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ROUND A1**

1. What sea goddess was Neptune's wife? AMPHITRITE  
 Who was their son, the trumpeter of the sea? TRITON  
 What was Triton's trumpet? (CONCH) SHELL
  
2. What historian won the friendship of Augustus, in spite of his preference for the LIVY  
 republican constitution?  
 What is the Latin title of Livy's history? **AB URBE CONDITA**  
 What was unusual about how the *Ab Urbe Condita* was published? PUBLISHED IN INSTALLMENTS
  
3. What war resulted when Rome's Italian allies were refused citizenship? SOCIAL / MARSIC / ITALIC  
 Whose proposal to enfranchise the Italians led to his assassination?  
(M. LIVIUS) DRUSUS THE YOUNGER  
 Give the full name of the consul who carried the *lex Iulia* in 90 BC granting Roman citizenship to Latin and Italian communities. LUCIUS IULIUS CAESAR (consul 90 BC)
  
4. What queen was defeated by Aurelian? ZENOBIA  
 Where was she queen? PALMYRA  
 She succeeded her murdered husband. What was his name? ODAENATHUS
  
5. Which centaur entertained Heracles but started a riot with some wine? PHOLUS  
 What teacher of Heracles was killed in the riot? CHIRON  
 For whom did Heracles perform his labors? EURYSTHEUS
  
6. How many books of the *De Bello Gallico* were written by Caesar? SEVEN  
 Who wrote the eighth book? AULUS HIRTIUS  
 In what capacity had Aulus Hirtius served Caesar? ONE OF HIS LIEUTENANTS IN GAUL
  
7. Give the date of the festival of the Lupercalia in Rome. FEBRUARY 15  
 What two animals were sacrificed? A GOAT AND A DOG  
 What Italian god was the honoree? FAUNUS

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8. Who was the daughter of Priam to whom Apollo gave the gift of prophecy?  
CASSANDRA  
Who was Cassandra's mother?  
HECUBA/HECABE  
Who was Cassandra's brother who also had the powers of prophecy?  
HELENUS
  
9. Complete this analogy Nōlō : nōn vult :: mālō : \_\_\_\_\_. MĀVULT  
Complete this analogy Mālō : mālīt :: queō : \_\_\_\_\_. QUEAT  
Complete this analogy Queō : queat :: ōdī : \_\_\_\_\_. ŌDERIT
  
10. Who was the first Roman emperor to leave office alive? DIOCLETIAN  
What was the year of his abdication? AD 305  
Who abdicated with him? MAXIMIAN (HIS WESTERN CO-AUGUSTUS)
  
11. Distinguish in meaning between lūceō and lūgeō. LŪCEŌ -- SHINE, BE LIGHT, GLITTER  
LŪGEŌ -- MOURN  
What 3rd principal part do lūceō and lūgeō share? LUXĪ  
What verb, lūceō or lūgeō, does not have a 4th principal part? LŪCEŌ
  
12. Change fuissēs to imperfect. ESSĒS  
Change essēs to present. SĪS  
Besides being a form of sum, esse, sīs has the possibility of being a contraction of what two words? SĪ VĪS
  
13. Whose first known work celebrated the opening of the Colosseum? MARTIAL'S  
What was the title of this work? **LIBER SPECTACULORUM**  
Martial's next published work was entitled *Xenia*. For what purpose were these short poems written? TO ACCOMPANY GIFTS (GIVEN AT SATURNALIA)
  
14. You may or may not know that Aeneas was not really a Trojan. Of what kindred people was Aeneas the prince? DARDANIANS  
In what year of the war did Aeneas and the Dardanians ally themselves with the Trojans and join the fighting? NINTH  
What caused Aeneas to join the Trojans fighting the Greeks? ACHILLES RAIDED HIS CATTLE

15. **Monstrā mihi tua labra.** PLAYER SHOULD SHOW HIS LIPS  
**Prōtrūdite, omnēs, vestra labra inferiōra.**  
ALL PLAYERS SHOULD THRUST OUT THEIR LOWER LIPS  
**Perflāte aurā vestra labra.**  
PLAYERS SHOULD WHISTLE OR AT LEAST ATTEMPT IT
16. Listen carefully to the following sentences, which I will read twice, and answer in Latin the question about them. **Dum cīvēs Rōmānī sacrificium in dēlūbrō clāmōsō spectant, iuvenis subitō prōsiluit audax. "Rēs novae coepērunt." clāmābat. "Nunc cīvitatī serviētis!"**  
**Quī cīvitatī servient?** CĪVĒS / ROMANI / CIVES ROMANI  
**Quid cīvēs faciēbant?** SACRIFICIUM SPECTĀBANT  
**In quālī dēlūbrō erat sacrificium?** CLĀMŌSŌ
17. What is Vergil's ten-poem collection of pastoral poetry entitled?  
**ECLOGUES/BUCOLICS**  
What work did he compose next?  
**GEORGICS**  
What is the general subject matter of the *Georgics*?  
AGRICULTURE, FARMING (not COUNTRY LIFE)
18. Translate: **Cīvēs Rōmam vēnērunt questum intūriās.**  
THE CITIZENS CAME TO ROME TO COMPLAIN OF WRONGS  
What kind of construction is **questum**? SUPINE  
Translate: **Quaerunt quid optimum factū sit.**  
THEY ASK WHAT IS (IT) BEST TO DO
19. Give an antonym of **primo**. DENIQUE / DEMUM / POSTREMO  
Give an antonym of **siccus**. UVIDUS / MADIDUS / UMIDUS  
Give an antonym of **culmen**. SOLUM / FUNDUS
20. Which, if any, of the following is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: affable, infant, preface, facet, fate. FACET  
...torch, distort, torment, torque, tortuous. TORCH  
...point, puncture, punt, pungent, pivot. PUNT

