

**2008 NJCL CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION
ROUND ONE**

1. Complete the following analogy: **laudō : laudāvistī :: dūcō : _____**. **DŪXISTĪ**
B1: Change **dūxistī** to the present tense. **DŪCIS**
B2: Change **dūcis** to the imperfect tense. **DŪCĒBĀS**
2. Which king of Rome was a wise legislator because he supposedly received some sound advice from the water nymph Egeria? **NUMA (POMPILIUS)**
B1: To what tribe did Numa belong? **SABINES**
B2: Which future king of Rome was the grandson of Numa? **ANCUS MARCIUS**
3. Who, while trying to escape from the burning city of Troy, lost his wife Creusa? **AENEAS**
B1: Name the elderly man Aeneas carried on his back while escaping from burning Troy? **ANCHISES**
B2: Who was the son of Aeneas and Creusa? **ASCANIUS / IULUS**
4. Give the correct form of the adjective **is, ea, id** to agree with the noun form **flūminis**. **EIUS**
B1: Give the correct form of **is, ea, id** to agree with **noctī**. **EĪ**
B2: Give the correct form of **is, ea, id** to agree with **servōs**. **EŌS**
5. For a Latin lover, the aisles of any store provide countless opportunities to indulge oneself in the finest of advertising slogans. For example, did you know that Preparation H Ointment guarantees to “prevent further irritation”? From what base Latin verb with what meaning does “prevent” derive? **VENIŌ, VENĪRE – COME**
B1: Not far from Preparation H, one might find a certain product by Fleet, which claims to have a “soft, flexible comfortip.” From what Latin adjective with what meaning did the makers of this product derive the word “comfort”? **FORTIS – STRONG**
B2: Also not far from the Preparation H, it would certainly not be odd to find Pepto Bismol, which claims to provide “soothing relief for heartburn, indigestion, upset stomach, nausea, and diarrhea.” From what Latin verb with what meaning does “indigestion” derive? **GERŌ, GERERE – BEAR, CARRY, WEAR**

6. Which of the Julio-Claudian emperors was responsible for the construction of the **Domus Aurea**? **NERO**
 B1: After what monumental event in Rome was Nero able to build his **Domus Aurea**? **THE GREAT FIRE (OF 64 AD)**
 B2: How did Nero die? **SUICIDE / STABBED HIMSELF**
7. Which of the following does NOT belong because of grammar: **circum, trāns, ad, per, sine, contrā**? **SINE**
 B1: Which of the following does NOT belong because of gender: **ager, servus, Aegyptus, dominus, aper**? **AEGYPTUS (f.)**
 B2: Which of the following is NOT a use of the genitive case? Objective, Subjective, Partitive, Means, Possession. **MEANS**
8. Who invited the bravest heroes in Greece to accompany him on his perilous journey to retrieve the Golden Fleece? **JASON**
 B1: To what place must Jason and his Argonauts sail in order to obtain the Golden Fleece? **COLCHIS**
 B2: According to most versions of the story, Jason went on this quest because of what mortal's evil schemes? **PELIAS' (PROMPT ON "UNCLE")**
9. Boxing, wrestling, fencing, and weight-lifting were all activities that took place in what area of a Roman **thermae**? **PALAESTRA**
 B1: In a Roman **thermae**, what was the **caldārium**? **HOT ROOM**
 B2: In a Roman **thermae**, what was the **lacōnicum**? **HOT & DRY ROOM / SAUNA / SPARTAN BATHS**
10. Translate the following sentence into English: **trēs leōnēs in arēnā sunt**.
THERE ARE THREE LIONS IN THE ARENA / THREE LIONS ARE IN THE ARENA
 B1: Now translate: **sex ursae in silvā erant**.
THERE WERE SIX (FEMALE) BEARS IN THE FOREST / SIX (FEMALE) BEARS WERE IN THE FOREST
 B2: Now translate: **duae avēs erunt in arbore**.
TWO BIRDS WILL BE IN THE TREE / THERE WILL BE TWO BIRDS IN THE TREE
11. What is the meaning of the motto of the U.S. Coast Guard, "**Semper Parātus**"?
ALWAYS READY/ ALWAYS PREPARED
 B1: Translate the motto of the state of Alabama, "**Audēmus iūra nostra dēfendere**."
WE DARE TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS
 B2: Translate the motto of the state of South Carolina, "**Dum spīrō, sperō**."
WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE
12. In 107 BC, who served the first of his eventual seven consulships? **(C.) MARIUS**
 B1: How many consulships did Marius serve consecutively? **FIVE**
 B2: Marius focused his attention during his five consecutive consulships on two migrating Germanic tribes. Name them. **CIMBRI & TEUTONES**

