

Round 1

1.(lang1) To begin this certamen, give the first person plural, present active subjunctive of incipere, which translates as “let us begin.”

INCIPIamus

2. myth1) Name the king to whom Odysseus told the tales of the Cyclops, the Laestrygonians, and the witch Circe?

ALCINOUS (KING OF THE PHAEACIANS)

3.(hicu 1) Though it was already significantly reduced in military power and economic influence, what nation did the Romans, under the leadership of the son of Aemilius Paullus, finally destroy once and for all after a three-year war of imperial aggression in 146 B.C.?

CARTHAGE

4.(lang 2) Name the use of the ablative in this sentence: Scimus Hannibalem multum potentius rem esse quam ceteris principibus.

DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE

5.(lit 1) What didactic poem about farming includes the story of Orpheus & Eurydice? It was written by Vergil, and its title was originally a Greek word meaning ‘things relating to farming.’

GEORGICS

6.(hicu2) What praenomen was commonly abbreviated Cn.?

GNAEUS

7.(lang 3) Give the Latin verb, and its meaning, from which are derived the words fluctuate, affluent, influx, and mellifluous derive?

FLUERE / FLUERE - FLOW, RUN DOWN, DRIP; OVERFLOW

8.(lang 4) Give the genitive singular for the phrase “the same republic.”

EIUSDEM REIPUBLICAE

9.(myth 2) The Graiae aided which Greek hero on his quest to slay the mother of Pegasus?

PERSEUS

10.(lit 2) What rhetorical device literally means ‘omission’ and involves ‘mentioning while claiming not to mention it’?

PRETERITION OR PRAETERITIO

11.(lang 5) Distinguish in meaning between the Latin verbs quaerere and queror.

SEEK/ASK AND COMPLAIN/LAMENT

12.(myth 3) To whom did the goddess Juno promise the nymph Deiopeia in Book 1 of the Aeneid?
AEOLUS

13.(hicu 3) What was the primary reason that the Italian 'soci' revolted against the Romans from 91-88 BC?
(LACK OF) CITIZENSHIPS / ENFRANCHISEMENT

14.(lang 6) Complete this analogy: vincere : vincere :: discedere : _____.
DISSE

15.(lit 3) The Origines by Cato the Elder is the earliest Latin example of what genre?
HISTORY OR HISTORIOGRAPHY

Round 2

1.(lang1) 'Through synecdoche, the Latin noun 'tectum' often means 'house,' but what is its literal meaning?

ROOF OR CEILING

2.(myth1) While in the underworld, whose shade begs Odysseus to bury his body, which is lying neglected on the island of Aeaea?

ELPENOR'S

3.(hicu 1) Who, upon returning from Africa, served his final consulship in 86 B.C. after first authorizing a bloody round of violence against his political enemies in Rome?

(GAIUS) MARIUS

4.(lang 2) What case follows the Latin words memor, plūnus, and potens?

GENITIVE

5.(lit 1) Of the following works, which was NOT authored by Tacitus: Germania, Annales, Agricola, Epistulae, Historiae.

EPISTULAE - by Pliny the Younger

6.(hicu2) With what event are associated? suscepti, Genius, diis stricus, In.

BIRTH OR NEWBORN BABIES OR SOMETHING CLOSE

7.(lang 3) Of the Latin words magister, pugna, fuga, and haruspex, which is described in the following Latin sentence? Scit scientiam de omnibus petis, quaere hunc.

HARUSPEX

8.(lang 4) What English adjective - derived from the deponent verb meaning 'enjoy' - means 'prudently sparing in the use of resources, not wasteful?'

FRUGAL

9.(myth 2) Teiresias, the famous blind prophet of Thebes, was supposedly blinded by what angry goddess?

HERA/JUNO

10.(lit 2) What significant contribution did Aulus Hirtius make to the Commentarii de Bellis Gallicis of Julius Caesar?

HE FINISHED IT OR WROTE THE FINAL / EIGHTH BOOK

11.(lang 5) What current song on the Billboard Top 100 would have its title rendered into Latin as 'Aliquis Tibi Similis'?

SOMEONE LIKE YOU (OR ACCEPT ANY LITERAL
TRANSLATION)

12.(myth 3) Respondē Latīnē: On the shores of what body of water was the land of King Aetes & the Golden Fleece?

PONTUS EUXINUS

13.(hicu 3) Which Roman emperor was bearded, loved Greek culture, was intensely involved in military affairs, traveled extensively, and served from 117-138 A.D.

HADRIAN

14.(lang 6) Translate the following sentence into Latin using only two alliterative Latin words: "We are coming to conquer."

