region of Hades; what is its name? TARTARUS
Who is punished in Tartarus on a great wheel? IXION
What was Ixion's crime? HE TRIED TO SEDUCE HERA (or MURDER)
- IX. 624 With a long e-, what does est mean? HE EATS
What is this verb's archaic present infinitive? ~~ESSE~~
What is its perfect active infinitive? EDISSE

- X.
393 Change vidit to subjunctive. VIDERIT
Change viderit to the passive. VISUS SIT
Change visus sit to imperfect. VIDERETUR
- XI.
5597 What Roman went in 458 BC to rescue the Roman forces
on Mt. Algidus? CINCINNATUS
What office did he hold? CINCINNATUS
Whom were the Romans fighting? THE AEDUI
- XII.
137 From what verb are the following English words derived:
pertinent, contain, tenant, tentacle? TENERE
These words: convince, victim, evict? VINCERE
These words: sediment, session, sedentary? SEDEO
- XIII.
5684 What was the name of the wrestling yards adjacent to
Roman baths? PALAESTRAE
After exercising, a young Roman might head for the
open-air swimming pool. What was it called? PISCINA/NATATIO
What was the sub-floor heating system called? HYPOCAUST
- XIV.
4 Translate this sentence using the supine: "I came to
watch." SPECTATUM VENI
Translate: mirabile dictu. REMARKABLE TO SAY
Translate: horribile visu. HORRIBLE TO SEE
- XV.
2745 Whose wedding was disrupted by the battle of the Lapiths
and the Centaurs? THAT OF PIRITHOUS AND HIPPODAMIA
Who was Pirithous' best friend? THESEUS
Where is Pirithous to this day? IN A CHAIR IN HADES
- XVI.
2794 Two brothers were rewarded by Hera, whose priestess their
mother was, with the greatest good men can have. What
was that blessing? PAINLESS DEATH IN THEIR SLEEP
Once in a temple of Artemis, a young man named Acontius
tricked a young woman into betrothing herself to him.
What did he do? INSCRIBED "I SWEAR BY ARTEMIS TO
MARRY ARTEMIS" ON A PIECE OF FRUIT AND THREW IT TO HER
FEET. SHE PICKED IT UP, READ THE INSCRIPTION ALOUD WITHOUT
THINKING, AND BY ARTEMIS' WILL HAD TO HONOR THE OATH.
What was this maiden's name? CYDIPPE
- XVII.
396 What is the present singular imperative of egredior? EGREDERE
What is that verb's third person plural imperfect
subjunctive? EGREDERENTUR
Change egredierentur to pluperfect. EGRESSI ESSENT
- XVIII.
5142 What was the old name for Constantinople? BYZANTIUM
In what year was Constantinople founded?
330 AD (inaugurated) or 324 AD (founded)
What was the year of Constantine's victory in the
Battle of the Mulvian Bridge? 312 AD

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- XIX. What case would be needed for "water" in this sentence:
 943 "The horses need more water." GENITIVE
 In this: "There is a great shortage of water." GENITIVE
 In this: "Sieves are not very useful for drawing water." DATIVE
- XX. From what animals did the Myrmidons spring? ANTS
 2701 Where was their island home? AEGINA
 Who was their first king? AEACUS

