

**BOSTON ELITE CERTAMEN 2020**  
**ROUND 1**

**TU #0:** A meteor shower and failed harvest, which were seen as omens of Rome's imminent defeat in the 2nd Punic War, prompted the Romans to bring the cult of which Phrygian goddess to Rome in 204 BC?

**CYBELE/MAGNA MATER**

**B1:** Which priestly college was in charge of maintaining the cult of Cybele?

**QUINDECENVIRI (SACRIS FACIUNDIS)**

**B2:** Which festival of Cybele, commencing on April 4, featured wealthy Romans attempting to outdo their fellow Romans in extravagance?

**MEGALESIA/LUDI MEGALENSES**

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**TU #1:** Verbals ending in -ax, participles ending in -ns, and adjectives such as *egēnus*, *īnsōns*, *affinis*, and *peritus* can all govern what case?

**GENITIVE (AG 349 a-c)**

**B1:** Using a genitive translate into English: "bereft of color".

**EXPERTS/EGĒNUS COLORIS**

**B2:** Now using a genitive translate into English: "disdaining of custom".

**FASTĪDIŌSUS/INDIGNANS MORIS**

**TU #2:** Hyleus and Anchaëus were killed and Peleus accidentally struck Eurytion with a spear during the hunt of what animal, which was first wounded by Atalanta before being killed by Meleager?

**CALYDONIAN BOAR**

**B1:** After Atalanta first struck the boar with an arrow, what son of Oicles shot an arrow into one of the boar's eyes, thus allowing Meleager to deliver the finishing blow?

**AMPHIARAUS**

**B2:** Though the usual account states that Meleager died when his mother Althaea burned the magic log that was tied to his life because he killed her brothers, another account states that Meleager died in battle against what tribe?

**CURETES**

**TU #3:** Because his allies had offended Laurentian ambassadors, who was killed when he visited Lavinium for an annual sacrifice, though his death was not avenged despite being the co-king of Rome?

**TITUS TATIUS**

**B1:** After Titus Tatius and Romulus became joint kings, Romulus created what three tribes in Rome?

**RAMNES, TITIES, LUCERES**

B2: After negotiating a treaty with Lavinium, what two nearby peoples did Romulus wage war with after Tatius's death?

**FIDENAE and VEII**

**TU #4:** Please translate the following sentence into English: *Cīvēs crēdunt nihil hostium intrā moenia esse.*

**THE CITIZENS BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO ENEMY/ARE NO ENEMIES/IS NOTHING OF THE ENEMIES WITHIN THE CITY WALLS**

**B1:** Translate: *Cum vir vērītātem scīret, ad carcer missus est quī pūnītus sit.*

**SINCE THE MAN KNEW THE TRUTH, HE WAS SENT TO JAIL/PRISON TO BE PUNISHED**

**B2:** Translate: *Tibi cum rēge licēbit loquī dum hīc duās mēnsēs maneās.*

**YOU WILL BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK WITH THE KING PROVIDED THAT YOU REMAIN HERE FOR TWO MONTHS**

**TU #5:** The sacrifice and the birth of a swarm of bees from its carcass substituted the would-be praises of Cornelius Callus in what Golden Age Work, whose publication year coincided with Octavian's triple triumph?

**(VERGIL'S) GEORGICS**

**B1:** Cornelius Gallus had earlier made a cameo in what book of the Eclogues, where Vergil consoles him for his love pangs?

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**B2:** The *Georgics* were also influenced in their agricultural nature by what earlier author, who was still alive when the *Georgics* were published, although he would die two years after its publication at the age of 89?

**VARRO REATINUS**

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU #6:** Translate the following adapted quote from the iconic yet unfaithful version of the Iliad, *Troy* (2004), into Latin using two ablative constructions: You are a far better king than the one who leads this army.

***MULTŌ MELIOR RĒX EŌ QUĪ EXERCITUM HUNC DŪCIT ES.***

**B1:** Translate the following adapted quote from *300* into Latin: The old ones say we Spartans are descended from the most pure blood of Hercules himself.

***SENĒS / ANTĪQUĪ DĪCUNT / LOQUUNTUR NŌS LACEDAEMONIŌS AB SANGUINE PŪRISSIMĀ HERCULIS IPSĪUS ĒDITŌS ESSE.***

**B2:** Translate the following quote from *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* into Latin using a compound of sum and a genitive: She alone who really mattered to me suddenly vanished into the air.

***EA ŪNA QUAE MAGNĪ MEĀ INTEREST / INTERSIT SUBITŌ ĒVĀNUIT IN ĀĒR.***

**TU #7:** Differentiate in meaning between *τῆλε* (TĒ-le) and *τέλος* (TE-los).

***τῆλε*: FAR AWAY, AFAR**

**& *τέλος*: END, RESULT, DEATH, TASK, DEED**

**B1:** Differentiate in meaning between *καίω* (KAE-ō) and *καλέω* (ka-LE-ō).

***καίω*: BURN, LIGHT, KINDLE**

**& *καλέω*: CALL, SUMMON, INVITE**

**B2:** Differentiate in meaning between *ταχύς* (ta-CHUS) and *τεῖχος* (TĒ-chos).

***ταχύς*: FAST, QUICK, SWIFT**

**& *τεῖχος*: WALL, FORTIFICATION**

**TU #8:** *Aenēās haec dē Danaīs victōribus arma* was written by Aeneas upon a bronze shield placed at what location where the Trojans briefly rested on their journey, later becoming a site of a famous Roman battle?

**ACTIUM**

**B1:** Before landing at Actium, the Trojans had passed by the islands of Zacynthus, Dulichium, and Neritos, who had sent ships against Troy years earlier under what captain?

**ODYSSEUS**

**B2:** Their passage past these Cephallenian islands was not a voluntary one, as they had been driven away from what islands by the dire prophecies of Celaeno?