13. Of the words **unda**, **templum**, **lectus**, **silva**, and **vōx**, select the one which is being described in the following:
necesse est tibi recumbere in hōc ubi fessus es. **LECTUS**
 B1: ...: **est locus ubi cervōs et lupōs invenīre possumus.** **SILVA**
 B2: ...: **sacerdōtēs deōs hīc adōrant.** **TEMPLUM**
14. During the Trojan War, which of the Greek chieftains accompanied Odysseus on the nighttime expedition to kill Rhesus and steal his horses? **DIOMEDES**
 B1: Diomedes was also given the ability to recognize and wound immortals. Who gave Diomedes this special power? **ATHENA**
 B2: Name the two immortals wounded by Diomedes. **ARES & APHRODITE**
15. During what war did the Romans first showcase the **corvus**, a type of boarding bridge? **FIRST PUNIC WAR**
 (PLEASE HAND OUT THE VISUAL)
 B1: Please look at Picture #1. Which letter correctly identifies the location where the **corvus** made its first appearance? **“A”**
 B2: Please look at Picture #2. This is a replica of the **columna rostrāta**, which was erected in the **Forum Rōmānum** after the Battle of Mylae in whose honor? **(C.) DUILIUS’**
16. Aurelia really likes Greek and Roman mythology. Listen carefully to the following passage about the gods, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows:
Iuppiter et Iūnō habent filium, nōmine Martem. Mārs, quod pugnās valdē amat, bellum semper parat. Mārs autem vītā virōrum nōn cūrāt.
 Question: **Quid parat Mārs?**
BELLUM
 B1: **Quī sunt parentēs Martis?** **IUPPITER ET IŪNŌ / IŪNŌQUE**
 B2: **Quōrum vītā Martī nōn cūrāt?** **HOMINUM / VIRŌRUM**
17. Who, with his amazing skills at throwing the javelin, killed the Calydonian Boar? **MELEAGER**
 B1: Despite his amazing javelin skills, the task of killing the Calydonian Boar was made easier for Meleager by the fact that it was already wounded by whom? **ATALANTA**
 B2: Upon what object was Meleager’s life dependent? **A LOG / BRAND / WOOD**
18. Which goddess is regularly depicted as fully armed with a shield, a helmet, and a spear? **(PALLAS) ATHENA / ATHENE / MINERVA**
 B1: What is the name of the breastplate worn by Athena? **AEGIS**
 B2: What monster’s head is often depicted in the middle of Athena’s aegis? **MEDUSA’S**

19. From what Latin adjective with what meaning do we derive the English noun “paucity”? **PAUCĪ, -AE, -A – FEW, A FEW**
B1: From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive the English noun “ire”? **ĪRA, -AE – ANGER**
B2: From what base Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English noun “premonition”? **MONEŌ, -ĒRE, MONUĪ, MONITUS – WARN, ADVISE**
20. Translate the following sentence into Latin: Romulus was the first king of the Romans.
RŌMULUS ERAT / FUIT PRĪMUS RĒX RŌMĀNŌRUM
B1: Now translate: Remus was Romulus’ brother.
REMUS ERAT FRĀTER RŌMULĪ / ROMULŌ
B2: Now translate: Romulus killed Remus by his own hand.
RŌMULUS REMUM MANŪ SUĀ INTERFĒCIT / CECĪDIT / OCCĪDIT / NECĀVIT
or RŌMULUS IPSE MANŪ (SUĀ) REMUM INTERFĒCIT, etc.

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1. Which of the following, if any, IS NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others?
Auditorium, obey, audacious, inaudible AUDACIOUS
B1: . . . antler, ante, anticipate, antithesis, ancestor ANTITHESIS
B2: . . . sacrament, secretary, desecrate, sacerdotal, sacrilegious SECRETARY
2. For the verb **frangō**, give the 2nd person, singular, present, active imperative.
FRANGE
B1: Change **frange** to the plural. FRANGITE
B2: Change **frangite** to its negative form. NŌLĪTE FRANGERE
3. **Quid Anglicē significat “ecce”?** LOOK (HERE)!, BEHOLD
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat “diū”?** FOR A LONG TIME
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat “noctū”?** AT NIGHT
4. Megara and Deianeira were both wives of what great hero? HERACLES / HERCULES
(PLEASE HAND OUT THE VISUAL)
B1: What is “This animal”? ERYMANTHIAN BOAR / BOAR OF MT. ERYMANTHUS
B2: Who is “This dude”? EURYSTHEUS
5. In the **Forum Rōmānum**, what was the **Cūria**? SENATE-HOUSE
B1: Whose triumphal arch stands near the **Cūria** today? SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS’
B2: The remains of which two **basilicae** can be seen near the **Cūria**?
BASILICA IŪLIA & BASILICA AEMILIA
6. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows:
Mercurius erat deōrum nūntius. Iuppiter erat pater Mercuriū, et Maia erat māter. Ubi Iuppiter signum ad hominēs mittere volēbat, saepe Mercurium dīmīsit.
Question: **Quis erat pater Mercuriū?** IUPPITER
B1: **Quōrum nūntius erat Mercurius?** DEŌRUM
B2: **Quid fēcit Iuppiter, ubi signum ad hominēs mittere volēbat?**
(SAEPE) MERCURIUM (DĪ)MĪSIT
7. During what occasion would a Roman wear the **toga candida**?
SEEKING / RUNNING FOR (POLITICAL) OFFICE
B1: During what occasion would a Roman wear the **toga picta**?
TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION / BEING AN EMPEROR
B2: During what occasion would a Roman wear the **toga pulla**?
WHILE IN MOURNING / FUNERAL