VENI MUS VICTUM

15.(lit 3) What emperor did Seneca satirize in the Apocolocyntosis, a work whose title, which means 'Pumpkinification,' makes a pun on the concept of deification?

(TIBERIUS) CLAUDIUS (CAESAR AUGUSTUS GERMANICUS)

Round 3

1.(lang1) Which of the following words are not derived from the Latin verb ‘cēdō, cēdere’
decision, success, antecedent, cease.

DECISION - from caedō, caedere

2.(myth1) Oedipus of course committed parricide, but what mythological character committed
matricide?

ORESTES

3.(hicu 1) In what province did Cicero serve as quaestor in 75 B.C.?

SICILIA / SICILY

4.(lang 2) When recognized, perform the following command: Tange nō sū mensam et geme.

PLAYER TOUCHES THE TABLE WITH HIS/HER NOSE AND
GROANS.

5.(lit 1) The year 65 AD was not very good for authors. In that year, a number of authors were
implicated in the Pisonian Conspiracy. Name one author who was accused of involvement in this
conspiracy.

(ANY ONE OF) (M. ANNAEUS) LUCAN(US) / (L. ANNAEUS)
SENECA THE YOUNGER / (C.) PETRONIUS (ARBITER)

6.(hicu2) Which of the hills of Rome became part of the city along with the Viminal during the
reign of Servius Tullius, was the site of the gardens of Sallust and the lost baths of Constantine, is
the northernmost of the seven hills, and is perhaps named for the deified Romulus?

QUIRINAL

7.(lang 3) Translate the following sentence: Hostis ad urbem perveniet diū bus tribus.

THE ENEMY WILL ARRIVE AT/TO THE CITY
WITHIN/IN THREE DAYS

8.(lang 4) Identify the use of the dative in the following sentence: Hunc terrā rem mihi ī ripe.

SEPARATION

9.(myth 2) What grandson of Cadmus and Harmonia was the king of Thebes who was ripped apart
by Maenads for his refusal to worship his cousin Dionysus as a god?

PENTHEUS

10.(lit 2) What Roman elegist, under the patronage of Maecenas, wrote books of poetry to a
woman named Cynthia?

(SEXTUS AURELIUS) PROPERTIUS

11.(lang 5) Complete this analogy: duo : bis :: tris : _____.

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12.(myth 3) What mountain is the legendary home of the Muses?

MOUNT HELICON OR PARNASSUS

13.(hicu 3) What emperor has a triumphal arch at the base of the Capitoline Hill which commemorates a victory over the Parthians in the late 2nd century A.D.?

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

14.(lang 6) Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs tangere and tingere.

TANGERE – TO TOUCH; TINGERE – TO DIP, SOAK; DYE, STAIN

15.(lit 3) What work of Ovid's was most likely the "carmen" that helped bring about his banishment?

ARS AMATORIA

SEMIFINALS

1.(lang1) Translate the following sentence from Latin to English: Magnus est metus nū pluat.
GREAT IS THE FEAR THAT IT MAY/WILL RAIN.

Bonus. Translate this sentence from Latin to English: Cum signum datum esset, pedites
tamen nō nō mō vō runt.

ALTHOUGH THE SIGNAL HAD BEEN GIVEN,
NEVERTHELESS THE INFANTRY / FOOTSOLDIERS DID
NOT MOVE.

2.(myth1) According to Hesiod's *Theogony*, the first four entities to come forth from Chaos were
Ge, Tartarus, Erebus, and what Greek deity, more often identified as the son of Aphrodite?

EROS (DO NOT ACCEPT CUPID)

Bonus. What primordial Greek goddess of night is usually said to have mated with Erebus to bring
forth deities such as Thanatos and Hypnos?

NYX

3.(hicu 1) Who captured Corinth in 146 BC?

MUMMIUS

Bonus. What league did Mummius also defeat in 146 BC?

ACHAEAN LEAGUE

4.(lang 2) Which of the following does NOT have to do with books: pāgina, volūmen, nūbs,
bibliotheca, or codex?

NŪBS

Bonus. Define any four of the words listed in the toss-up.

PĀGINA – PAGE; VOLŪMEN – SCROLL / BOOK / FOLD

NŪBS – CLOUD; BIBLIOTHECA – LIBRARY;

CODEX – BOOK / TRUNK / BLOCKHEAD

5.(lit 1) What author from Spain wrote a book of poetry commemorating the opening of the
Colosseum?

(MARCUS VALERIUS) MARTIAL(IS)

Bonus. Give the Latin titles of any two of Martial's works.

XENIA, APOPHORŌTA, EPIGRAMMATA, LIBER
SPECTACULŪRUM

6.(hicu2) What was the name of the short corridor - meaning ‘throat’ - leading from the ‘ianua’ to the ‘trium’?