**STROPHADES**

**TU #9:** Which confederation of tribes and communities in central Greece grew dramatically during the first half of the 3rd century BC due to their victories over the Gauls and control over the Oracle of Delphi, but declined after tensions with the Romans, the defeat of Philip V, and their decision to ally with Antiochus III?

**AETOLIAN LEAGUE**

**B1:** Which federal organization of 12 cities united in the cult of Zeus Hamarios was another ally of Rome and a counterbalance against Philip V, but like the Aetolian League, suffered a period of decline after the expansion of Roman Rule into Greece?

**ACHAEAN LEAGUE**

**B2:** Which ruler of Sparta refused to accept the expansion of Roman rule into Greece and attempted to restore the glory of Sparta, but found himself charged with tyranny by T. Quinctius Flaminius and was eventually assassinated in a coup in 192 BC?

**NABIS**

**TU #10:** That Augustus wore long underwear in the winter and that his mother Atia was divinely impregnated by Apollo are a few scandalous details about the lives of the emperors located in what author's work, found through his access to the public libraries from his employment in the imperial archives?

**(GAIUS) SUETONIUS (TRANQUILLUS)**

**B1:** To what patron and praetorian prefect did Suetonius dedicate his *De Vita Caesarum*, a man who would eventually fall into disgrace and be removed from the court of Hadrian?

**SEPTICIUS CLARUS**

**B2:** Unlike the earlier historical works which were famous for their chronological, year by year approaches to history, the *De Vita Caesarum* employed what method, which centered on episodic fragments that deal with aspects of the princeps' character?

**PER SPECIES**

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU #11:** Let's mix things up a little...quite literally! The following question is all about mythological anagrams: you will be given clues that reveal certain letters, and at the end you must unscramble the letters to reveal the name of a mythological figure. The question: take the last two letters of the half-snake king who judged the contest between Athena and Poseidon for patronage of Athens, the first letter of the Vestal Virgin who bore twins by the god Mars, and the last two letters of the island where Calypso lived alone. Once unscrambled, these letters spell out the name of what Trojan prince?

**PARIS**

**B1:** Take the first two letters of the fisherman from Seriphos who discovered Perseus and Danae floating in a chest, the first three letters of the king of Aegina who became an underworld judge, the last letter of the man who carved and then fell in love with an ivory statue, and the first letter of the tribe which Turnus led. Once unscrambled, these letters spell out the name of what Cretan princess?

**ARIADNE**

**B2:** Take the first two letters of the Argonaut who swam towards the Sirens but was saved by Aphrodite, the first two letters of the constellation which could represent Tyche or Erigone, the last two letters of the bird which Hermes transformed into while hiding from Typhon, and the last letter of the monster which the queen Pasiphae gave birth to. Once unscrambled, these letters spell out the name of what minor Italian god?

**VIRBIUS**

**TU #12:** 2020 has dealt many blows, the most recent of which, as of the writing of this question, is the passing of actor Chadwick Boseman. Give the Latin motto of Boseman's alma mater, Howard University, for which the English is Truth and Service.

***VĒRITĀS ET ŪTILITĀS***

**B1:** What two word Latin phrase refers to something that remains longer than a statue and means more lasting than bronze?

***AERE PERENNIUS***

**B2:** Translate the following sentence into Latin: May all of those who die after a prosperous life rest in eternal power.

***OMNĒS QUI POST PRŌSPERAM VĪTAM MORIUNTUR IN POTENTIĀ IMMORTĀLĪ REQUIĒSCANT.***

**TU #13:** What author acts as the umpire in a dialogue between the pagan Natalis and the Christian Januarius, having written this episode as a rebuttal to Fronto's attack on Christianity?

**MINUCIUS FELIX**

**B1:** Minucius Felix and Fronto were both natives to what African city?

**CIRTA**

**B2:** Minucius Felix's *Octavius* was heavily assisted by what philosophical work of Cicero?

**DE NATURA DEORUM**

**TU #14:** This is a visual question. You will have 15 seconds to examine the visual after the link is sent. [send link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qCsgDYcKy3mpP32qK5mGJo6FEh2KluQz2tZnmzcSuD/A/edit?usp=sharing>]

You are looking at a series of memes that correspond to specific historic figures of the Roman Empire. Please give the name of the figure whose actions are represented in the meme labelled C?

**CALIGULA**

**B1:** Please give the name of the emperor, having conquered Dacia, who is represented by the big astronaut in the meme labelled A?

**TRAJAN**

**B2:** Who would have been hiding in the closet as the actions represented in the meme labelled B took place, after the previous emperor, his nephew, was assassinated?

**CLAUDIUS**

**TU #15:** How many words in the following sentence are ultimately derived from Latin? Arrest the police officers who murdered Breonna Taylor.

**TWO [ARREST FROM *STO* - SCHAEFFER P. 41; OFFICERS FROM *FACIO*,  
SCHAEFFER P.17]**

**B1:** What English derivative of the Greek word meaning small and a Latin word meaning step means: “a comment or action that subtly and often unconsciously or unintentionally expresses a prejudiced attitude toward a member of a marginalized group”?

**MICROAGGRESSION [FROM *GRADUS*, SCHAEFFER P. 21]**

**B2:** What two word English term, the first derived from a Latin word meaning to build and the second derived from a Latin word meaning force is defined by Dr. Paul Farmer as: “one way of describing social arrangements that put individuals and populations in harm’s way... institutional because they are embedded in the political and economic organization of our social world, and threatening because they cause injury to people”?

**STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE [FROM *STRUO* AND *VIS*, P. 42 AND P. 47; DEFINITION  
FROM <http://www.structuralviolence.org/structural-violence/>]**

**SCORE CHECK**

**TU #16:** Please listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the questions that follow in English:

*Duo agnātī, frāter et soror, pābulantur cibum gentī suae et incipiunt arguere dē habilitāte puellae alendā gente. Soror tam īra est, ut fēriat glaciārium aquaflexū. Sīc, mōlēs gelī, incingēns puerum, ā marī oritur. Signum in fronte incipit incandēre. Agnātī cognōscunt eum, nōmine Aang, Avatārem esse, quī centum annōs nōn vīsus sit. Interim, prīnceps ignī-nātiōnis quaerit Avatārem quod mors eius signābit fīnem obstantiae contrā potestātem suum.*

Question: According to the passage, what action causes the iceberg containing the avatar to rise?

**THE STRIKING OF THE ICEBERG BY THE SISTER**

**B1:** What are the siblings arguing about before the events of the passage?

**ABOUT THE GIRL’S ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE VILLAGE**

**B2:** Why does the fire nation want to find the avatar?

**HIS DEATH WILL MARK THE END OF THE RESISTANCE TO THEIR POWER**

(Translation: Two siblings are foraging for food for their tribe, and begin to argue about the girl’s ability in providing for their village. The sister gets so mad that she strikes an iceberg with her waterbending. Thus, a piece of ice surrounding the boy within arises from the sea. The mark on the boy’s forehead shines. The two siblings come to understand that he’s the avatar, aang by name, who has not been seen for 100 years. Meanwhile, a prince of the fire nation is searching for the avatar because his death will mark the end of the resistance to their power.)

**TU #17:** At a shrine of Zeus Meilichius, what hero was purified by the descendants of Phytalus for the murders of five men, who had waylaid him on the road from Troezen to Athens?

**THESEUS**

**B1:** On his journey Theseus took a quick detour to the town of Crommyon, where he defeated what monster?

**PHAEA / CROMMYONIAN SOW**

**B2:** But of course, like any self-respecting Greek hero, when he wasn't killing people or monsters, he was seducing women. By what daughter of Sinis did Theseus have a son, Melanippus?

**PERIGUNE**

**TU #18:** The line "*Unus homō nobis cunctandō restituit rem*", said by the famous Quintus Fabius Maximus, was quoted many times by Roman schoolboys while reading what Roman historical epic, which omitted the First Punic War in deference to Naevius and highlighted the history of Rome from the Fall of Troy to the author's own day?

**ANNALES (BY ENNIUS)**

**B1:** Authored by Ennius, the *Annales* may have quite possibly been written while he was in what condition, rumored by Horace that "he never sallied forth to sing of arms unless he was" what?

**DRUNK**

**B2:** Ennius' constant inebriation while writing may have been an accelerator in his ultimate downfall, gout, at age 70, just after producing his final work. What was the title of this work, which premiered in the *Ludi Apollinares* in 169 BC?

**THYESTES**

**TU #19:** For the verb *pateō, patēre*, please give the 1st person singular pluperfect active subjunctive.

**PATUISSEM**

**B1:** Now transform *patuissem* to the passive perfect.

**FORM DOES NOT EXIST**

**B2:** Now please provide the funky 2nd person plural future imperative.

**PATĒTŌTE**

## **SCORE CHECK**

**TU #20:** Of Leptis Magna, Nisibis, Olisipo, Tomi, and Verulamium, which is furthest south?

**LEPTIS MAGNA**

**B1:** Of Barcino, Miletus, Alexandria, Londinium, and Augusta Treverorum, which is furthest east?

**ALEXANDRIA**

**B2:** Of Tomi, Cenabum, Eboracum, Sirmium, and Caesaraugusta, which could be found within the boundary of ancient Gaul?

**CENABUM**



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**ROUND 2**

**TU#1:** “As he looks upon its twitching corpse, a voice says from above, “Triumphant, you gaze upon a snake, but later in your life you too will be a snake.” Whose story was just described, hearing a prophecy about his ultimate punishment for killing a sacred snake of Ares?

**CADMUS**

**B1:** This prophecy is odd, however, considering that Cadmus immediately paid for this crime by serving how many years as Ares’ slave?

**EIGHT**

**B2:** Before his serpentine transformation, Cadmus became the Illyrian king through the machinations of his daughter Agave, who married what previous ruler before killing him?

**LYCOTHERSES**

**TU#2:** Differentiate in meaning between *costa* and *coxa*.

**COSTA — RIB, COXA — HIP**

**B1:** Differentiate in meaning between *baiulus* and *baculum*.

**BAIULUS — PORTER/STEWARD, BACULUM — ROD**

**B2:** Differentiate in meaning between *colus*, *cōlum*, and *collum* (**moderator: spell this out**).

**COLUS — SPINDLE/DISTAFF, COLUM — SIEVE/LARGE INTESTINE, COLLUM — NECK**

**TU#3:** The motto of Monaco, the motto of Oxford University, the motto of Brown University, and the abbreviation A.D. all share a Latin word which means what in English?

**LORD/GOD** (Amo, Amas, Amat;

[https://www.monte-carlo.mc/en/general/principality-of-monaco/#:~:text=%22Deo%20Juvante%22%20\(With%20God's,Catholicism%20is%20the%20state%20religion.\)](https://www.monte-carlo.mc/en/general/principality-of-monaco/#:~:text=%22Deo%20Juvante%22%20(With%20God's,Catholicism%20is%20the%20state%20religion.))

**B1:** The mottoes of Florida State University, UMichigan, and the MGM logo all share the same Latin word which has what meaning in English?

**ART**

**B2:** A mania for finding fault, compulsive talking, and an incurable itch to write are all two word phrases that share the Latinized word Cacoëthes which is a combination of what two Greek words?

**KAKOS & ETHOS**

**TU#4:** *The Belli Civilis Libri* is the separate title of books 109-116 to what massive, annalistic, historical work, which begins with the legends concerning the arrival of Aeneas from Troy?

**AB URBE CONDITA**

**B1:** What earlier author did Livy use as his main source, which helped especially in Livy’s writings about the expansion of Rome into the East?