8. **Respondē Anglicē: Quot diēs in ūnō annō sunt?** 365 / 366 (LEAP YEAR)
 B1: **Respondē Latīnē: Quot annī tibi sunt?**
 ONE STUDENT SHOULD GIVE AN ANSWER IN LATIN FOR HOW OLD (S)HE IS
 (e.g. **quattuordecim, quīndecim, sēdecim**, etc.)
 B2: **Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt centum et centum?** DUCENTĪ /-AE / -A
9. In what region of the Underworld are the Titans and mortal sinners confined?
 TARTARUS
 B1: Which of the sinners of Tartarus, because he was the first mortal to murder a relative, spends his time getting dizzy on a wheel of fire? IXION
 B2: Which of the sinners of Tartarus, because he fed the flesh of his own son to the gods, spends his time trying to get food and water for himself? TANTALUS
10. An oak tree intertwined with a linden tree in Phrygia serves as a memento of the transformation of which two hospitable mortals? BAUCIS & PHILEMON
 B1: To whom did Baucis and Philemon offer hospitality to earn this “reward”? ZEUS & HERMES / JUPITER & MERCURY
 B2: Into what was the hut of Baucis and Philemon transformed, according to Ovid? A TEMPLE (OF JUPITER)
11. The statement “whatever happens to you has been waiting to happen since the beginning of time” appears in the *Meditations* written by which Roman emperor?
 MARCUS AURELIUS
 B1: Who was co-emperor with Marcus Aurelius for the first eight years of his reign? LUCIUS VERUS
 B2: What neurotic and egotistical young man became the heir of Marcus Aurelius? COMMODUS
12. As you continue down the aisles of the store, your mind begins to wander into Latin land, a happy place where all of the slogans are written in Latin. What is the meaning of Pop Tarts’ slogan “**Īnsānē bona**”?
 CRAZY GOOD / CRAZILY GOOD
 (The actual advertisement is just “Crazy Good”, which is why we need to accept this)
 B1: Multi-Grain Chips’ slogan, on the other hand, is “**Cōnsūmisne bene**”?
 What would they like to know? ARE YOU EATING SENSIBLY?
 ARE YOU EATING / CONSUMING WELL?
 B2: Ferrero Chocolate Candies boldly proclaims, “**Nēmō nōbīs resistere potest.**” Translate this slogan. NO ONE CAN / IS ABLE TO RESIST US
 / WE ARE IRRESISTIBLE
 (Note: The actual motto is “Irresistible”)

13. Who missed the opportunity to watch his child grow into a young man when he was forced to lead ships from Ithaca to join the Greeks in their war against Troy?
 ODYSSEUS
 B1: Name the wife of Odysseus who waited patiently for his return for twenty years.
 PENELOPE
 B2: Name the son of Odysseus and Penelope who had to grow up without his father's presence.
 TELEMACHUS
14. Which pro-Christian emperor abolished the ancient Olympic Games in 393 AD?
 THEODOSIUS I / THE GREAT
 B1: Whom did Theodosius appoint as his co-Augustus in the East in 383 AD?
 ARCADIUS
 B2: Whom did Theodosius appoint as his co-Augustus in the West in 393 AD?
 HONORIUS
15. Translate the following sentence into English: **Mārcus et Iūlius inimicōs nōn timēbant.**
 MARCUS AND JULIUS WERE NOT FEARING / DIDN'T FEAR (THEIR) ENEMIES / (THE) UNFRIENDLY ONES
 B1: Now translate: **Cornēlia et Iūlia cōsulibus placēbunt.**
 CORNELIA AND JULIA WILL PLEASE / BE PLEASING TO THE CONSULS
 B2: Now translate: **Quis Lūcium, senātōrem Rōmānum, in Cūriā sedentem vīdit?**
 WHO SAW / HAS SEEN LUCIUS, A ROMAN SENATOR, SITTING IN THE SENATE HOUSE / CURIA?
16. What royal family was expelled from Rome in 510 BC? TARQUINS / **TARQUINIŪ**
 B1: The rape of which woman led to the expulsion of the Tarquins? LUCRĒTIA
 B2: Which member of the **Tarquinii** was responsible for this crime? SEXTUS
17. Who deprived himself of his eyesight when he discovered that he had married his mother and killed his father? OEDIPUS
 B1: Who were the father and mother of Oedipus? LAIUS & JOCASTA / EPICASTA
 B2: With what did Oedipus blind himself? THE BROOCH / PIN OF JOCASTA
18. From what Latin adjective with what meaning do we derive the English noun "misery"?
MISER (-A/ -UM) – POOR / WRETCHED / SAD
 B1: From what base Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English noun "attraction"?
TRAHŌ / TRAHERE – DRAW / DRAG
 B2: From what base Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English noun "referee"?
FERŌ / FERRE – BEAR / CARRY

19. The symbol “a” with a circle around it, which is used in e-mail addresses, comes from the medieval abbreviation of the Latin word **apud**, which means what?
AT / AT THE HOME OF / AMONG / NEAR / BESIDE / WITH / IN THE WORKS OF /
ACCORDING TO
- B1: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation e-t-c.
ET CETERA, AND (ALL THE) OTHER / REST OF THE THINGS
or **ET CETERĪ**, AND (ALL THE) OTHERS / REST
- B2: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation p-s.
POST SCRĪPTUM, WRITTEN AFTERWARDS / WRITTEN BELOW
20. Give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective **cārus**.
CĀRIOR, **CĀRISSIMUS**
- B1: Give the comparative and superlative forms for **parvus**.
MINOR, **MINIMUS**
- B2: Give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective **crūdēlis**.
CRŪDĒLIOR, **CRŪDĒLISSIMUS**