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1. What Roman author was the **arbiter elegantiae** in Nero's court? **PETRONIUS**  
 What is the title of Petronius' novel? **SATYRICON**  
 Who is the wealthy freedman whose banquet is the novel's most famous scene? **TRIMALCHIO**
  
2. What flower grew in a meadow in Hades? **ASPHODEL (as' fō - del)**  
 According to Homer, who inhabited the meadow of asphodels? **SHADES OF HEROES**  
 What nymph was transformed into a white poplar tree which grew beside the Pool of Memory? **LEUCE**
  
3. Differentiate in meaning between **paulō** and **paulatim** -- (BY A) LITTLE, SOMEWHAT  
**PAULĀTIM** -- LITTLE BY LITTLE, GRADUALLY  
 ...in meaning between **cōnsuēscō** and **cōnsuetudō** -- BECOME ACCUSTOMED  
**CŌNSUĒTUDŌ** -- CUSTOM  
 ...in meaning between **aeternus** and **aetās**. **AETERNUS** -- ETERNAL  
**AETĀS** -- AGE
  
4. What Latin adjective with what meaning is the root of the English noun "anguish?"  
**ANGUSTUS** -- NARROW, THIN  
 What Latin verb with what meaning is the root of the English verb "hesitate?"  
**HAEREŌ** -- STICK, CLING, ADHERE  
 What Latin verb with what meaning is the root of the English noun "emergency?"  
**MERGŌ** -- DIP, PLUNGE, SINK, DROWN
  
5. Where was Hasdrubal, Hannibal's brother, defeated by the Romans in 207 BC?  
**THE METAURUS RIVER**  
 For five pts. each, name the two consuls, political enemies, who led the victorious Roman forces.  
**(M. LIVIUS) SALINATOR & (C. CLAUDIUS) NERO**
  
6. What poet wrote the line *Nunc est bibendum, nunc pede libero pulsanda tellus*?  
**HORACE**  
 What victory was Horace celebrating? **ACTIUM / OVER ANTONY & CLEOPATRA**  
 To which of his poetic collections does the entire poem belong? **ODES (I, XXXVII)**

7. What is the meaning of the idiom *domī militiaeque*?  
 AT HOME AND IN THE FIELDS / AT PEACE AND IN WAR  
 Besides *cur*, give a synonym of *quā dē causā*? QUAM OB REM / QUARE / QUID  
 What idiom means "it is worthwhile"? TANTŪ EST
  
8. What late Latin writer wrote *The Consolation of Philosophy*? BOETHIUS  
 Under what difficult circumstances did he write this work?  
 IMPRISONED OR FACING EXECUTION (FOR TREASON)  
 What 6th century Ostrogoth king of Italy had imprisoned him?  
 THEODORIC (THE GREAT)
  
9. Which of the following does NOT belong because of gender: *ficus, acus, domus, vulnus, Idūs*? VULNUS  
*Acer, iūs, imber, gelu, pelagus*? IMBER  
*Poēta, poēma, pollex, polus, pons*? POĒMA
  
10. Which of Cicero's works includes the *Somnium Scipionis*? DE RE PUBLICA  
 Which Scipio is having a dream? P. CORNELIUS SCIPIO AEMILIANUS  
 AFRICANUS MINOR NUMANTINUS  
 On what Greek author's work is the *Somnium* modeled? PLATO'S
  
11. Who was the Roman general who defeated Attila & the Huns in A.D. 451 at the Battle of the Catalaunian Plains? FLAVIUS AETIUS  
 What group joined forces with Aetius to defeat the Huns? VISIGOTHS  
 Under what emperor did Aetius serve? VALENTINIAN III
  
12. Translate: *Gladiātor ad certāmen vincendum duōbus gladiīs ūsus est.*  
 THE GLADIATOR USED TWO SWORDS TO WIN THE STRUGGLE  
*Illī gladii maximō ūsuī gladiātōrī erant.*  
 THOSE SWORDS WERE OF THE GREATEST USE / VERY USEFUL TO THE  
 GLADIATOR  
*Nōn est iam gladiātōrī ūsus ullīs gladiīs.*  
 THE GLADIATOR NO LONGER NEEDS ANY SWORDS  
 (THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED OF ANY SWORDS FOR THE GLADIATOR)
  