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ROUND B100

- I. What type of ablative appears here: His visis, dux recessit.
ABLATIVE ABSOLUTE
- 211 Use an ablative absolute to say: "When the soldiers had
been captured..." MILITIBUS CAPTIS
What type of ablative is vir summa virtute?
DESCRIPTION or CHARACTERISTIC
- II. What does the epithet Psychopompus name as a duty of
Hermes? ESCORTING THE DEAD TO HADES
- 2938 What two animals were found in Aesculapius' temples
and were thought to have curative powers in their licks?
SNAKES AND DOGS
Who was Aesculapius' mother? CORONIS
- III. Wait to be spotted and then follow the instructions:
Tange naso mensam.
Tene manu sinistra mentum.
Morde pollicem dextrum.
- IV. Who was the Roman commander at Syracuse in 212 BC? MARCELLUS
- 5516 Who designed the Syracusan war machines? ARCHIMEDES
How did the Romans eventually capture the city?
IT WAS DELIVERED TO THEM BY A TRAITOR
- V. What comitia in the late Republic witnessed wills and
adoptions, and confirmed the imperium of consuls and
praetors? CURIATA
- 5214 What comitia declared war, signed peace treaties and
elected consuls? CENTURIATA
What comitia passed legislation and elected quaestors
and curule aediles? TRIBUTA
- VI. What herb did Odysseus receive from Hermes as a charm
against Circe's powers? MOLY
- 2607 Of Odysseus' men who went to Circe's palace, who alone
was not porcified? EURYLOCHUS
Who gave Odysseus a veil to wrap around himself to keep
from drowning? INO (LEUCOTHEA)
- VII. Quot ulnae tibi sunt? DUAE
- 746 Quot ungues tibi sunt? DECEM (or VIGINTI)
Quot renes tibi sunt? DUO
- VIII. What Germanic chieftain led the Suebi against the Romans
in 58 BC? ARIOVISTUS
- 5425 What name did the Romans use for the river which divided
Gaul from Germany? RHENUS
What forest in Germany does Caesar describe as full of
strange animals, including what he described as unicorns?
THE HERCYNIAN FOREST

- IX. What two gods built Troy's walls? POSEIDON AND APOLLO
 3110 Who defauded them of their payment? LAOMEDON
 What was Poseidon's revenge? A SEA MONSTER
- X. Where would you find the abbreviation S.T.T.L.? ON TOMBSTONES (IN CEMETERIES)
- 608 What were the columbaria in Roman cemeteries? URN NICHES
 What does "sarcophagus" mean literally? FLESH-EATER
- XI. What is unusual about the adjectives frugi and nequam? THEY ARE INDECLINABLE
- 332 What is the masculine dative singular of ullus? ULLI
 What is the feminine nominative singular of tener. TENERA
- XII. What son of Theseus married a daughter of Priam? ACAMAS
 3094 Who was Acamas' wife? LAODICE
 Who was their son? MUNYCHUS
- XIII. What man was pursued by the brothers Minos, Sarpedon and Rhadamanthys? MILETUS
 3100 Miletus was Minos' grandson. Who was Minos' daughter, Miletus' mother? ACACALLIS
 Who was Miletus' father? APOLLO
- XIV. What was a tonstrina? BARBERSHOP
 744 In Latin, who practiced his trade at a tonstrina? TONSOR
 What did a caupo do? RAN AN INN
- XV. Which of Rome's seven hills contains the Tarpeian Rock? THE CAPITOLINE
 5468 Which hill contains a peak called the Cispius? THE ESQUILINE
 Where is the Cermalus or Germalus? ON THE PALATINE
- XVI. ~~What is the name of the hill on which the Temple of Vesta stands?~~
 945 *Picture yourself counting temples. Count to five.*
 UNUM, DUO, TRIA, QUATTUOR, QUINQUE
Now you're counting trees. Count to seven.
 UNA, DUAE, TRES, QUATTUOR, QUINQUE, SEX, SEPTEM
Count to 5 - ordinals. Primus, secundus, tertius, quartus, quintus
 XVII. Whom did Augustus make ruler of Mauretania in 25 BC? KING JUBA OF NUMIDIA
 5528 Who was Juba's first wife? CLEOPATRA SELENE (daughter of Cleopatra and Marc Antony)
 Who was the ruler of Judaea at this time? HEROD THE GREAT
- XVIII. What is, both in form and in meaning, the opposite of otium? NEGOTIUM
 What is, both in form and in meaning, the opposite of nobilis? ~~ignobilis~~ INOPIA
 Of nobilis? IGNOBILIS
- XIX. Distinguish in meaning between anguis and sanguis.
 ANGUIS=SNAKE SANGUIS=BLOOD
 Between os and bos. OS=MOUTH/BONE BOS=COW
 Between equus and aequus. EQUUS=HORSE AEQUUS=FAIR, JUST

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- XX. What two nouns in Latin are identical and mean "heel" and
"pebble"? CALX
- 512 What Latin word can mean either "sheep" or "may you
rejoice"? OVES
- What word means either "step" or "having suffered"? PASSUS