**POLYBIUS**

**B2:** It is rumored that the *Ab Urbe Condita* was intended to be completed in 150 books with what event?

**DEATH OF AUGUSTUS**

**TU#5:** What name in Roman history is shared between the fifth wife of Pompey, the first wife of Caesar, and the daughter of Scipio Africanus?

**CORNELIA**

**B1:** Although the last of the Corneliae in the tossup had 12 children with Tiberius Sempronius Gracchus, only three of them survived. Name all three.

**TIBERIUS GRACCHUS, GAIUS GRACCHUS, SEMPRONIA**

**B2:** Caesar's wife Cornelia was the younger of two Corneliae who were the daughters of what man?

**(LUCIUS CORNELIUS) CINNA**

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU#6:** What son of Glaucus went to Troezen to ask for Aethra's hand in marriage, but ultimately could not follow through because he was exiled from Ephrya for accidentally killing his brother?

**BELLEROPHON**

**B1:** Unfortunately for Bellerophon, this was not the only time a relationship with a woman went wrong. After arriving at Tiryns to be purified, what woman attempted to seduce the hero, only to tell her husband Proetus that she had been assaulted when he resisted?

**ANTEIA/STHENEBOEA**

**B2:** According to Euripides, Bellerophon ultimately avenged himself on Stheneboea by inviting her to ride on Pegasus and pushing her off once they had climbed high enough. According to Hyginus, however, Stheneboea actually killed herself out of humiliation when she learned that Bellerophon had decided to marry what sister of hers?

**PHILONOË**

**TU#7:** Please listen to the following passage, which will be read twice, and answer the question that follows in Latin. Please note that the name, Aang, is indeclinable.

*Aquaflexum doctus, Aang peritum terraflexatorem quaerit ut eius artem discat. Is et duo agnati pugnam in arena sub terra perveniunt. Quamvis multi pugnatores periti terraflexus, optimus est et maxime natus et femina. Caeca pugnatrix, haec fluctuationibus soli utitur ut sciat ubi alii pugnatores sint. Primum pugnatrix Aang sociare dubitet, sed demum cum eo decernat ire.*

Question: *In quibus duobus modis est magistra terraflexi dissimilis aliis pugnatoribus?*

**NATUS MAXIME ET CAECA ET PUELLA EST (ACCEPT 2 OF THE 3)**

**B1:** *Quomodo magistra terraflexi scit ubi alii pugnatores sint?*

**UTENDO FLUCTUATIONIBUS SOLI**

**B2:** *Ubi Aang et alii magistrae obstant?*

**IN ARENA SUB TERRA**

**TU#8:** A long biography of St. Paul, interpretations of the bible, and an episode of a dream in which God accuses him of being Ciceronian, are all topics surrounding the correspondence of what Christian author?

**JEROME**

**B1:** While he is best known for translating The Bible into Latin, Jerome had also translated and updated the works of what Greek author, whose was a brief synthesis of notices down to 325 AD?

**EUSEBIUS**

**B2:** After his post as secretary for Pope Damasus, he established several monasteries and convents, one of which in what town, where he spent the final years of his life?

**BETHLEHEM**

**TU#9:** Make the phrase ἡ νῦκῶσα γυνή (HĒ nī-KŌ-sa gu-NĒ) dative singular.

**τῇ νῦκώσῃ γυναικί (TĒ nī-KŌ-sē gunae-KI)**

**B1:** Now make that phrase plural.

**ταῖς νῦκώσαις γυναιξί(ν) (TAES nī-KŌ-saes gunae-XI(N))**

**B2:** Now make that phrase vocative singular.

**(ᾧ/-) νῦκῶσα γύναι (Ō/- nī-KŌ-sa GU-nae)**

**TU#10:** Welcome to Greek Cinema! Today, we're gonna take a closer look at the critically acclaimed, yet appallingly historically inaccurate 2014 film, *300: Rise of An Empire*. In the film, who, played by the illustrious Eva Green, is inaccurately portrayed leading the Persians at the Battle of Salamis and decapitating several Greeks before being killed by Themistocles, although historically, she is best known for escaping the Battle of Salamis by sinking one of her own ships, upon which Xerxes is said to have remarked "my men have become women and my women men"?

**ARTEMISIA (OF CARIA)**

**B1.** Which battle, although exaggerated for effect in the film by including giant Persian fire-throwing slaves and ancient suicide diver bombers, in reality, was a stalemate naval battle between the Persians and the Greeks in August or September of 480 BC?

**(BATTLE OF) ARTEMISIUM**

**B2.** *300: Rise of An Empire* is rife with historical inaccuracies, especially when it comes to leaders. Which queen of Sparta and wife of Leonidas is inaccurately depicted at the end of the movie as leading the Spartans to at the battle of Salamis, though that honor should be accurately prescribed to Eurybiades?

**GORGO**

## **SCORE CHECK**

**TU#11:** What author was an unfortunate receiver of the jealousy of Tigellinus and was implicated in the Pisonian conspiracy, despite having earlier received the sophisticated title of *arbiter elegantiae* in the court of Nero?

**PETRONIUS**

**B1:** What member of the Pisonian Conspiracy had actually written a panegyric to Piso prior to his forced demise in 65 AD, despite dedicating 3 of his poetic pieces in a courtly manner to Nero earlier?

**CALPURNIUS SICULUS**

**B2:** After entering the court of Nero and winning a prize for singing his praises at the Neronian Games, who later was forced to commit suicide at the age of 26 after joining the Pisonian Conspiracy?

**LUCAN**

**TU#12:** On account of his *ferocia*, who, the son of Julia the Elder and Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa, was banished in 6 AD to the island of Planasia where he would die eight years later?

**AGRIPPA POSTUMUS**

**B1:** Two years after his exile, Julia the Younger was banished by her father Augustus to what other small island in the Mediterranean?

