

Granite State Certamen—Upper Division—21 Questions

1. What Roman poet was born in Mantua and is buried at Naples?
(P.) VERGIL(IUS MARO)
B1: Who enlisted Vergil to write Rome's great epic? AUGUSTUS
B2: After Vergil's death, what did Augustus have Varius and Tucca do?
EDIT VERGIL'S MANUSCRIPT (FOR PUBLICATION)
2. Which Roman author is known for his book on Epicurean philosophy, *Dē Rērum Nātūrā*?
(T.) LUCRETIUS (CARUS)
B1: Into how many books was Lucretius' *Dē Rērum Nātūrā* divided? SIX
B2: What goddess was invoked by Lucretius at the beginning of *Dē Rērum Nātūrā*? VENUS
3. Who intentionally disobeyed Creon's decree not to bury Polyneices? ANTIGONE
B1: What son of Creon was Antigone's betrothed? HAEMON
B2: Who was Haemon's mother, who killed herself when she learned of Antigone's and Haemon's suicides? EURYDICE
4. When recognized by a spotter, perform the following command: surge et clama Anglice: "Carolina, nemo dulcior quam tu!"
STUDENT RISES AND YELLS/SAYS, "CAROLINE, NO ONE IS SWEETER THAN YOU!"
B1: Now, perform the following: clamate Anglice, "Agite, Impilia Rubra!"
STUDENTS SHOUT "LET'S GO RED SOX" OR "GO RED SOX"
B2: Now, perform this command: currite semel circum sellas.
STUDENTS RUN ONCE AROUND THEIR CHAIRS.
5. In the Underworld, whose ghost did Odysseus see first? ELPENOR
B1: What had happened to Elpenor? HE HAD FALLEN OFF CIRCE'S ROOF
B2: What did he request of Odysseus? THAT HE BE BURIED PROPERLY
6. Complete the analogy: **amō : amandus :: capiō : _____.** CAPIENDUS
B1: ...: **amō : amandus :: eō : _____.** EUNDUS
B2: ...: **amō : amandus :: sequor : _____.** SEQUENDUS
7. Who encountered a trio of women who shared one tooth and one eye? PERSEUS
B1: What was the collective name of these strange women? GRAEAE
B2: On whose instruction did Perseus seek out the Graeae? ATHENA'S / MINERVA'S

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8. During the Second Punic War, whose delaying tactics helped save Rome from Hannibal? (Q.) **FABIUS MAXIMUS CUNCTATOR**

B1: To what office was Fabius appointed so that he might have better control of the Roman forces? **DICTATOR**

B2: After what battle in 217 BC did the people appoint Fabius Maximus as dictator? **LAKE TRASIMENE**

9. **Quid Anglicē significat: numquam?** **NEVER**

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: neuter?** **NEITHER**

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: nūsquā?** **NOWHERE**

10. What is the Latin motto of South Carolina?

B1: What is the Latin motto for Virginia?

B2: What is the Latin motto for New York State?

**DUM SPĪRŌ, SPĒRŌ
SĪC SEMPER TYRANNĪS
EXCELSIOR**

11. Thank you for listening to WROM, the premier station for today's hit music, all in Latin! What song might the Romans have called "volvens in alto?"

ROLLING IN THE DEEP

B1: While you're down there in the deep, you may visit a "hortus polypi," made famous in a song. What would you be visiting? **OCTOPUS' GARDEN**

B2: And of course, to return to the surface, you need a "machina subaqueana flava." Also made famous in a song, what is this? **YELLOW SUBMARINE**

12. Narcissus, Pallas, and Callistus all served under which of the Julio-Claudian emperor? **CLAUDIUS**

B1: What was unusual about each of these individuals with regards to their social standing

in Rome? **THEY WERE FREEDMEN**

B2: By whom was Claudius declared emperor following the death of Caligula?
THE PRAETORIAN GUARDS

13. Differentiate in meaning between *Nix*, *Nux*, and *Nox*. **Nix = Snow, Nux = Nut, Nox = Night.**

B1: Differentiate in meaning between *descendo* and *discedo*. **Descendo = climb down, Discedo = leave or depart**

B2: Differentiate in meaning between *inter* and *iter*. **Inter = between, iter = journey**

14. After a difficult and costly siege lasting eight months, what city, perched on a rocky plateau, was finally captured by Hannibal in 219 BC? **Saguntum**

B1: The siege of Saguntum was the cause of what war? **Second Punic War**

B2: According to the Romans, the siege of Saguntum violated what treaty of 226 BC? **The Ebro (River) Treaty**

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15. Euge! The new iPod touch came out! You absolutely NEED this so that you can download that flashcards app and study Certamen! What Latin phrase might you tell your parents so that they buy it for you? **SINE QUA NON**

B1: Sadly, your parents catch you listening to a song with dirty lyrics in it on your brand new iPod touch and they take it away. What Latin phrase, famously used by Ovid, might describe why you got your awesome new toy taken away?

CARMEN ET ERROR

B2: You're beating yourself up over losing your beloved iPod, but your friend tries to console you with the Latin phrase "errare humanum est." What does that mean? **TO ERR IS HUMAN** (accept anything close)

16. Who, guided by a lighthouse, swam the Hellespont nightly in order to reach the town of Sestus and his lover Hero? **Leander**

B1: Leander drowned on his way to see Hero. Why was he unable to find shore?

It was dark and there was a storm

B2: What was Hero's reaction when she discovered Leander's corpse?

Committed suicide

17. What three animals were sacrificed during the Suovetauralia? **Pig, Sheep, Bull**

B1: During what festival did boys assume the *toga virilis*? **Liberalia**

B2: During what festival were roles of masters and slaves somewhat reversed?

Saturnalia

18. Which cloud formation or type of cloud has a name derived from the Latin word for "curl or fringe"? **CIRRUS**

B1: Which cloud formation or type of cloud has a name derived from the Latin word for "spreading"? **STRATUS**

B2: Which cloud formation or type of cloud has a name derived from the Latin word for "a heap or a pile"? **CUMULUS**

19. Name the only emperor of the Julio-Claudian dynasty who had no Julian blood.

Tiberius

B1: Which of the parents of the emperor Caligula contributed his Julian blood?

Germanicus / Agrippina the Elder (Augustus' Granddaughter)---Yes, he gets it from both sides.....whoops!

B2: Which of the parents of the emperor Claudius contributed his Julian blood?

Antonia (minor) (Daughter of Octavia)

20. . Translate the following sentence: Si hic moderator/haec moderatix magister/magistra meus/mea esset, miserabilis essem! IF THIS MODERATOR WERE MY TEACHER, I WOULD BE MISERABLE!

B1: (moderator turns and says to scorer, "they're crazy!") Now, translate this sentence: Audivistisne illud?! Dixit nos insani esse! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

SHE/HE SAID WE ARE/WERE CRAZY!

B2: You have one last chance to save your reputation with this moderator! Dicit
ei vos optimos discipulos esse. STUDENTS SAY, "WE'RE THE BEST STUDENTS!"
(or anything to that effect)

21. Who purified Jason and Medea for the murder of her brother Apsyrtus? **Circe**

B1: For whose murder were Jason and Medea driven out of Iolcus? **Pelias**

B2: Name the father and daughter whom Medea murdered in Corinth.

Creon and Glauce/Creusa