

2015 TSJCL Certamen
Advanced Division, Round 1

- TU # 1: What would a Roman woman typically have seen if she were looking at a speculum?
HERSELF / HER REFLECTION
B1: Where would she be if she were doing this in a spelunca? CAVE
B2: Where would she be if she were doing this in the specus of an aqueduct?
INSIDE THE (WATER CHANNEL OF THE) AQUEDUCT
- TU # 2: How did Polydectes die? LOOKED AT MEDUSA(S SEVERED HEAD)
B1: Who succeeded him as king? (HIS BROTHER) DICTYS
B2: What was the name of the island kingdom of these brothers? SERIPHUS
- TU # 3: Which of the emperors of AD 69 ruled the longest? VITELLIUS
B1: Which one ruled for the shortest amount of time? OTHO
B2: Which of the four emperors in that year committed suicide? OTHO
- TU # 4: What animal did the Romans sometimes call caballus? HORSE
B1: What animal did the Romans sometimes call caper? GOAT
B2: What animal did the Romans sometimes call catulus? PUPPY, PIGLET, CUB
- TU # 5: What emperor died at Vindobona (modern Vienna), having been emperor since the year 161?
MARCUS AURELIUS
B1: Who had required Marcus Aurelius's predecessor Antoninus Pius to adopt him as his son?
HADRIAN
B2: In what year did Antoninus Pius become emperor? 138
- (score check)
- TU # 6: What recent Oscar-winning movie would the Romans have called *Pueritia*? BOYHOOD
B1: What recent Oscar-winning movie would the Romans have called *Vulpis Captor*? FOXCATCHER
B2: What recent Oscar-winning movie would the Romans have called *Ratio Omnium*?
THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING
- TU # 7: Why does the city of Mantova, Italy hold a special observance each year on October 15?
IT WAS THE BIRTHDAY OF (THEIR NATIVE SON) VIRGIL
B1: What native son, also an ancient Roman poet, does the city of Verona honor in the name of its
airport? CATULLUS
B2: Whom does the southern Italian city of Venusia honor on December 8? HORACE
- TU # 8: Whom did Heracles defeat by squeezing him to death after lifting him off the ground?
ANTAEUS
B1: Why did that work? HE DERIVED HIS STRENGTH FROM MOTHER EARTH
B2: Until Antaeus's death, where did your skull end up if you lost a wrestling match to him?
ON THE ROOF OF A TEMPLE (OF HIS FATHER, POSEIDON)

TU # 9: Why does Vergil refer to the people of Carthage as Tyrians?
 THEY WERE ORIGINALLY FROM THE CITY OF TYRE
 B1: Whom does he refer to as Teucrians? TROJANS
 B2: Whom does he refer to as Danaans? GREEKS

TU # 10: To whom would an altar inscription be dedicated if it contained the words *dīs manibus*?
 THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD / GODS OF THE UNDERWORLD
 B1: What did the abbreviation DSP on a public building indicate about how its construction was
 financed? PAID FOR BY A CITIZEN (stood for *de sua pecunia* or *de suo posuit*)
 B2: What did the abbreviation COSS after two names on a building indicate?
 THEY WERE CONSULS

(score check)

TU # 11: How can a subjunctive clause of purpose not begin with the words ut or nē?
 IF IT BEGINS WITH A RELATIVE PRONOUN
 B1: What pronoun form would introduce the purpose clause if this sentence were in Latin: "The
 Emperor summoned a priest to examine the entrails."? QUĪ
 B2: What pronoun form would introduce the purpose clause if this sentence were in Latin: "The father
 bought flowers to give to his daughter."? QUŌS

TU # 12: Which of the following mythological characters is not known for having been blind at some point in
 his life? Tiresias, Hippolytus, Polyphemus, Demodocus, Oedipus? HIPPOLYTUS
 B1: How did Hippolytus, son of Theseus, die? DRAGGED TO DEATH BY HORSES
 B2: How did Theseus die? FELL OFF A CLIFF (OR WAS PUSHED)

TU # 13: To whom did Cicero address his philosophical work De Officiis? (HIS SON) MARCUS
 B1: To whom did Cicero address his philosophical work Cato Maior de Senectute? ATTICUS
 B2: To whom did Cicero address his philosophical work Laelius de Amicitia? ATTICUS

TU # 14: Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the
 question that follows:
 "Postquam Graecī Athēnās vērunt, Agamemnōn ducēs ad colloquium vocāvit, eōs laudāvit, et
 hortātus est ut quam primum suās iniuriās dēfenderent. Agamemnōn ducibus imperāvit ut lēgātōs
 Delphōs ad Apollinem consulendum mitterent. Omnēs assēnsērunt." (repeat)
 Question: Where does this scene take place? ATHENS
 B1: What did Agamemnon order the leaders to do?
 SEND ENVOYS TO DELPHI TO CONSULT THE ORACLE/APOLLO
 B2: How did the leaders react to this command? THEY AGREED WITH AGAMEMNON