**TREMIRUS**

**B2:** Who, the husband of Julia the Younger, was executed for his alleged role in an assassination plot against Augustus?

**LUCIUS AEMILIUS PAULLUS**

**TU#13:** Translate into Latin: “If I should answer this question correctly, you would jump in the air.”

***SĪ HUIC QUAESTIONI RĒCTĒ RESPONDEAM, IN AĒRE SALIĀS.***

**B1:** Translate. “If you had done that, you would have fallen into an abyss.”

***SI HOC FECISSES, IN VORAGINEM/GURGITEM (ANY WORD FOR ABYSS) CECIDISSES.***

**B2:** Translate. “If you were in an abyss, we would throw you a rope”

***SĪ IN VORĀGINE ESSĒS, RESTEM/FŪNEM TIBI IACERĒMUS.***

**TU#14:** Give the Latin word and its meaning from which we derive eager.

***ACER - SHARP***

**B1:** Give the Latin word and its meaning from which we derive ease.

***ASINUS - ASS***

**B2:** Give the Latin word and its meaning from which we ultimately derive esteem.

***AES - BRONZE***

**TU#15:** This is a visual question. You will have 15 seconds to examine the visual after the link is sent.

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[wait 15 seconds]

You are now looking at representations of popular myths recreated in Animal Crossing New Horizons. Please give the animals into which the characters labeled A and B were said to have been transformed.

**NIGHTINGALE AND SWALLOW**

**B1:** Now, please give the name of the man at whose tomb the figures labeled C and D decided to meet in their nightly escapade.

**NINUS**

**B2:** Finally, give the parentage of the man labeled I in the third image.

**AEACUS AND ENDEIS**

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU#16:** A few years after putting down the revolt of Constantine III and fighting against the Visigoths, who married Galla Placidia in 417 AD, with whom he produced an heir, Valentinian III?

**CONSTANTIUS III**

**B1:** Where had Constantine III declared himself emperor?

**BRITAIN**

**B2:** What king of the Visigoths was Galla Placidia's first husband?

**ATHAULF**

**TU#17:** Some Latin nouns have different meanings in the singular and plural. Give respectively the singular and plural meanings of *carcer*.

**JAIL AND BARRIER/STARTING GATES (OF A RACE)**

**B1:** ...*fidis*?

**STRING/CHORD AND LYRE**

**B2:** ...*impedimentum*?

**DIFFICULTY/IMPEDIMENT AND BAGGAGE**

**TU#18:** Although he did not recognize the sharp-eyed herald, Eteoneus, the first to catch sight of their approach, rushed to his master to tell him that what two men had arrived at the gates of Sparta?

**TELEMACHUS & PISISTRATUS**

**B1:** When Eteoneus considers turning the two men away out loud, what man berates him for even entertaining the possibility of breaking the laws of hospitality?

**MENELAUS**

**B2:** As was custom, the duo did not immediately reveal their names and heritages. Who was the first to guess that Telemachus was the son of Odysseus?

**HELEN**

**TU#19:** Give the appropriate form of the verb *torreō* (in a loose, poetic translation) to fit in the following sentence: Brutus had maintained a face free of tears until we roasted him because of his choice of clothing.

**TORRUIMUS**

**B1:** Give the appropriate form of the verb *spondeō* to fit in the following sentence. If only, to Jeff Bezos' benefit, Mackenzie Scott had pledged to sign a prenup before she married him!

**SPOPONDISSET**

**B2:** Give the appropriate form of the verb *tergeō* to fit the following sentence: Quintilla wondered how often people were wiping their butts due to the COVID toilet paper shortage.

**TERGERENT**

## SCORE CHECK

**TU#20:** Excluding alliteration, what rhetorical device is found in this short phrase from Ennius, read as prose: *saxō cere comminuit brum*?

**TMESIS (moderator note: if not gotten, this is because cerebrum is split in the sentence, which is apt as it translates to “he shattered his head with a rock.”)**

**B1:** What rhetorical device, excluding alliteration and assonance, is found in this line from the Aeneid, read as prose: *ūnā Eurusque Notusque ruunt creberque procellīs*?

**POLYSYNDETON**

**B2:** What rhetorical device, excluding alliteration and assonance, is found in this phrase from the Aeneid, read as prose: *fluctūsque ad sīdera tollit*?

**HYPERBOLE**

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**ROUND 3**

**TU #1:** This is a visual question. You will have 15 seconds to examine the visual after it is sent.  
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This is a visual which horribly describes several works of Greek theatre.

The question: identify the play labelled C, written by Sophocles.

**ANTIGONE**

**B1:** Which of the following describes the plot of *The Wasps*?

**F**

**B2:** What tragedy is represented by E?

**HIPPOLYTUS**

**TU #2:** Of the phrases, *aut bibat aut abeat, contrāria contrāriīs cūrantur*, *ēnse et arātrō, tenēre lupum auribus*, and *unguibus et rōstrō*, which can best be used to describe people such as the early hero of the Republic Cincinnatus, a farmer who served his country by acting as dictator for war and then returning back to his farming lifestyle once the crisis has been averted and literally means “with sword and plow”?

**ĒNSE ET ARĀTRŌ**

**B1:** Of the phrases, *aut bibat aut abeat, contrāria contrāriīs cūrantur*, *ēnse et arātrō, tenēre lupum auribus*, and *unguibus et rōstrō*, which colloquially means “with all one’s might” and is the equivalent to our English saying “to fight tooth and nail”?

**UNGUIBUS ET RŌSTRŌ**

**B2:** Of the phrases, *aut bibat aut abeat, contrāria contrāriīs cūrantur*, *ēnse et arātrō, tenēre lupum auribus*, and *unguibus et rōstrō*, which is representative of allopathic medicine, such as antibiotics, and is the complete opposite of the English saying “fight fire with fire”?