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ROUND THREE**

1. The ashes of which emperor, a distant relative of the Julio-Claudians, were the last to be placed in the Mausoleum of Augustus in 98 AD? NERVA
B1: What was unique about Nerva's ascension to the imperial throne?
HE WAS (THE FIRST EMPEROR) CHOSEN BY THE SENATE
B2: What prompted Nerva to choose Trajan as his successor?
TRAJAN'S MILITARY EXPERIENCE / TO APPEASE THE TROOPS / TO
MITIGATE HIS OWN LACK OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE

2. Aurelia really likes her history books. Give the Latin and English for the abbreviation **A.D.**, which she commonly finds in her history book.
ANNŌ DOMINĪ – IN THE YEAR OF THE LORD
B1: What is the Latin and English for the abbreviation **e.g.**?
EXEMPLĪ GRĀTIĀ - FOR THE SAKE OF AN EXAMPLE
B2: Aurelia is reading a passage in her history book and comes across a footnote with the abbreviation **ibid.** Give the Latin and English for this abbreviation.
IBĪDEM – IN THE SAME PLACE / BOOK / CHAPTER / PAGE

3. The **Lēx Semprōnia Agrāria**, which stipulated that landowners may not possess more than 500 **iūgera** of the **ager pūblicus**, was proposed by which tribune in 133 BC?
TIBERIUS GRACCHUS
B1: Which fellow tribune tried to block Tiberius Gracchus' proposal by using his veto powers? (M.) OCTAVIUS
B2: Who led the mob that killed Tiberius Gracchus and his followers?
SCIPIO NASICA

4. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English noun "sentence"? **SENTIŌ, SENTĪRE** – FEEL, PERCEIVE, SENSE, SEE
B1: From the same Latin root, give the English noun meaning "feeling."
SENSE / SENTIMENT / SENSATION
B2: From the same Latin root, give the English verb meaning "to give approval or permission."
CONSENT / ASSENT

5. Translate the following sentence into English: **agricolae, quī fessī nōn erant, in agrō labōrābant.**
THE FARMERS WHO WERE NOT TIRED WORKED / WERE WORKING IN THE FIELD
B1: Now translate: **agricola, postquam ad agrum pervēnit, equōs currentēs vīdit.**
AFTER THE FARMER REACHED THE FIELD,
HE SAW THE HORSES RUNNING / RUNNING HORSES
B2: Now translate: **agricola equīs frumentum dedit quod dīlīgenter labōrābant.**
THE FARMER GAVE THE HORSES GRAIN
BECAUSE THEY WORKED / WERE WORKING DILIGENTLY / HARD

6. Which emperor of Rome ordered massive executions after a governor of Upper Germany led a rebellion against him in 89 AD? **DOMITIAN**
 B1: Who was this governor of **Germania Superior**? **SATURNINUS**
 B2: By whom was Domitian eventually assassinated? **STEPHANUS**
7. Of the words **ānulus**, **piscīna**, **gladius**, **flōs**, and **mōns**, which is being described by the following sentence: **est locus ubi animalia in aquā nātantia vidēre potes.** **PISCĪNA**
 B1: ...: **hās rēs in digitīs hominum invenīmus.** **ĀNULUS**
 B2: ...: **postquam vēr advēnit, ē terrā surgunt.** **FLŌS**
8. What she-goat provided baby Zeus with milk in the caves of Mt. Ida on Crete? **AMALTHEA**
 B1: What was the ghastly fate suffered by Zeus' brothers and sisters?
BEING EATEN (ALIVE / WHOLE) BY (THEIR FATHER) CRONUS
 B2: Who was the last of Zeus' siblings to be disgorged?
HESTIA
9. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows:
Ōlim rēx trēs filiās habēbat. Duae eārum erant pulchrae, sed tertia soror erat turpissima. Propter turpitūdinem omnēs cīvēs eam dēspiciēbant. Quamquam pulchritūdinem nōn habēbat, maxima scientia eī erat.
 Question: **Quālis erat tertia filia?**
TURPIS(SIMA) / SAPIĒNS / SAPIENTISSIMA
 B1: **Quot filiae pulchritūdinem nōn habēbant?** **ŪNA**
 B2: **Quid habēbat turpis filia?** **(MAXIMAM) SCIENTIAM / TURPITŪDINEM**
10. Ilipa, Baecula, Metaurus River, and Zama were all battles fought during what war? **SECOND PUNIC WAR**
 B1: During which of the battles mentioned in the toss-up did Hasdrubal, the brother of Hannibal, lose his head? **METAURUS RIVER**
 B2: Who was the victorious general at the Battle of Ilipa?
(P. CORNELIUS) SCIPIO (THE FUTURE) AFRICANUS (MAIOR)
11. For which of his labors did Heracles enlist the help of his nephew Iolaus? **KILLING THE HYDRA (OF LERNA)**
 B1: How did Iolaus help Heracles in this labor?
EVERY TIME HERACLES CUT OFF ONE OF HYDRA'S HEADS IOLAUS WOULD CAUTERIZE THE NECK
 B2: What creature did Hera send to hinder Heracles as he was cutting off the Hydra's heads?
A GIANT CRAB / CANCER