TU # 15: Who, in his loneliness, asked his father Zeus to give him companions, only to find that the ants on
 his island were transformed into people? AEACUS
 B1: What island did he live on? AEGINA
 B2: What famous structure did Aeacus help to build? WALLS AROUND TROY

(score check)

- TU # 16: Give the Latin word for 'army' to complete this sentence: "Caesar praeest _____.
EXERCITUĪ, ACIĒĪ, AGMINĪ, COPIĪS
- B1: Give the Latin word for 'army' to complete this sentence: "Caesar fruitur _____.
EXERCITŪ, ACIĒ, AGMINE, COPIĪS
- B2: Give the Latin word for 'army' to complete this sentence: "Caesar meminit _____.
genitive: EXERCITŪS, ACIĒS, AGMINIS, COPIĀRUM
accusative: EXERCITUM, ACIEM, AGMEN, COPIĀS
- TU # 17: What Roman author famously wrote that although he was unsure of the reason, he knew for sure that he didn't like Sabidius? MARTIAL
- B1: What does Martial say happened to him when doctor Symmachus came to visit him with his medical school pupils? THEY MADE MARTIAL SICKER THAN HE WAS
- B2: What general attitude toward other writers does Martial repeat throughout his epigrams?
NEGATIVE / DOESN'T LIKE THEM / DOESN'T RESPECT THEM
- TU # 18: By what name did the young Bassianus rule as emperor of the Roman Empire?
(MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS) ELAGABALUS
- B1: Whom did he replace as emperor after a brief battle near Antioch in Syria? MACRINUS
- B2: Which of Elagabalus's cousins succeeded him as emperor? SEVERUS ALEXANDER
- TU # 19: What English derivative of the Latin noun *gēns* was coined during World War II to describe the attempted extermination of the Jews in Europe? GENOCIDE
- B1: What English derivative of the Latin noun *gēns* means 'native to a particular region'? INDIGENOUS
- B2: To the Romans, the *stirps* was the branch of one's *gens* in which all the members had the same *cognomen*. What English derivative of *stirps* means 'to pull up by the roots' or 'to destroy completely'? EXTIRPATE
- (score check)
- TU # 20: Say in Latin, "both bakers". AMBŌ PISTŌRĒS
- B1: Make that phrase dative case. AMBŌBUS PISTŌRIBUS
- B2: Make that phrase accusative case. AMBŌS (or AMBŌ) PISTŌRĒS

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Advanced Division, Final Round

- TU # 1: Who committed suicide after committing incest with her brother Macareus? CANACE
B1: How did Macareus die? SUICIDE
B2: Who was their father? AEOLUS
- TU # 2: Who, other than Vergil, wrote an Augustan Age epic poem that told stories about Aeneas? OVID
B1: What king of Delos does Ovid say welcomed the Trojan refugees and told them about special gifts that Bacchus had given to his daughters? ANIUS
B2: In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, when telling the story of Aeneas and the Sibyl of Cumae, how old does the Sibyl tell Aeneas that she is? 700
- TU # 3: Define the Latin noun grandō, grandinis. HAIL
B1: Name a Latin noun that means 'rain'. IMBER, INFUSIO, PLUOR, PLUVIA, RUINA
B2: Give a meteorological definition for the noun arcus. RAINBOW
- TU # 4: Give the unsyncopated form of the Latin verb portāstī. PORTĀVISTĪ
B1: What is the standard prose form of the Latin poetic noun form deum? DEŌRUM
B2: What is the standard prose form of the Latin poetic verb form amāre? AMĀRIS
- TU # 5: Listen carefully to the following Latin passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the question that follows:
"Athēniēnsēs Tīmotheum rogāvērunt ut ille fieret dux et bellum hostibus inferret. In hōc virō tanta erat auctōritās ut magna esset spēs victōriae. Cum Tīmotheus et mīlitēs ad īnsulam Samum appropinquarent, magna tempestās orta est. Complūribus amissīs nāvibus, Tīmotheus sine victōriā ex īnsulā discessit et Athēnās rediit. Tīmotheus accusābātur prōditiōnis et in exsilium coactus est."
(repeat)
Question: Why did Timotheus leave Samos without a victory?
A STORM DESTROYED MANY OF HIS SHIPS
B1: What happened to Timotheus when he first returned to Athens? HE WAS ACCUSED OF TREASON
B2: Where is he when the passage ends? IN EXILE
- (score check)
- TU # 6: Who might have said to Odysseus on the beach at Ithaca, "Well if he really is crazy, this will tell us for sure." PALAMEDES
B1: What did Palamedes do right after saying this, presumably?
PLACE ODYSSEUS'S SON (TELEMACHUS) IN THE PATH OF ODYSSEUS' PLOW
B2: With what two animals was Odysseus plowing? HORSE AND OX
- TU # 7: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "Illa tibi agenda sunt."
YOU MUST DO THOSE THINGS / THOSE THINGS MUST BE DONE BY YOU
B1: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "Haec tibi scienda erunt."
YOU WILL HAVE TO KNOW THESE THINGS