**CONTRĀRIA CONTRĀRIIS CŪRANTUR**

**TU #3:** What man was placed on an altar of Apollo as a baby by his mother Rhoeo, and grew up under the god’s care, learning the art of prophecy and eventually becoming the king of Delos?

**ANIUS**

**B1:** Although Anius was a priest of Apollo, his three daughters were devoted to Dionysus, as evidenced by their divine ability to produce what three things from the ground?

**OIL, CORN, WINE**

**B2:** Upon hearing of their gift, Agamemnon had Anius’ daughters kidnapped in hopes that they might feed the Greek army throughout the duration of the Trojan War. Rather than allow his followers to be captured, however, Dionysus saved them by transforming them into what creatures?

**(WHITE) DOVES**

**TU #4:** Complete the following analogy: *parāvistī : parāstī :: dīxistī : [blank]*?

**DĪXTĪ**

**B1:** Complete the following analogy: *sodes : sodētis :: [blank] : sultis?*

**SĪS**

**B2:** Complete the following analogy: *secus : setius :: frugi : [blank]*

**FRUGALIOR**

**TU #5:** To appease the soldiers of the Praetorian Guard, who appointed Casperius Aelianus as the replacement for the previous prefect, Titus Petronius Secundus, who had played a role in the assassination of Domitian in 96 AD?

**(MARCUS COCCEIUS) NERVA**

**B1:** Nerva was the last emperor to be buried at which location?

**MAUSOLEUM OF AUGUSTUS**

**B2:** In whose gardens, which originally belonged to Julius Caesar, did Nerva die?

**SALLUST'S**

### SCORE CHECK

**TU #6:** A heated argument broke out on the Argo when the Argonauts realized they had left behind what three comrades on the island of Cios?

**HERACLES, HYLAS, AND POLYPHEMUS**

**B1:** They would have turned back for them if what brothers convinced them to go on?

**ZETES & CALAIS**

**B2:** What god dispelled their uneasiness at leaving the trio behind by telling them that Heracles still had to do his labors, and Hylas now lived happily at the bottom of the spring?

**GLAUCUS**

**TU #7:** From what two Greek words with what meanings is “monochrome” derived?

**μόνος (MO-nos): ONE, ALONE, UNIQUE & χρώμα (CHRŌ-ma): COLOR**

**B1:** From what two Greek words with what meanings is “pyrokinetic” derived?

**πῦρ (PŪR): FIRE & κινέω (kī-NE-ō): SET IN MOTION, MOVE**

**B2:** From what two Greek words with what meanings is “psychosomatic” derived?

**ψυχή (psū-CHĒ): SOUL, SPIRIT & σῶμα (SŌ-ma): BODY**

**TU #8:** *Ēsom*, *sient*, and *forētīs* are all non-standard non-Classical Latin form of what verb?

**SUM (ESSE)**

**B1:** *Quoi* and *quīs* are all non-standard non-Classical Latin forms of the relative pronoun indicating what case?

**DATIVE**

**B2:** Please give the archaic form for the verb form *spectārī*.

**SPECTĀRIER**

**TU #9:** What was the Latin term for the watery bitter liquid byproduct of making olive oil, which was used as fertilizer and moth repellent?

**AMURCA**

**B1:** Give the term for the salad consisting of chopped olives, vinegar, mint, and other spices.

**EPITYRUM**



**B2:** Olives weren't the only popular ingredient. What was the name of the dish in Latin which consisted of salt fish, cheese, and eggs?

**TYROTARICHUS**

**TU #10:** After accompanying Valentinian's expedition against the Germans and holding important public offices such as *praefectus Galliaenum*, what author retired to his estates near Bordeaux following the defeat of Theodosius, and was known as the first Christian author whose works didn't center on Christianity?

**AUSONIUS**

**B1:** In which work of Ausonius does he lament the death of his wife who died 30 years earlier as well as 29 other relatives, and is named after an ancient pagan festival which celebrates the dead?

**PARENTALIA**

**B2:** What Christian author, in addition to Jerome, Augustine, and Sulpicius Severens, exchanged *epistulae* with his professor Ausonius, one of which attempts to dissuade him from abandoning worldly things and devoting himself to the church?

**PAULINUS OF NOLA**

### SCORE CHECK

**TU #11:** Which of the following does not belong due to gender? *Acanthus, fīcus, fāgus, laurus*

**ACANTHUS**

**B1:** Which of the following does not belong due to declension? *Carbasus, carduus, flētus, vannus*

**FLETUS**

**B2:** Which of the following does not belong due to gender? *Catīnus, cīmex, cervīx, cingulus*

**CERVIX**

**TU #12:** In response to the COVID-19 epidemic, President Trump said on January 22<sup>nd</sup>: "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China. It's going to be just fine." On March 6<sup>th</sup>, he said: "I think we're doing a really good job in this country at keeping it down... a tremendous job at keeping it down." And on March 9<sup>th</sup>, he said "This blindsided the world." The timeline of this ironic rhetoric may share some interesting similarities with the words of what author, who cites the invasions of the Cimbri and the Tutones and other barbaric threats as proof that Rome could withstand the battle of Adrianople, but was also proved incorrect?

**AMMIANUS MARCELLINUS**

**B1:** While the work ended with the death of Valens at the battle of Adrianople, Ammianus Marcellinus spent the bulk of his historical work with what emperor's reign?

**JULIAN (THE APOSTATE)**

**B2:** Ammianus went out of his way to defend the interests of the upper middle class within his work, hailing as a member of the aristocracy from what Greek city?

**ANTIOCH**

**TU #13:** Please translate into Latin: The harness prevents the cheerful dog from seeking freedom.

**FRĒNUM LAETUM CANEM PROHIBET QUĪN LĪBERTĀTEM PETAT**

**B1:** Using a compound of fero, please translate the following into Latin: I beg you to remove the bad memories from my mind.

***ŌRŌ TĒ UT MALĀS MEMORIĀS MENTI/MENTE AUFERĀS***

**B2:** Please translate the following into Latin: The mother loved her son so much that she allowed him to eat her body.