12. From what two Latin roots with what meanings do we derive the English noun “sinecure”?
SINE (+ ABL.) – WITHOUT
CŪRA – CARE, CONCERN
- B1: From what two Latin roots with what meanings do we derive the English verb “mollify”?
MOLLIS, -E – SOFT
FACIŌ (FACERE) – MAKE, DO
- B2: From what Latin adjective with what meaning do we derive the English noun “relic”?
RELIQUUS (-A/ -UM) – REMAINING, REST
 (OF)
13. Into what was Clytie transformed? **SUN-FLOWER / HELIOTROPE**
 B1: Into what was Daphne transformed? **LAUREL TREE**
 B2: Into what were the sisters of Phaethon transformed? **POPLAR TREES**
14. What is the Latin term for the household shrine?
LARĀRIUM
- B1: Where in the Roman house would you find the **larārium**?
ALA(E) (prompt on “**ATRIUM**”)
- B2: With respect to a Roman house, what was the **posticum**? **BACK DOOR**
15. It is not uncommon to find dedicatory inscriptions from ancient Rome. One such inscription begins with the words “**Minervae memori.**” In what case and number is the word Minervae in this inscription? **DATIVE SINGULAR**
 (Accept “Genitive singular” but let the student know that we have accepted it because there is not enough information in the toss-up.
 However, it is Dative in the actual inscription.)
 (PASS OUT THE VISUAL)
- B1: You now have the complete dedicatory inscription with important notes at the bottom. To what or to whom does the word “**sibi**” refer?
TULLIA (SUPERIANA) / THE AUTHOR OF THE INSCRIPTION
- B2: Why did Tullia Superiana offer this dedication to Minerva?
(SHE BELIEVED THAT) MINERVA HAD RESTORED HER HAIR
16. Who killed a dragon sacred to Ares before establishing the foundation of the city of Thebes? **CADMUS**
- B1: What did Cadmus do with the teeth of the dragon?
HE PLANTED / SOWED THEM
- B2: What happened after Cadmus planted the teeth in the ground?
WARRIORS ROSE FROM THE GROUND (AND FOUGHT EACH OTHER)
17. Give the correct form of the adjective **miser** to agree with the noun form **animālī**.
MISERŌ
- B1: Give the correct form of **pulcher** to go with **puellae**. **PULCHRAE**
- B2: Give the correct form of **iūstus** to go with **rem**. **IŪSTAM**

18. Translate the following sentence into Latin: The dogs played for three hours.
CANĒS TRĒS HŌRĀS LUDĒBANT / LŪSĒRUNT
 B1: Now translate: We had walked (for) four miles.
QUATTUOR MĪLIA PASSUUM AMBULĀVERĀMUS
 B2: Now translate: The senators have named Julius king.
SENĀTŌRĒS IŪLIUM RĒGEM NŌMINĀVĒRUNT / CLĀMĀVĒRUNT /
CREĀVĒRUNT / APPELLĀVĒRUNT
19. Give the positive adverb for the adjective **īrātus**. **ĪRĀTĒ**
 B1: . . . **audāx**. **AUDĀCTER**
 B2: . . . **bonus**. **BENE**
20. Who stole the eye and tooth of the Gray Sisters in order to learn the whereabouts of the
 Gorgon Medusa? **PERSEUS**
 B1: Who were the parents of Perseus? **ZEUS / JUPITER & DANAE**
 B2: How was Perseus able to kill Medusa without being turned into stone?
HE USED A BRONZE SHIELD & LOOKED AT THE REFLECTION
(INSTEAD OF LOOKING INTO MEDUSA’S EYES)

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SEMI-FINALS**

1. For the verb **volō, velle**, give the 3rd person singular, present, indicative. **VULT**
B1: Give the corresponding form for **nōlō**. **NŌN VULT**
B2: Give the corresponding form for **eō**. **IT**
2. What monster snatched six of Odysseus' men as they sailed through the Straits of Messina? **SCYLLA**
B1: Who had warned Odysseus about Scylla? **CIRCE**
B2: Who were the parents of Circe? **HELIOS & PERSE(IS)**
3. **Dēscribāmus nunc proprietātēs dictiōnum in hāc sententiā: “multī gladiātōrēs in amphitheātrō pugnābant.” quō cāsū est “gladiātōrēs”?** **NŌMINĀTĪVŌ**
B1: **quae pars ōrātiōnis est “multī”?** **ADIECTĪVUM**
B2: **cuius generis est “amphitheātrō”?** **NEUTRIUS**
4. What Latin noun with what meaning is the root of the following words: journal, meridian, diurnal, diary? **DIĒS, (-ĒĪ) – DAY**
B1: From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive the English adjective “otiose”? **ŌTIUM, (ŌTĪ) – LEISURE**
B2: From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive the English adjective “precious”? **PRETIUM, (PRETĪ) - PRICE**
5. The loss of what woman caused Achilles' withdrawal from the war at Troy? **BRISEIS**
B1: Why did Agamemnon take Briseis away from Achilles?
BECAUSE HE WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP (HIS CONCUBINE) CHRYSEIS
B2: What tutor of Achilles was among the men sent to persuade Achilles to rejoin battle?
PHOENIX
6. Translate the following sentence into Latin: “Tomorrow the guard will look for the thief.”
CRĀS (ILLE / IS) CUSTŌS FŪREM / LATRŌNEM QUAERET / PETET
B1: Now translate: Caesar and I will go to Athens.
EGO ET CAESAR ATHĒNĀS ĪBIMUS
B2: Now translate: Ten women have sailed from Rome.
DECEM FĒMINAE / MULIERĒS RŌMĀ NĀVIGĀVĒRUNT