13. Who was emperor of Rome when Boudicca and the Iceni revolted in Britain? NERO

- ...when BarCochba led the Jewish revolt in Palestine? HADRIAN  
 ...when Tacfarinas led a revolt in Africa? TIBERIUS
14. How many case forms do **dea** and **deus** have in common? NONE  
 Besides **dea** and **filia**, name another noun which can end in **-ābus** in the dative and ablative plural. LĪBERTA, MŪLA, EQUA  
 Give an archaic ending for the genitive singular of 1st declension. -ĀS / -AI (e.g. FAMILIĀS)
15. The following words all have the Greek word **nēsos** (nay-sauce) in common: Indonesia, Micronesia, Polynesia, Peloponnesus. What does **nēsos** mean? ISLAND  
 What does Micronesia mean? SMALL ISLANDS  
 What does Polynesia mean? MANY ISLANDS
16. Translate into Latin the verbs in the following sentence: If a tornado should capture us, we would fly to the land of Oz. CAPIAT, VELIMUS  
 If you had had ruby slippers like Dorothy's, you too would have returned home. HABUISSĒS / FUISSENT  
 REVERSUS ESSĒS / REVERTISSĒS / REVĒNISSĒS / REDISSĒS / REDISSĒS  
 If I only had a brain. HABĒREM / ESSET (UTINAM optional)
17. When Aeolus gave Odysseus a bag of winds, which wind did he NOT enclose? ZEPHYRUS (WEST)  
 Why did the men open the bag? THEY THOUGHT IT CONTAINED TREASURE NOT SHARED WITH THEM  
 Where were they blown by all the released winds? BACK TO AEOLIA
18. Quī deus cēterīs deīs arma faciēbat? VULCĀNUS  
 Quī deus fulmina iaciēbat? IUPPITER  
 Quī deus tridentem ferēbat? NEPTŪNUS
19. What king of Corinth gave his daughter to Jason as a wife? CREON  
 Who was the daughter? GLAUCE (CREUSA)  
 How did Medea dispose of this rival? GAVE HER A POISONED WEDDING GOWN  
WHICH BURNED HER (AND CREON) ALIVE

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20. At what Roman festival was the presence of men prohibited?

THE BONA DEA FESTIVAL

What animal was sacrificed to her?

A SOW

What plant was forbidden in the decorations?

THE MYRTLE

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1. What Roman based his version of the tragedy on the *Medea* of Euripides? SENECA THE YOUNGER  
How many tragedies are definitely Seneca's work? NINE  
How many of his tragedies have the name "Hercules" in their titles? TWO
  
2. Translate this sentence into English:  
**Senātor effūgit Rōmā vitandōrum inimicōrum causā.**  
THE SENATOR FLED FROM ROME TO AVOID HIS ENEMIES  
Translate this sentence into English: **Cincinnātus praeest agrō arandō.**  
CINCINNATUS IS IN CHARGE OF PLOWING THE FIELD  
Translate this sentence into English: **Quis est quin errandō discat.**  
WHO IS THERE WHO DOESN'T LEARN BY MAKING MISTAKES
  
3. What kinsman and lover of Phaethon was turned into a swan by Apollo? CYCNUS  
This etiological myth explains why swans fly low. Why do they?  
CYCNUS SHUNNED ZEUS' REALM BECAUSE ZEUS HAD KILLED PHAETHON  
What English expression for a final act comes from this story?  
SWAN SONG (BECAUSE SWANS WERE  
THOUGHT TO SING JUST BEFORE THEY DIE)
  
4. Whom did Heracles rescue while he was in Tartarus fetching Cerberus? THESEUS  
What friend of Theseus was Heracles unable to rescue? PIRITHOUS  
Under what condition did Hades allow Heracles to take Cerberus?  
COULD NOT USE WEAPONS / THAT HE BRING HIM BACK (UNHARMED)
  
5. What seer told Odysseus not to harm the cattle of Helios? TIRESIAS  
What did he tell Odysseus about his own death?  
THAT IT WOULD COME FROM THE SEA  
What singular honor was bestowed on Tiresias' ghost, according to Homer?  
HE ALONE KEPT HIS INTELLIGENCE AFTER DEATH /  
COULD TALK w/o DRINKING BLOOD



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6. Differentiate in meaning between **pingō** and **pinguis**.  
PINGŌ --PAINT / DEPICT / PORTRAY  
PINGUIS -- FAT / SLEEK  
...between **torus** and **turris**.  
TORUS -- COUCH / KNOT  
TURRIS -- TOWER  
...between **litus** and **linum**.  
LITUS -- SEA-SHORE  
LINUM -- FLAX, LINEN, THREAD, ROPE, FISHING LINE
7. Who banished the poet Ovid to Tomi on the Black Sea? AUGUSTUS  
Ovid tells us in three Latin words why he was exiled. What are those words?  
CARMEN ET ERROR  
In which of his works did Ovid describe his last night in Rome, the voyage to Tomi, and his exile?  
TRISTIA
8. Not counting assonance or alliteration, of what figure of speech is this an example:  
Poeni, velut apes, laborant. SIMILE  
... Turnus, leo ferox Rutulorum METAPHOR  
... pulcher corpore, oculis maestus CHIASMUS / ASYNDETON
9. Who was the first known writer of tragedy in Latin? LIVIUS ANDRONICUS  
Name another genre of literature written by Andronicus. EPIC / COMEDY / LYRIC  
In what capacity did he come to Rome? AS A PRISONER OF WAR / SLAVE
10. What type of conditional is found in the following sentence: **Sī respexeris, aliquid mīrī vidēbis.** FUTURE MORE VIVID / SIMPLE CONDITION  
What use of the genitive is found in that sentence? PARTITIVE  
Translate the sentence in the toss-up.  
IF YOU (WILL) LOOK BEHIND (BACK), YOU WILL SEE SOMETHING AMAZING  
(STRANGE, WONDERFUL, MARVELOUS, etc.)
11. Which of the Five Good Emperors was chosen by the Senate? NERVA  
What precedent did Nerva establish for imperial succession?  
ADOPTION OF AN HEIR (OF PROVEN ABILITY)  
Which of the Five Good Emperors broke with this precedent? MARCUS AURELIUS
12. What use of the ablative case is found in the following sentence:

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**Discipuli linguae Latīnae virtūte praecedunt.** SPECIFICATION (RESPECT)  
**Agrum vēndidit sēstertium sex milibus.** PRICE  
**Quō minus cupiditātis, eō plūs auctōritātis.** DEGREE (MEASURE) OF DIFFERENCE  
 (Translation: Where there is less ambition, there is more leadership.)