***MĀTER FĪLIUM TANTUM AMĀVIT UT EUM SUŌ CORPORE VĒSCĪ SĪVERIT***

**TU #14:** Septimius, Urbanus, and Domitianus all tried to usurp which emperor, who also had to deal with a revolt of mint workers and the secession of the Gallic and Palmyrene Empires?

**AURELIAN**

**B1:** What title was Aurelian given for reuniting the Roman Empire after defeating Tetricus and Zenobia?

***RESTITUTOR ORBIS***

**B2:** What title was Aurelian given for driving out Germanic tribes from Northern Italy?

**GERMANICUS MAXIMUS**

**TU #15:** Riding upon Aethe, a horse gifted to his brother, what hero was forced to slow down around a particularly tight bend during a chariot race by a reckless Antilochus?

**MENELAUS**

**B1:** Despite being in first for much of the race, who finished dead last after crashing?

**EUMELUS**

**B2:** Eumelus had lost despite having the best horses because who had interfered in the race by shattering the yoke of Eumelus' chariot?

**ATHENA**

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU #16:** What consul of 78 B.C. reversed some of Sulla's reforms when he brought forward legislation that would restore the tribunate to its former power, renew sales of cheap corn, and give back Italians their estates?

**M. AEMILIUS LEPIDUS**

**B1:** When Lepidus revolted in northern Italy, where was he defeated by Q. Lutatius Catulus?

**MILVIAN BRIDGE**

**B2:** Lepidus escaped from the battle, but where did he die shortly after?

**SARDINIA**

**TU #17:** Translate the following sentence from Latin into English. "*Ōrātōrem īrāscī minimē decet.*"

**IT IS VERY UNBECOMING FOR AN ORATOR TO BECOME ANGRY**

[ALL SENTENCES TAKEN FROM AG 454]

**B1:** Now translate. *Pudēret mē hortari ut omnes mala facinora facerent.*

**I SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO ENCOURAGE THAT ALL MEN DO BAD CRIMES.**

**B2:** Now translate. *Cum necāre necesse esset, exercitus nēminī pepercit.*

**SINCE KILLING WAS NECESSARY / IT WAS NECESSARY TO KILL, THE  
ARMY SPARED NO ONE**

**TU #18:** Expelled from Euboea for the murder of Phlegyas, king of Boeotian Orchomenus, what two figures settled in Hyria before going to Thebes, where they were granted citizenship through their friendship with King Pentheus and later became regents for Pentheus' grandson Labdacus?

**LYCUS AND NYCTEUS**

**B1:** What successor of Pentheus married Nycteus' daughter and named Nycteus regent for Labdacus?

**POLYDORUS**

**B2:** Before he died either of a wound or of shame over the actions of his daughter Antiope, Nycteus asked that Lycus march against what city, whose king had welcomed and married Antiope?

**SICYON**

**TU #19:** What work vividly describes the rooster crowing, the grinding of corn in a hand mill, and the collection from a garden for the preparation of a salad on a winter's morning, and is the source for the phrase *ē plūribus ūnum*?

**MORETUM**

**B1:** In what work spuriously attributed to Vergil does a farmer curse the soldiers who have dispossessed him of his farm?

**DIRAE**

**B2:** Which work from the Appendix Vergiliana advocates drinking as a remedy against thoughts of morality, probably because it takes place in a tavern?

**COPA**

**TU #20:** Please listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the questions that follow in English:

*Amīcī in bibliothēcā in mediō dēsertō adveniunt ut discere dē ignī-nātiōne. Cūstōs bibliothēcae, inmānis spīrituālis būbō, eōs adīre sinit, dummodo nē īnfōrmātiōne in bellō ūtantur. Cognōscunt ignī-nātiōnem eō diē, cum lūna sōlem obscūret, vincendam esse aut nōn spem futūrae pācis fore. Cum būbō discit eōrum cōnsilium vincendae ignī-nātiōnis, eōs intus dētīnēre minātur. Sed, amīcī fugiunt et iterum iter facere coepērunt.*

**TU#:** According to the passage, during what natural phenomenon must the fire nation be defeated?

**THE MOON OBSCURING THE SUN** (do not accept "solar eclipse"; ask to be more specific)

**B1:** What is the one condition the group must follow according to the owl?

**THEY CANNOT USE THE INFORMATION FOR WAR**

**B2:** What does the guardian do when he finds that the group has violated their agreement?

**HE THREATENS TO DETAIN THEM INSIDE**

(Translation: The group arrives at a library in the middle of a desert in order to learn information about the fire nation. The guardian of the library, a giant spirit owl, allows them to enter, provided that they do not use the information for war. They find out that they must defeat the fire nation on their least powerful day, when the moon obscures the sun, or else there is no hope for

the future. When the owl learns their plan to stop the fire nation, he threatens to lock them inside. The group escapes and continues on their journey.)

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**SEMIFINAL ROUND**

**TU#1:** Mentioning Remmius Palaemon as a notorious example, what author blames moral degeneration and dishonorable teachers and schooling as the reasons for why eloquence needed such moral and academic reform?

**QUINTILLIAN**

**B1:** Remmius Palaemon, a man of indisputable learning, yet questionable morality, claimed to have made another cameo in what Augustan age work as a judge in a poetry contest?

**ECLOGUES/BUCOLICS**

**B2:** As a phenomenal educator and trusted among young boys unlike his teacher, Quintilian was awarded what title for the education of Domitian's grandnephews?

**ORNAMENTA CONSULARIA**

**TU#2:** Described by Orosius as a different instrument by which the Devil could use to damage the Christian Church, what nontrinitarian doctrine believed that Jesus Christ was begotten of and subordinate to, but not co-eternal with God?