FAUCUS

Bonus. What Latin word can mean wing of a bird or a part of a house or a unit of the army?

ALA

7.(lang 3) Listen carefully to the following lines from Horace’s famous Satire 1.9, which I will read twice as prose, and answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

Ecce iam forte Vides, Sacerdos, scilicet meus est mors, nescis quid meditans nugillum, totus in illis.
Accurrit quidam notus mihi nomine tantum, arripitque manum: ‘quid agis, dulcissime rerum?’

Tossup. How does the man physically interact with Horace before addressing him?

THE MAN GRABS HORACE’S HAND

Bonus. According to the passage, how well does Horace know the man?

ONLY BY NAME OR NOT VERY WELL

8.(lang 4) Which of the following does NOT derive from sum: interest, essential, dissension, future, or present?

DISSENSION

Bonus. From what Latin verb, with what meaning, does ‘dissension’ ultimately derive?

SENTIRE / SENTIRE - FEEL, PERCEIVE

9.(myth 2) Who won the arms of the fallen Achilles?

ODYSSEUS

Bonus. What man lost, killing himself in shame?

AJAX - prompt for SALAMINIAN / TELAMONIAN
/ THE GREATER

10.(lit 2) Name of the author of the Poenulus, the Amphitryon, and the Aulularia.

(TITUS MACCIUS) PLAUTUS

Bonus. Plautus often used two or more source plays for his own single play. What is the Latin term for this process where two or more stories seem stitched together to form a single plot?

CONMIXTIO

11.(lang 5) Give the third person singular, imperfect passive indicative of facere.

FACERETUR

Bonus. Change the form faceret to the subjunctive.

FACERETUR

12.(myth 3) What Greek seer prophesied that the Trojan War would last for 10 years?

CALCHAS

Bonus. Calchas was also the one who declared that what daughter of Agamemnon needed to be sacrificed to appease the goddess Artemis?

IPHIGENIA

13.(hicu 3) What Latin phrase describes a man who was the first in his family to achieve the consulship?

NOVUS HOMINIS

Bonus. What was the minimum age requirement to serve as consul in the late Republic?

43 YEARS OLD

14.(lang 6) Translate this sentence into English: Quaesivi me cur tacuisses.

I ASKED (FROM) MYSELF WHY YOU HAD BEEN SILENT.

Bonus. Using the verb 'imperare,' say in Latin "I demand that you speak."

IMPERA (TIBI) UT DIS / LOQUERIS.

15.(lit 3) Give the author of the 37 book encyclopedic work of the 1st century

A.D. called in English 'Natural History.'

PLINY THE ELDER

Bonus. In what town on the northern coast of the Bay of Naples did Pliny the Elder serve as commander of the Roman fleet?

MISENUM

13.(myth 4) Whose myth is told in the Iliad by his grandson Glaucus, who recounted his grandfather's campaign against the Amazons as well as his victory over the 3-bodied monster known as the Chimera?

BELLEROPHON'S

Bonus. The grandfather of Bellerophon was the mortal who - temporarily - cheated Death. Who is this cunning man?

SISYPHUS

14.(lang 6) Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, then answer IN LATIN the question that follows.

Gēia, mētēr deōrum, et ōranus, caelum ipsum, in mētirimniō plērims deōs generāvērunt. Gēia cum ōranō generāvit duodecim Titānōs, sex deōs et sex deōs. Cronus est minimus Titānus. Rōmōn Cronum Sōturnum appellābant. Gēia etiam multa mēnstra, Cyclōpōs et Gōgantōs, generāvit.

The question: Quem Rōmōn Cronum appellābant?

SōTURNUM (must be accusative or be used in a complete sentence)

Bonus. Quot deōs Gēia et ōranus generāvērunt?

PLērIMS (NOT duodecim)

15.(hicu 4) In ancient Rome, what were the small eateries that lined the streets and offered ready-to-eat food to customers called?

THERMOPOLIA / THERMOPOLIUM

Bonus. Tābula, tesserae, and fritillus are all objects associated with what?

DICE OR GAMBLING OR GAMES

UPPER LEVEL

1.(lang1) Differentiate in meaning between vereor and vescor.

VEREOR – FEAR, VESCOR – EAT

Bonus. Now differentiate in meaning between miror and mereor.

MIROR – WONDER AT / ADMIRE / MARVEL

MEREOR – DESERVE / EARN

2.(myth1) In Book 1 of the Aeneid, what god assumed the form of Ascanius and sat upon Dido's lap in order to make her fall into love with Aeneas?