13. Whom did Orestes marry? HERMIONE  
 Who were her parents? MENELAUS AND HELEN  
 What Greek warrior did Orestes slay because of Hermione? PYRRHUS / NEOPTOLEMUS
14. What is the accusative singular of "broken bone?" OS FRACTUM / RUPTUM  
 Change **os fractum** to plural. OSSA FRACTA  
 The Latin word **Ossifragus** is a compound of **os** and **frangō**. What bird did the Romans call **ossifragus**, perhaps because of its ability to break bones? SEA-EAGLE, OSPREY, BEARDED VULTURE
15. What great honor did M. Claudius Marcellus win in 222 BC by killing the enemy chieftain Viridomarus in single combat? SPOLIA OPIMA  
 What Greek city did Marcellus capture in 211 BC? SYRACUSE  
 By what nickname was Marcellus known? THE SWORD OF ROME
16. According to tradition, which of Rome's kings founded the Senate? ROMULUS  
 Which Roman king built the Curia or Senate House? TULLUS HOSTILIUS  
 Which Roman king added to the Senate a hundred members, who were called **minores gentes**? TARQUINIUS PRISCUS
17. Where have the Roman world's earliest known baths been found? POMPEII  
 Which of the several baths in Pompeii has this distinction? THE STABIAN BATHS (1st century BC)  
 Who built the first public baths in Rome? AGRIPPA (c. 20 BC)
18. Translate the motto of the kings of Scotland, **Nēmō mē impūne lacessit**. NO ONE PROVOKES ME "SCOT"-FREE / UNPUNISHED / WITH IMPUNITY  
 Translate the motto of Paris, **Fluctuat nec mergitur**. IT IS TOSSED BY THE WAVES BUT DOES NOT SINK / IT IS TOSSED ABOUT NOR IS IT SUBMERGED  
 Translate the motto of the City and Guilds of the London Institute, **coram deō labōrāmus**.

WE WORK IN THE PRESENCE OF (FACE TO FACE WITH) GOD

19. What are the comparative and superlative forms of *ēgregius*?  
MAGIS *ĒGREGIUS* & MAXIMĒ *ĒGREGIUS*  
...of *īferus*? *ĪFERIOR* & *ĪNFIMUS* (*ĪMUS*)  
...of *frūgī*? *FRŪGĀLIOR* & *FRŪGĀLISSIMUS* (indeclinable adj.)
20. What two verbs, with what meanings, combine to form the verb *tumefaciō*?  
TUMEŌ -- SWELL, BE BOMBASTIC  
FACIŌ -- DO, MAKE  
What Latin adjective, related to *tumeō*, means "swollen?" TUMIDUS  
What related Latin noun means "mound of earth?" TUMULUS

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1. Give an antonym of **dominor**. SERVIŌ  
 Give an antonym of **nectō**. LAXŌ / SOLVŌ / REMITTŌ / LĪBERŌ / EXIMŌ / EXPEDIŌ  
 What English verb derived from **nectō** means "to incorporate into an existing country?"  
ANNEX
  
2. **Sāl** means "salt" in the singular. What does it mean in the plural? WITTICISMS  
**Comitium** means "place of assembly." What does **comitia** mean?  
ELECTION (an assembly FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION)  
**Opera** means "work." Who are **operae**? DAY-LABOURERS
  
3. Who was Achilles' charioteer? AUTOMEDON  
 For what other warrior did Automedon drive the chariot? PATROCLUS  
 What Trojan did Automedon kill to avenge Achilles' death? ARETUS
  
4. What government bulletin was a daily gazette of important social and political news --  
 sometimes called history's first daily newspaper? ACTA DIURNA  
 What was the year of their beginnings? 59 BC  
 What historian tells us that Julius Caesar instituted the **acta diurna**? SUETONIUS
  
5. What book of the *Aeneid* contains the description of Aeneas' armor? EIGHT  
 Who in Book 8 takes Aeneas on a prophetic tour of the future Rome? EVANDER  
 What animal omen appears to Aeneas on the banks of the Tiber?  
A WHITE SOW WITH 30 YOUNG
  
6. What god prophesied that Aeneas would rule over Troy and save from extinction the house  
 of Dardanus? POSEIDON  
 At what age was Aeneas brought to his father Anchises by the nymphs who had cared for  
 him? FIVE  
 Where specifically was Aeneas born? DARDANIA, ON THE SLOPES OF MT. IDA

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7. Translate: **Spērō Latīnam semper in scholā doctum īrī.**  
I HOPE THAT LATIN WILL ALWAYS BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL  
Transform the sentence in the toss-up to a clause of result using **fore ut**.  
**SPĒRŌ FORE UT LATĪNA SEMPER IN SCHOLĀ DOCEĀTUR**  
**Fore** is a contraction of what? **FUTŪRUS/A/UM ESSE**
  
8. Distinguish between **pecus, -oris** and **pecus, -udis**.  
**PECUS, -ORIS -- HERD OF CATTLE**  
**PECUS, -UDIS -- A SINGLE HEAD OF CATTLE**  
Define **pectus**. **CHEST, BREAST**  
Define **pecū**. **SHEEP, FLOCKS**
  