7. Who, though little more than a child, was placed on the imperial throne by his father Orestes in 475 AD? ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS
 B1: What Germanic chieftain deposed Romulus Augustulus? ODO(V)ACER
 B2: To what region of Italy did Odovacer send Romulus Augustulus to live out the rest of his life with an annual pension of 6,000 **solidi**? CAMPANIA
8. Which Roman statesman, despite his constant warnings against the resurgence of an enemy state, did not live to see the destruction of Carthage? CATO THE ELDER / CENSOR
 B1: Which Roman was responsible for the final destruction of Carthage in 146 BC? SCIPIO AEMILIANUS / AFRICANUS MINOR
 B2: Who commanded the Roman forces that sacked Corinth in that same year? (GAIUS) MUMMIUS
9. What Latin case in the singular appears identical to the locative of the first and second declensions? GENITIVE
 B1: What is the locative of **rūs**? RŪRĪ
 B2: What locative idiom in Latin means “at home and in the field”? DOMĪ MĪLITIAEQVE
10. What son of Glaucus and Eurynome was famous for slaying the fire-breathing Chimaera? BELLEROPHON(TES) / HIPPONOUS
 B1: What Lycian king sent Bellerophon to kill the Chimaera? IOBATES
 B1: Whose false accusation of rape resulted in Bellerophon being sent to Iobates? STHENEBOEA / ANTEIA
11. Please do not open the visual until you are instructed to do so.
 (PLEASE HAND OUT THE VISUALS. ONCE ALL THE STUDENTS HAVE A COPY, SAY:)
 Now, please open your visuals and examine the map for ten seconds.
 (WAIT FOR TEN SECONDS)
 This is a map of the Roman Empire *circa* 117 AD. Please give the letter that indicates the location where the rebellion of Boudicca took place. “A”
 B1: Please give the Latin name for the body of water to which letter “C” points. PONTUS EUXINUS
 B2: Please name the Roman provinces represented by letters “D” and “E”.
 D = TARRACONENSIS & E=BAETICA
12. What TWO uses of the ablative case are found in the following sentence: **Mercātor ā Quīntō saxō interfectus est.** AGENT & MEANS
 B1: What TWO uses of the ablative case are found in this sentence: **Illō diē ad urbem cum celeritāte cucurrimus.** TIME (WHEN) & MANNER
 B2: What TWO uses of the ablative case are found in this sentence: **Illa saltātrīx est multō pulchrior sorōre meā.** DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE & COMPARISON

13. Who commits suicide with the sword of her beloved Aeneas? DIDO / ELISSA
 B1: Whom does Juno send to free Dido's soul? IRIS
 B2: Who unknowingly helped her sister Dido commit suicide? ANNA
14. Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin verb as the others? FRUGAL
 frugal, fugitive, fugue, subterfuge, centrifugal
 B1: . . . prohibit, debit, habit, ability, endeavor ALL ARE FROM THE SAME VERB (**HABEŌ**)
 B2: . . . fiddle, infidel, diffident, bonafide, defy FIDDLE
15. The Roman commanders Veturius Calvinus and Postumius Albinus were trapped by Samnite forces as they led their troops through what mountainous area in 321 BC?
 CAUDINE FORKS / **FURCULAE CAUDINAE**
 B1: Who was the leader of the Samnite forces at the Battle of Caudine Forks? (GAVIUS) PONTIUS
 B2: What humiliating act did the victorious Samnites force the Romans to perform?
 MARCH UNDER A YOKE (OF SPEARS) / SUBJUGATION
16. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows:
- Caelum serēnum erat. Iam Rōmānī in Campō Mārtiō ambulābant, sed tacitī erant quod imperātōrem vidēre nōn poterant. Mox appropinquāvit imperātor cum familiā suā ingentī. Omnēs clāmābant et plaudēbant.**
- Question: Why were the people initially silent?
 THEY WERE UNABLE TO SEE THE EMPEROR
- B1: Describe the weather on this day. THE SKY WAS CALM / CLEAR SKIES
 B2: What did the people do when the emperor arrived with his family?
 THEY SHOUTED AND APPLAUDED
17. Zelus, Nike, Kratos, and Bia were all children of which river of the Underworld? STYX
 B1: Why did Zeus choose to honor Styx by decreeing that the most solemn oath the gods might swear would be sworn by her waters?
 BECAUSE STYX (& HER CHILDREN) SIDED WITH ZEUS (IN HIS WAR AGAINST THE TITANS)
 B2: The name of which of the children of Styx means "victory"? NIKE