CUPID

Bonus. Dido, of course, goes bonkers when Aeneas leaves and kills herself. What goddess cut a lock of Dido's hair to help her go safely into the Underworld?

IRIS

3.(hicu 1) What did the Lex Canuleia of 445 B.C. make legal for the first time?

INTERMARRIAGE BETWEEN PATRICIANS & PLEBEIANS

Bonus. Give the Latin phrase which refers to the 'Assembly of the Plebeians.'

CONCILIUM PLERUMQUE

4.(lang 2) Translate this sentence into English: Magna spes vix vendebat sauci miles.

THERE WAS A GREAT HOPE OF LIVING FOR/TO

THE

WOUNDED SOLDIER or THE WOUNDED SOLDIER HAD
A GREAT HOPE OF LIVING.

Bonus. Now translate this sentence into English: Haec verba sunt mirabilia dicta
audiente.

THESE WORDS ARE WONDERFUL (THINGS) TO SAY
AND HEAR [WITH RESPECT TO SAYING AND
HEARING].

5.(lit 1) What early epic poet wrote his Annales in dactylic hexameter?

ENNIUS

Bonus. What native Latin meter had been used for earlier epics by Livius Andronicus and Naevius?

SATURNIAN

6.(hicu 2) What 2 word Latin phrase is associated with Cornelius Cossus, Marcellus, and Romulus? It is the phrase used to describe the armor stripped from an enemy commander by a Roman commander.

SPOLIA OPIMA

Bonus. Name any 1 of the enemy commanders who were defeated in these single combats against a Roman commander.

ACRO OR TOLUMNIUS OR VIRIDOMARUS

7.(lang 3) Complete the following analogy: doce□ is to docuist□ as fall□ is to what?

FEFELLIST□

Bonus. Complete the following analogy: fer□ is to tul□ runt as gaude□ is to what?

GAV□ S□ (-AE, -A) SUNT

8.(lang 4) Translate this sentence from Caesar's De Bello Gallico: 'Caesar statuit sibi fl□ men esse tr□ nseundum.'

CAESAR DECIDES/DECIDED THAT THE RIVER
MUST/NEEDS/NEEDED TO BE CROSSED BY HIMSELF
[OR THAT HE MUST/NEEDS/NEEDED TO CROSS THE
RIVER.]

Bonus. Now say in Latin, 'Crossing the river was dangerous.'

TR□ NS□ RE FL□ MEN ERAT PER□ CUL□ SUM.

9.(myth 2) Name the spring in Sicily which had been a beautiful maiden until she was chased by the river god Alpheus. Artemis took pity on the poor woman and changed her into a spring.

ARETHUSA

Bonus. According to legend, there is another spring where a Theban queen had been thrown to the ground and killed by a bull to whose horns she had been tied. Who is this unfortunate queen?

DIRCE

10.(lit 2) Name the Silver Age author of the Metamorphoses, commonly called the 'As□ nus Aureus,' which is the only extant Latin novel.

(LUCIUS) APULEIUS

Bonus. The novel contains a lot of information about the mystery cult of what Egyptian deity?

ISIS

11.(lang 5) What English adjective meaning 'strong, healthy, vigorous' is derived from a Latin noun that is synonymous with the Latin words '□ lex' and 'quercus'?

ROBUST - from r□ bur

Bonus. What English adjective meaning 'harmful, injurious, pernicious' is derived from a Latin verb that is synonymous with the Latin words 'vulner□' and 'laed□'?

NOXIOUS - from noce□

12.(myth 3) In the Metamorphoses by Ovid, what was the collective name given to the nine arrogant young women who challenged the Muses to a singing contest?

PIERIDES

Bonus. Into what loud, chattering creatures were the Pierides transformed by the victorious Muses?

MAGPIES

13.(hcu 3) What emperor dedicated a temple to his wife Faustina the Elder in the Roman Forum? The temple was also named in his honor after his death in 161 A.D.

ANTONINUS PIUS OR ANTONINUS

Bonus. VISUAL QUESTION. This is a reconstruction of a circular temple located in the Roman Forum. To what deity is this temple dedicated?

VESTA

14.(lang 6) Welcome to 'iTunes Romana!' What popular song would a Roman call 'Incende Imbrem'?

SET FIRE TO THE RAIN (ADELE)

- or a literal translation is also acceptable

Bonus. What classic rock band would a Roman call 'Saxa Volventia'?

THE ROLLING STONES

15.(lit 3) Who called Catullus & his literary circle 'poetae novi' and 'neoterici'? This man also wrote an entire poem about his accomplishments during his consulship.

CICERO

Bonus: To what biographer did Catullus dedicate his work in his first poem?

CORNELIUS NEPOS OR NEPOS