9. What is the 3rd person plural imperfect subjunctive of **prōsum**? **PRŌDESSENT**  
Change **prōdescent** to perfect. **PRŌFUERINT**  
What case does **prōsum** take? **DATIVE**
  
10. **Faciō : fac :: meminī : \_\_\_\_\_.** **MEMENTŌ**  
**Amō : amābō :: habēte : \_\_\_\_\_.** **HABĒTŌTE**  
**Amās : amat :: habētōte : \_\_\_\_\_.** **HABĒNTŌ**
  
11. What ancient historian is our chief source of information on the Peloponnesian War? **THUCYDIDES**  
... on the Persian Wars? **HERODOTUS**  
What great Greek historian chronicled the rise of Rome into the second century BC? **POLYBIUS**
  
12. What son of Theseus was brought back to life by Asclepius? **HIPPOLYTUS**  
How had Hippolytus died? **DRAGGED TO DEATH BEHIND HIS CHARIOT**  
What minor Italian deity did Hippolytus become? **VIRBIUS**
  
13. Whom did the Athenians defeat in the Battle of Marathon? **THE PERSIANS**  
What was the year? **490 BC**  
Who commanded the Greeks? **MILTIADES**

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14. Whose improvement of the "grapnel" helped him to win decisive naval victories at Mylae and Naulochus? **MARCUS VIPSANIUS AGRIPPA**  
Whom did he defeat? **SEXTUS POMPEIUS**  
What lake near Cumae did Agrippa convert into the harbor **Portus Iulius** to train a new fleet for the campaign against Sextus? **LACUS AVERNUS**
15. Which, if any, of the following is NOT derived from the same Latin word as the others: plait, pliant, appliance, explicate, plywood. **NONE**  
...astringent, stratify, constrict, constraint, strait. **STRATIFY**  
...incumbent, incubate, cubicle, cumbersome, concubine. **CUMBERSOME**
16. Who became the emperor of Italy, Africa, and Illyricum upon the death of Constantine in AD 337? **CONSTANS**  
Which of his brothers and co-emperors did he defeat and kill in AD 340? **CONSTANTINE II**  
Which of his brothers and co-emperors became the sole ruler in AD 350 when Constans was killed by Magnentius? **CONSTANTIUS II**
17. Which of Penelope's suitors dissuaded the others from murdering Telemachus on his return to Ithica? **AMPHINOMUS**  
Where had Telemachus been? **SPARTA AND PYLOS**  
Who killed Amphinomus when the fighting broke out? **TELEMACHUS**
18. Who wrote the *Noctes Atticae*? **AULUS GELLIUS**  
Why did Gellius name this collection of short essays "Attic Nights"?  
either **BEGAN WRITING THEM WHEN STUDYING IN ATHENS**  
or **WRITTEN IN MEMORY OF HAPPY TIMES STUDYING IN ATHENS**  
What was the stated purpose of these essays?  
**FOR THE BENEFIT / EDIFICATION OF HIS CHILDREN**
19. Listen carefully to the following sentence, which I will read twice, and answer in Latin the

question about it. **Cōmissātiōne perfectā, saltātrīcēs quae vīnum effūderant magnō pretiō ēemptae sunt.**

**Quō factō saltātrīcēs ēemptae sunt?**

**CŌMISSĀTIŌNE PERFECTĀ**

**Quid saltātrīcēs fēcerant?**

**VĪNUM EFFŪDERANT**

**Quantī saltātrīcēs ēemptae sunt?**

**MAGNŌ PRETIŌ or MAGNĪ**

20. Whose great work begins *Urbem Romam a principio reges habuere*?

**TACITUS'**

What is this work?

**ANNALES**

From what event in history does the Annales begin?

**THE DEATH OF AUGUSTUS (*ab excessu divi Augusti*)**

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1. What Latin noun is preserved whenever you are served hors-d'oeuvres? OPUS  
What Latin adverb is preserved? FORĪS  
What Latin preposition is preserved? DĒ
  
2. What lovers' myth appears in the fourth Georgic? ORPHEUS & EURYDICE  
What lovers' myth appears in Books 4-6 of Apuleius? CUPID & PSYCHE  
What lovers' myth is included in Catullus' epyllion on the marriage of Peleus and Thetis?  
THESEUS & ARIADNE
  
3. What type of clause is found in the following sentence: *Nihil est quod discere nequeāmus.*  
RELATIVE CLAUSE OF CHARACTERISTIC  
Translate the sentence in the toss-up.  
THERE IS NOTHING WHICH WE CANNOT LEARN  
Translate: Who is there who cannot speak in Latin?  
QUIS EST QUI LATĪNĒ NŌN LOQUĀTUR  
or QUIS EST QUIŅ LATĪNĒ LOQUĀTUR
  
4. What contemporary historian was wholly uncritical in his treatment of both Sejanus and the emperor Tiberius? GAIUS VELLEIUS PATERCULUS  
What was the title of his work? ***HISTORIAE ROMANAE***  
Velleius interrupted his historical narrative with digressions on other subjects. Give the topic of one of these digressions. ROMAN COLONIZATION / ROMAN PROVINCES /  
LATIN LITERATURE (EARLY, CICERONIAN, AUGUSTAN)
  