18. The modeling of proper Latin pronunciation, the guidance of a student's hand to trace the letters of the alphabet, and the training of memory with various memorization techniques were all job descriptions of what type of teacher in the Roman education system?
(LUDĪ) MAGISTER (do not accept "MAGISTRA")
- B1: What instrument did a **ludī magister** use to help with the teaching of the more difficult concepts of math, even though mental calculation was the primary focus?
ABACUS
- B2: Give the Latin term for the teacher who would train a Roman student to practice **suāsōria**, where the student assumes the character of an historical figure at a point of decision and discusses possible courses of action?
RHĒTOR
19. Please translate the following sentence into English: **periculōsum est multōs inimicōs habēre.**
IT IS DANGEROUS TO HAVE MANY ENEMIES /
HAVING MANY ENEMIES IS DANGEROUS
- B1: **semper melius est plūrēs amīcōs quam inimicōs habēre.**
IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO HAVE MORE FRIENDS THAN ENEMIES /
HAVING MORE FRIENDS THAN ENEMIES IS ALWAYS BETTER
- B2: **necesse est tibi quam plūrimōs amīcōs habēre.**
IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HAVE AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE /
HAVING AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE IS NECESSARY FOR YOU
20. Give an antonym of **ōdī**. **AMŌ / DĪLIGŌ / MIHI PLACET**
- B1: Give an antonym of **vacuus**. **PLĒNUS / REFERTUS / DIFFERTUS**
- B2: Give an antonym of **niger**. **ALBUS / CANDIDUS / NIVEUS**
(If student says "**āter**", ask him or her to explain the answer.
"**Niger**" is dull black, while **āter** is shiny black)

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NOVICE DIVISION
FINALS**

1. With the help of elephants and Numidian cavalry provided by Massinissa, the Romans were able to smash the Macedonian phalanx and end the Second Macedonian War at what battle of 197 BC? **CYNOSCEPHALAE**
B1: Who was the victorious Roman general at the Battle of Cynoscephalae? **(T. QUINCTIUS) FLAMININUS**
B2: At which of the Panhellenic gatherings did Flamininus proclaim the “Freedom of Greece”? **ISTHMIAN GAMES**
2. Which of the following Latin nouns does NOT belong to the same declension as the others? **uxor, vulnus, tempus, impetus, arbor, lēx** **IMPETUS**
B1: Give the declension and usual gender of the noun **merīdiēs**. **5th, MASCULINE**
B2: **Respondē Latīne: Cuius generis est “impetus”?** **MASCULINĪ**
3. What king of Phylace chose to jump onto the shores of Troy before all of the other Greek warriors? **PROTESILAUS**
B1: Who killed Protesilaus not long after he touched on Trojan soil? **HECTOR**
B2: Who grieved so much that the gods allowed Protesilaus to return to life for a short time? **(HIS WIFE) LAODAMEIA**
4. Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which the verb “contest” is derived. **TESTIS = WITNESS**
B1: Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which the adjective “pestiferous” is derived. **PESTIS - PEST**
B2: What is the meaning of the adjective “subcutaneous”, which is derived from the noun **cutis**? **UNDERNEATH THE SKIN**
5. Translate the following sentence into English: **Tertiō diē pontifex magnae sapientiae vēnit.** **ON THE THIRD DAY, A PRIEST OF GREAT WISDOM CAME**
B1: Translate: **Spectāte quod periculōsum est.** **LOOK BECAUSE IT IS DANGEROUS /**
LOOK AT THAT WHICH IS DANGEROUS
B2: Translate this sentence into Latin: Lucius, where are we able to eat? **LŪCĪ, UBI EDERE POSSUMUS?**

6. Which of the evil-doers encountered by Theseus forced passersby to wash his feet, only to kick them off a cliff to feed a giant turtle? SC(E)IRON
 B1: Which of the evil-doers encountered by Theseus forced people to fit his bed? PROCRUSTES / POLYPEMON / DAMASTES
 B2: Which of the evil-doers encountered by Theseus killed people by catapulting them to their deaths? SINIS / PITYOCAMPTES
7. What grammatical mood is seen in the motto of Miami University of Ohio, “**prōdesse quam cōspici**?” INFINITIVE
 B1: What use of the infinitive is found in this motto? SUBJECT(IVE)
 B2: Using the same type of construction as the motto, say in Latin, “To love rather than to be loved.” **AMĀRE QUAM AMĀRĪ**
8. For which of his labors did Heracles sail beyond the river Oceanus in a huge golden cup? (FETCHING THE) CATTLE OF GERYON (prompt on “10th”)
 B1: Who gave Heracles this huge golden cup? HELIOS
 B2: What guard-dog did Heracles kill once he reached Geryon’s island? ORTH(R)US
9. What son of a tax-collector, with the support of Antonius Primus and the Danubian legions, established the second imperial dynasty in Roman history? VESPASIAN
 B1: Where did Antonius Primus defeat the forces of Vitellius? CREMONA / BEDRIACUM
 B2: Which of Vespasian’s sons was stranded on the Capitol when the forces of Antonius Primus entered Rome? DOMITIAN
10. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows:

“Publius erat miles Rōmānus quī tōtam vītam inter proelia et bella ēgerat. Ubi ūndēquadrāgintā annōs habēbat, tandem Rōmam revēnit. “Mortuī,” inquit “sunt meī amīcī. Nullus filius, nūlla uxor, nūllus ager mihi est. Ergō, dēfessus, pācem et ōtium valdē cupiō.”