- B2: Now say in Latin, using a gerundive: "I have to think."
MIHI PUTANDUM EST (or COGITANDUM, CREDENDUM, ARBITRANDUM, etc.)
- TU # 8: According to the meaning of his *cognomen*, which Roman historian had the curliest hair? SALLUST
B1: According to the meaning of his *cognomen*, which Roman comedian was flat-footed? PLAUTUS
B2: According to the meaning of his *cognomen*, which Roman poet had drooping ears? HORACE
- TU # 9: Using your knowledge of Latin, explain why the 2014 flu vaccine was labeled quadrivalent.
PROTECTED AGAINST FOUR STRAINS OF THE FLU
B1: What other derivative of the Latin verb valēre means 'being unable to choose between two opposing courses of action'? AMBIVALENT
B2: What does a person do when they 'convalesce'? RECOVER FROM ILLNESS
- TU # 10: In what year did the so-called *Clades Variana* take place in the location that Tacitus called the *saltus Teutoburgiensis*? AD 9
B1: Of what tribe was Arminius the chieftain? CHERUSCI
B2: In what year did Nero Claudius Drusus assume command of Roman forces in Germany? AD 12
- (score check)
- TU # 11: What was the title of the work of Seneca the Younger that borrowed from the earlier tradition of Terentius Varro's *Saturae Menippeae*? APOCOLOCYNTOSIS or LUDUS DE MORTE CLAUDII
B1: Where does the main character Claudius wind up at the end of this work? UNDERWORLD
B2: What tragedy by Seneca about Nero's first wife is the only extant *fabula praetexta*? OCTAVIA
- TU # 12: Whom did Zeus kill with a thunderbolt for calling himself Zeus? SALMONEUS
B1: Who was Salmoneus's daughter by Alcidence? TYRO
B2: Who was Salmoneus's second wife? SIDERO
- TU # 13: Say in Latin, "Marcus said that I had been present."
MARCUS DĪXIT (DĪCĒBAT) MĒ ADFUISSEM
B1: Say in Latin, "Marcus says that I am present."
MARCUS DĪCIT MĒ ADESSE
B2: Say in Latin, "Marcus will say that I will be present."
MARCUS DĪCET MĒ ADFUTŪRUM ESSE
- TU # 14: Which of the following works of Latin literature contained the most number of books? Lucretius's *De Rerum Natura*, Vergil's *Aeneid*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, or Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita*? LIVY
B1: Which of the other three works mentioned containing the fewest number of books? LUCRETIUS
B2: How many books were in Lucretius's *De Rerum Natura*? SIX
- TU # 15: What city in Germany did the Romans once call *Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium*? COLOGNE / KÖLN
B1: What city in southern France did the Romans once call *Nemausus*? NIMES

B2: What city in northern Italy did the Romans once call *Augusta Taurinorum*? TURIN / TORINO

(score check)

TU # 16: Define the neutral passive Latin verb venēō. TO GO ON SALE, TO BE ON SALE, TO BE SOLD

B1: What neutral passive Latin verb means 'to become'? FIŌ, FIERĪ

B2: Define the neutral passive Latin verb exsulāre. TO BE EXILED, TO LIVE IN EXILE

TU # 17: Rearrange the letters of the common Latin preposition meaning 'without' to create an irregular present active participle. IĒNS

B1: Give the future imperative singular for this same irregular verb. ITŌ

B2: Give the accusative supine for this same irregular verb. ITUM

TU # 18: Who defeated Philip the Arab to become the next Roman emperor? DECIUS

B1: What tribe defeated and killed Decius in battle in 251? GOTHs

B2: What viceregent of Decius became emperor two years later in 253? VALERIAN

TU # 19: Who would you be in ancient Rome if there were someone next to you repeating the words "mementō tē hominem"? A TRIUMPHING GENERAL

B1: What did the Senate have to allow such a person to retain within the city on the day of the parade, despite a general law forbidding it otherwise? IMPERIUM

B2: During what type of lesser celebration would a victorious general enter the city on horseback or foot, rather than in a chariot? OVATIO

(score check)

TU # 20: Name both the location and the job held in common by brothers named Podalirius and Machaon. DOCTORS (IN THE GREEK FORCES) AT TROY

B1: Name both the location and the job held in common by Ancaeus and Tiphys. HELMSMEN OF THE ARGO

B2: Name both the location and the job held in common by Ancaeus and his uncle Cepheus. ROWERS ON THE ARGO or HUNTERS OF THE CALYDONIAN BOAR