5. Against which emperor's life did the so-called "four consulars" conspire? HADRIAN  
Who ordered the execution of the four consulars?  
SENATE (or ATTIANUS, HADRIAN'S PRAETORIAN PREFECT)  
Name one of these consulars. LUSIUS QUIETUS / A. CORNELIUS PALMA  
L. PUELILIUS CELSUS / C. AVIDIUS



6. Differentiate in meaning between **nōn nihil** and **nihil nōn**.  
 ...between **nōn numquam** and **numquam nōn**.  
 ...between **nōn nūllī** and **nūllī nōn**.  
 NŌN NIHIL -- SOMETHING  
 NIHIL NŌN -- EVERYTHING  
 NŌN NUMQUAM -- SOMETIMES  
 NUMQUAM NŌN -- ALWAYS  
 NŌN NŪLLĪ -- SOME  
 NŪLLĪ NŌN -- EVERY
7. Who was responsible for the first free distribution of grain to the Roman populace?  
 What office did Clodius hold when he initiated the grain dole?  
 By whom was Clodius murdered?  
 PUBLIUS CLODIUS PULCHER  
 TRIBUNUS PLEBIS  
 MILO
8. What use of the accusative is found in this sentence: **Parentēs puerōs elementa docent.**  
**herbam mella sapiunt.**  
**Ārdentis oculōs suffectī sanguine et ignī.**  
 DOUBLE  
 COGNATE  
 SPECIFICATION, SYNECHDOCHICAL, GREEK
9. What is the meaning of the Greek verb at the root of "sarcasm?"  
 ... "polemical?"  
 ... "rheumatism?"  
 BITE / CUT / FLESH  
 WAR  
 STREAM / FLUX
10. Listen carefully to the following paragraph, which I will read twice, and answer in English the question about it. **Ut in silvā cum amīcō ambulābam, subitō coepit sē exuere et omnia vestīmenta iuxtā arborem pōnere. Cum illa vestīmenta lapidea fierent, stābam tamquam mortuus. Coepit fierī lupus, ululāre. Cavē putētis mē iocārī – meus amīcus est versipellis!**  
 What does the friend of the narrator do after he takes off his clothes?  
 Describe the reaction of the narrator to this event.  
 What is the admonition the narrator gives at the end of the story?  
 HE PLACES THEM NEXT TO A TREE  
 HE WAS SCARED TO DEATH  
 DON'T THINK I'M JOKING  
 (-- MY FRIEND'S A WEREWOLF)
11. What nephew of Medea aided Jason and arranged their first meeting?  
 ARGUS

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- Who was Argus' mother, Medea's sister? CHALCIOPE (or IOPHOSSA)  
Who was Chalciope's husband, Argus' father? PHRIXUS
12. What was the name of Geryon's herdsman? EURYTION  
What was the vessel Heracles sailed in to reach Geryon's island?  
A GOLDEN CUP / GOBLET  
Who gave it to him? HELIOS or OCEANUS
13. What Thracian princess was turned into an almond tree when she hanged herself in grief? PHYLLIS  
Who was her husband, of whose return she despaired?  
DEMOPHON (or ACAMAS)  
When he did finally return, finding his wife a tree, what did he do?  
KISSED IT, WHEREUPON IT LEAVED FOR THE FIRST TIME
14. What is a Roman about to do if he crosses the **pons** into the **saepta**? VOTE  
What is the Latin phrase for a citizen's right to vote? IUS SUFFRAGI  
**Suffragium** derives from the verb **frango**. Why?  
BALLOTS WERE ORIGINALLY FRAGMENTS OF POTTERY
15. What Greek poet wrote odes in praise of victorious athletes? PINDAR  
What city was Pindar's hometown? THEBES  
What honor did Alexander the Great pay Pindar when he was in Thebes in 335 BC?  
HE ORDERED THE CITY RAZED BUT PINDAR'S HOUSE PRESERVED
16. What mortal helped Apollo and Poseidon build Troy's walls? AEACUS  
What portent occurred with the three sections of the wall?  
THREE SNAKES APPEARED, AND ONE  
CRAWLED THROUGH AEACUS' SECTION  
What prophecy did Apollo make as a result?  
THAT AEACUS' DESCENDANTS WOULD DESTROY THE CITY
17. Translate: **Utinam nē in Graeciam hāc aestāte adīrēmus.**  
WOULD THAT WE WEREN'T GOING TO GREECE THIS SUMMER

**Forsitan quaerātis quī ille carnifex sit.**

PERHAPS YOU MAY ASK WHO THAT BUTCHER IS

**Quid hōc homine crūdēlī faciāmus?**

WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS CRUEL MAN?

18. Differentiate in meaning between **ruber** and **rōbur**.  
 ...between **fuscus** and **fustis**?  
 ...between **fiscus** and **ficus**?  
 RUBER -- RED, RUDDY  
 RōBUR -- OAK, OAK-WOOD  
 FUSCUS -- DARK  
 FUSTIS -- CLUB, STICK  
 FISCUS -- BASKET, MONEY BOX, IMPERIAL TREASURY  
 FĪCUS -- FIG-TREE
  
19. Who was the tribune whose request in 462 BC for a written code of law eventually resulted in the Laws of the Twelve Tables?  
 In what year was a commission appointed to write such a code?  
 \*\*\*\* What was the full name of this commission?  
 TERENTILIUS HARSA  
 451 BC  
 DECEMVIRI LEGIBUS SCRIBUNDIS  
 or scribendis?
  