Question: According to Publius, what three things does he lack?

A SON, A WIFE, AND A FIELD

- B1: How old was Publius when he returned to Rome? 39
 B2: How had Publius spent his whole life, and how does he wish to spend the remainder of his life?

HE HAD SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE IN WAR and HE WANTS TO SPEND THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE IN PEACE / LEISURE

11. Please do not open the visuals until you are instructed to do so.
(HAND OUT THE VISUALS)
You may now open your visuals and examine the pictures for ten seconds.
(WAIT 10 SECONDS)
Please identify the types of gladiators featured in pictures #1 and #2.
SAMNITE/**HOPLOMACHUS** (PICTURE #1) & THRACIAN/THRAX (PICTURE #2)
B1: Please identify the types of gladiators featured in pictures #3 and #4.
MURMILLŌ (PICTURE #3) & **RĒTIĀRIUS** (PICTURE #4)
B2: Please identify the type of gladiator featured in picture #5. **DIMACHAERUS**
12. For the verb **agō**, give the 3rd person singular, imperfect, passive, indicative.
AGĒBĀTUR
B1: Change **agēbātur** to the future tense. **AGĒTUR**
B2: Change **agētur** to the future perfect tense. **ACTUS /-A /-UM ERIT**
13. What low-born native of Dalmatia established the Tetrarchy? **DIOCLETIAN**
B1: Who was Diocletian's co-Augustus? **MAXIMIAN**
B2: Who was Diocletian's Caesar? **GALERIUS**
14. What chess piece derives its name from the Latin noun for "foot"? **PAWN**
B1: What English noun for "a woman's scarf worn as a covering for the head"
derives from the Latin noun for "head"? **(HAND)KERCHIEF**
B2: What English noun, an ancient unit of linear measure originally equal to the
length of the forearm, derives from the Latin noun for "elbow"? **CUBIT**
15. Batman mania has taken control of the United States!
(PULL OUT BATMAN DOLL)
Behold, it's the Dark Knight, **Equus Obscūrus!**
(WAIT FOR LAUGHTER AND EYE-ROLLING TO SUBSIDE)
When you are recognized, perform the following commands:
surge et dīc Anglicē "cūr tam gravis es"?
STUDENT RISES AND SAYS, "WHY (ARE YOU) SO SERIOUS?"
B1: **surge et, ūnum digitum ad caelum tollēns, clāmā Anglicē "ego sum nox".**
A STUDENT RISES, POINTS ONE FINGER TO THE SKY AND SHOUTS
"I AM THE NIGHT"
B2: **surgite, omnēs, et tuās zōnās ostendentēs, dīcite Anglicē "nōs omnēs zōnās
ūtilitātis habēmus".**
ALL STUDENTS RISE AND WHILE SHOWING THEIR BELTS, SAY
"WE ALL HAVE UTILITY BELTS"

16. Who divided sacrificial beef into twelve portions for the Olympian gods after killing two of Apollo's cows near the river Alpheius? **HERMES / MERCURY**
 B1: How did Hermes try to conceal his theft of Apollo's cattle?
DROVE THEM BACKWARDS / MASKED HIS OWN FOOTPRINTS
(BY TYING BROOMS/STRAW/TWIGS TO THEIR FEET/TAILS)
 B2: What old man, according to some versions, tattled on Hermes and was turned into a touchstone? **BATTUS**
17. Change the phrase **ille cīvis stultus** to the genitive plural.
ILLŌRUM CĪVIUM STULTŌRUM
 B1: Change **illōrum cīvium stultōrum** to the singular. **ILLĪUS CĪVIS STULTĪ**
 B2: Change **illius cīvis stultī** to the dative singular. **ILLĪ CĪVĪ STULTŌ**
18. What tribune proposed the legislation that conferred governorship of Illyricum and Cisalpine Gaul on Julius Caesar in 59 BC? **(P.) VATINIUS**
 B1: What additional province did the Senate confer on Caesar after Vatinius made public his legislations? **GALLIA TRĀNSALPINA / TRANSALPINE GAUL**
 B2: Upon hearing the news that his political enemies had been attacking his conduct during the Gallic Wars, where did Caesar meet with Crassus and Pompey to renew their political alliance in 56 BC? **LUCA**
19. Into what types of bird were Procne and Philomela transformed?
NIGHTINGALE & SWALLOW (DOESN'T MATTER THE ORDER)
 B1: Name the husband of Procne who was responsible for cutting out the tongue of Philomela. **TEREUS**
 B2: Into what type of bird was Tereus transformed?
(A FILTHY) HOOPOE (prompt on "bird of prey")
20. Supply the correct form of the relative pronoun needed to translate the following sentence: "The soldiers, whose swords were stolen, were very angry." **QUŌRUM**
 B1: Give the correct form of the pronoun for this sentence: The old man, whom you trust, is a liar. **CUI**
 B2: Say in Latin: The city, which you see, is Rome.
URBS QUAM VIDĒS / SPECTĀS RŌMA EST