20. Who, because of his extensive writings on medicine, was called **Cicero medicorum**?  
 During which emperor's reign did he write?  
 What Greek physician and author greatly influenced Celsus' writings?  
 CELSUS  
 TIBERIUS'  
 HIPPOCRATES

# 1995 NJCL CERTAMEN ROUND A EXTRA QUESTIONS

## HISTORY / LIFE / GEOGRAPHY

- Who killed himself in 183 or 182 BC to avoid being handed over to the Romans?  
What was his method of suicide?  
What kingdom was giving him asylum?  
HANNIBAL  
POISON  
BITHYNIA
- How many days in 55 BC did Caesar's men require to build their first bridge over the Rhine?  
In what year did Caesar make his first expedition to Britain?  
What British chieftain did Caesar defeat in his second expedition?  
TEN  
55 BC  
CASSIVELAUNUS
- What fellow tribune temporarily vetoed Tiberius Gracchus' land act?  
What counteraction did Tiberius take against M. Octavius?  
What exconsul led the mob that clubbed Tiberius to death?  
M. OCTAVIUS  
HE HAD HIM DEPOSED BY THE CONCILIUM PLEBI  
SCIPIO NASICA
- The peace of Nicias was negotiated in 421 BC between what two Greek city-states?  
Who was Nicias' rival, before his death in 422 BC?  
Their rivalry followed the death in 429 BC of what Athenian leader?  
ATHENS AND SPARTA  
CLEON  
PERICLES
- During the Republican period there were only four bridges over the Tiber. What bridge connected the eastern, or right, bank to Tiber Island?  
What bridge connected the western, or left, bank to Tiber Island?  
What two bridges were just south of Tiber Island?  
PONS FABRICIUS  
PONS CESTUS  
AEMILIUS & PONS SUBLICIUS

PONS

## LITERATURE

- What native Italian metre was used in epics by Naevius and Livius Andronicus?  
What is the title of Naevius' epic?  
What Roman writer first used dactylic hexameter?  
SATURNIAN  
BELLUM PUNICUM  
ENNIUS

2. What is the subject of Ovid's poem entitled *Fasti*? ROMAN FEAST DATES & HOLIDAYS  
 In what metre is it written? ELEGIAC COUPLETS  
 Why are only the first six books extant? COMPOSITION STOPPED WHEN OVID  
 WAS EXILED (PERHAPS A DRAFT OF THE LAST SIX BOOKS WAS WRITTEN)
  
3. Whom did Cicero support in his speech *Pro Lege Manilia*? POMPEY  
 Whom did Cicero attack in his so-called *Philippics*? MARK ANTONY  
 Whom did Cicero prosecute for extortion in Sicily in 80 BC? VERRRES
  
4. What is the literary genre common to Horace, Lucilius, and Juvenal? SATIRE  
 Put the above in chronological order. LUCILIUS, HORACE, JUVENAL  
 What is the meter of satire? DACTYLIC HEXAMETER
  
5. What Roman wrote the *Thebaid*, an epic on the royal house of Thebes? P. PAPINIUS STATIUS  
 What work of his is a miscellany of verses on various topics? *SILVAE*  
 Which emperor did Statius flatter in many of his works? DOMITIAN
  
6. What second-century AD orator devised the *elocutio novella*? FRONTO (M. CORNELIUS FRONTO)  
 Of what emperor was Fronto a close friend, faithful correspondent, and former tutor? MARCUS AURELIUS  
 In what other author's work does Fronto often appear leading philological discussions? IN AULUS GELLIUS' *NOCTES ATTICAE*

## MYTHOLOGY

1. What giant was given renewed strength when he touched the earth? ANTAEUS  
 Who was his mother? GAEA  
 Who killed him? HERACLES
  
2. What group included members named Aello, Ocypete, Podarge, and Celaeno? HARPIES  
 Who were their parents? THAUMAS AND ELECTRA (AN OCEANID)  
 Which one bore Achilles' horses after mating with Zephyrus? PODARGE

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3. By some accounts, what queen of Lydia kept Heracles enslaved for three years? OMPHALE  
 What indignity did he undergo in her service? HAD TO WEAR WOMEN'S CLOTHES  
 and/or HAD TO PERFORM WOMEN'S TASKS (SPINNING)  
 What son did Omphale bear him? LAMOS
4. In one version of the Dionysus myth, whose heart was fed to Semele? ZAGREUS'  
 In what form had the baby been unsuccessfully disguised? AS A KID/GOAT  
 Who rescued the heart after the Titans tore the baby to pieces? ATHENA
5. Which of the Seven against Thebes did Zeus cause to be swallowed up by the earth? AMPHIARAUS  
 Who was Amphiaraus' treacherous wife? ERIPHYLE  
 Who bribed her to bring Amphiaraus into the campaign? POLYNICES

#### GRAMMAR / VOCABULARY

1. Change **ambō bovēs** to dative. AMBŌBUS BŌBUS (BŪBUS)  
 or AMBĀBUS BŌBUS (BŪBUS)  
 Change **gravis sitis** to accusative. GRAVEM SITIM  
 Change **ācre poema** to accusative plural. ĀCRIA POEMATA
2. What use of the subjunctive is found in this excerpt from Cicero's Pro Cluentio: **Quō mē vertam nesciō**. INDIRECT QUESTION  
 What use of the subjunctive is found in this excerpt from Cicero's In Verrem: **Quō mē vertam?** DELIBERATIVE  
 What use of the subjunctive is found in this excerpt from Cicero's Pro Cluentio: **Efficiam ut intellegātis.** SUBSTANTIVE RESULT (CONSECUTIVE) CLAUSE
3. What is the perfect active infinitive of **abdō**? ABDIDISSE  
 Change **abdidisse** to passive. ABDITUS/A/UM ESSE  
 Change **abditus esse** to future. ABDITUM IRĪ or ABDITUS FORE
4. Translate: **Prōconsul prōvinciam tam bene regēbat ut ab omnibus diligerētur.**

THE PROCONSUL WAS RULING THE PROVINCE  
 SO WELL THAT HE WAS LOVED BY EVERYBODY  
**Iūdex mē rogāvit num mentīrer.** THE JUDGE ASKED ME WHETHER I WAS LYING  
**Pontifex cīvibus imperāvit ut deōs immortālēs precārentur.**  
 THE PONTIFEX ORDERED THE CITIZENS  
 TO PRAY TO THE IMMORTAL GODS

5. Listen carefully to the following paragraph, which I will read twice, and answer in English the question about it. **Ōlim Catullus, poēta Rōmānus antīquus, fēminam, Clōdiā nōmine, adeō concupiscēbat ut multa carmina compōneret. Ūnum ex nōtissimīs carminibus incipit "Vīvāmus, mea Lesbia, atque amēmus."**  
 Whom did Catullus lust after? A WOMAN BY THE NAME OF CLODIA  
 What did he do about his desire? HE WROTE MANY (VERY FAMOUS) POEMS  
 How does one of the poems begin? LET US LIVE, MY LESBIA, AND LET US LOVE
6. What conjunction would be used to translate this sentence: There is no doubt that negative clauses of doubting are easy to spot. QUĪN  
 Are you afraid that you haven't learned fearing clauses? UT  
 A good student will learn this construction to get a better grasp on grammar. QUŌ
7. Give a synonym of **luctor**. CONTENDŌ / NĪTOR  
 Give a synonym of **quiēscō**. TACEŌ / SĪLEŌ  
 Give a synonym of **ovō**. LAETOR / GAUDEŌ
8. Give an antonym of **culmen**. SOLUM, FUNDUS  
 Give an antonym of **siccus**. ŪVIDUS / MADIDUS / ŪMIDUS  
 Give an antonym of **prīmō**. DĒNIQUE / DĒMUM / POSTRĒMO
9. Differentiate in meaning between **cornū** and **corōna**. CORNŪ -- HORN  
 CORŌNA -- CROWN  
 ...between **saltō** and **saltem**. SALTŌ -- DANCE  
 SALTEM -- AT LEAST  
 ...between **caedēs** and **aedēs**. CAEDĒS -- SLAUGHTER  
 AEDĒS -- HOUSE, TEMPLE
10. Differentiate between **palus** and **pālus**. PALUS -- SWAMP

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- ...between **nitor** and **nītor**.  
 ...between **cēdō** and **cedo**.
11. What is the difference in meaning between **genus** and **tenuis**?  
 ...between **for** and **forās**.  
 ...among **umquam** and **quamquam**?
12. Which of the following fish, if any, comes from Latin: flounder, halibut, salmon, shark?  
 Which of the following fish, if any, comes from Latin: marlin, bass, guppy, trout?  
 Which of the following fish, if any, does NOT come from Latin: mullet, tuna, tarpon, sole?
13. What Latin noun is the root of "corset"?  
 What Latin noun is the root of "corsage"?  
 What Latin verb is the root of "corsair"?
14. Which of the following, if any, does NOT have the same Latin root as the others:  
 grotto, crypt, grotesque, critical?  
 What Latin verb with what meaning is the root of the noun "chance"?  
 What Latin noun with what meaning is the root of the English verb "praise"?
15. What Latin compound verb is the root of "deceit"?  
 ...of "decree"?  
 ...of "decrease"?
16. What is the meaning of the Greek word element common to "bigamy" and "polygamy"?

PĀLUS -- PALE  
 NITOR -- BRIGHTNESS  
 NĪTOR -- STRIVE ON, LEAN  
 CĒDŌ -- YIELD  
 CEDO -- GIVE HERE!

GENUS -- KIND  
 TENUIS -- AS FAR AS  
 FOR -- SPEAK  
 FORĀS -- OUT OF DOORS  
 UMQUAM -- EVER  
 QUAMQUAM -- ALTHOUGH  
 TAMQUAM -- JUST AS

SALMON  
 TROUT  
 TARPON

CORPUS  
 CORPUS  
 CURRO

CRITICAL  
 CADO -- FALL  
 PRETIUM -- PRICE

DECIPIO  
 DECERNO  
 DECRESCO

SPOUSE



...common to "rhinoceros" and "rhinoplasty?"  
 ...common to "cryptic" and "apocryphal?"

NOSE  
 HIDDEN

17. What is the meaning of the Greek root common to "anecdote" and "antidote?" GIVE  
 What is the meaning of the Greek prefix *ana-*, with which the *an-* alpha privative is  
 often confused? UP, BACK, AGAIN  
 What is the literal meaning of "anecdotal" material? NOT GIVEN OUT (i.e., unpublished)

18. What Latin verb is the root of "accrue?" CRESCO  
 ...of "rescue?" QUATIO  
 ...of "issue?" EO (EXEO)

19. What verb with what meaning is the root of "exult?" SALIO -- LEAP  
 What adjective derived from *salio* means "off the subject" or "unplanned?" DESULTORY  
 What adjective derived from *salio* means "prurient" or "lecherous?" SALACIOUS