**ARIANISM**

**B1:** Similar to the future emperor Valens, which emperor, according to Orosius, was persuaded to adopt Arianism, leading to his descent into misguided zeal, and violent persecution under the name of piety?

**CONSTANTIUS II**

**B2:** What other heresy, which flourished in North Africa in the 4th and 5th centuries AD and existed up until the Moorish conquest in the 7th century AD, encouraged its followers to reject sacraments and religious authority from priests that handed over their scriptures to Roman authorities, or so-called *traditors*?

**DONATISM** [Note that Novatianism is NOT an acceptable answer because Novatianism largely died out in the century following the death of Novatian and therefore, does not fit the times given in the bonus ]

**TU#3:** Which of the following words is not derived from a Latin noun denoting a part of the body: supercilious, dandelion, jade, lymph, impeach?

**LYMPH [FROM LYMPHA]**

**B1:** Which of the following words is not derived from a Latin word denoting an animal: pedigree, lobster, musket, taxicab, sanguine?

**SANGUINE [FROM SANGUIS]**

**B2:** Which of the following words, if any, is not derived from a Latin word pertaining to a plant: mulberry, stubble, rosary, rosemary, arbor?

**ROSEMARY [FROM ROS]**

**TU#4:** For what three word fiduciary Latin phrase is HS an abbreviation?

**DUO ET SĒMIS**

**B1:** For what coin in the Roman economy is this two letter abbreviation?

**SESTERTIUS**

B2: The word *sestertius* itself is an amalgamation of two Latin words. How many *assēs* is one *sestertius* allegedly worth?

2.5 (4 in later periods)

TU#5: Who, called sometimes by the object he would use in his occupation, was accidentally killed when he poured the warm water with which he was supposed to wash Heracles' feet over his hands instead?

EUNOMUS / CYATHUS

B1: At whose court did this event take place?

OENEUS'

B2: Where did Heracles voluntarily go into exile for this act?

TRACHIS

### SCORE CHECK

TU#6: On September 30, 331 BC, where did Alexander the Great, though severely outnumbered, managed, in a remarkable feat of tactical maneuvering, to defeat the army of Darius opening the way for Alexander to enter Babylon?

GAUGAMELA

B1: Which Persian noble, satrap of Cilicia and Syria under Artaxerxes III, formally surrendered Babylon to Alexander the Great, and in turn, was appointed satrap of Babylonia until his death in 328 BC?

MAZAEUS

B2: Perhaps as retribution for Xerxes's burning of the Athenian temples during the invasion of Greece, which Athenian flute-girl famously came up with the idea of burning Xerxes's palace at Persepolis?

THAIS

TU#7: This is the visual question. You will have 15 seconds to examine the visual after it is sent.

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You are looking at a list of emojis which recent contextual meanings have changed beyond their intended uses. Please identify by letter the emoji, declined as *emoji*, *emojorum*, *n.* which would fit the description of its use: *Tuum imperātōrem cum hīs emojiīs laudārētis sī calamitāte legiōnem servāret.*

E

B1: Identify by letter the emoji which would fit the description of its use: *Si ignotum sit utrum persona quam admirārēris tē magis Antoniō malit, ūtāris hīs emojiīs hominī admirātō appropinquāre.*

A

B2: Identify by letter the emoji which would fit the description of its use: *Grātiās Aesculāpiō tuae salūtī agis hīs emojiīs dōnandō.*

C

**TU#8:** What island, which was called home by individuals such as Membliarus and Battus, originally grew from a clod of earth that the Argonaut Euphemus threw into the sea?

**THERA / CALLISTE**

**B1:** What island, claimed by the god Helius as it rose from the sea, was said to have been the site of Helen's murder by Tlepolemus' widow?

**RHODES**

**B2:** What island, whose inhabitants engaged in a custom of ribald joking between the sexes, was revealed to the Argonauts by Apollo when he shot a flaming arrow into the sea?

**ANAPHE**

**TU#9:** Translate the following sentence from Greek to English: *ταῦτα μηδεὶς ἀνθρώπων πεύσεται*. (TAU-ta mē-DĒS an-THRŌ-pōn PEU-setae)

**LET NOBODY LEARN OF THIS.**

**B1:** Translate the following sentence from Greek to English *μουσάων Ἑλικωνιάδων ἀρχώμεθα ἀείδειν*. (mū-SA-ōn helikōni-A-dōn ar-CHŌ-metha a-Ē-dēn)

**LET US BEGIN TO SING OF THE HELICONIAN MUSES / MUSES OF (MT.)**

**HELICON.**

**B2:** Translate the following sentence from Greek to English: *κατέβην χθὲς εἰς Πειραιᾶ μετὰ Γλαύκωνος τοῦ Ἀρίστωνος προσευζόμενος τῇ θεῇ*. (ka-TE-bēn CTHES ēs pērae-A me-TA GLAU-kōnos TŪ a-RI-stōnos proseu-XO-menos TĒ the-Ō)

**I WENT TO THE PIERAUS YESTERDAY WITH GLAUCON (THE SON) OF ARISTON IN ORDER TO / ABOUT TO / INTENDING TO PRAY TO THE GODDESS.**

**TU#10:** Out of Euclio, Terapontigonus, Epidicus, Stritippocles, and Lyconides, which character matches the following description: After raiding the pocketbook of his master's father on two separate occasions, he tries to reconcile the love his master simultaneously has for two women and plots to provide two dowries.

**EPIDICUS**

**B1:** Out of the same list of characters in the tossup, which character matches the following description: With an obsession and fear over being robbed, this old man is highly protective of his money, which is stolen to make the marriage for a young man to Phedria possible.

**EUCLIO**

**B2:** What comedic play, meant as a sequel to Plautus' Aulularia, does a parasite named Mandrogerous attempt to retrieve the treasure of Euclio to split between himself and Euclio's heir?

**QUEROLUS/ QUEROLUS SIVE AULULARIA**

### SCORE CHECK

**TU#11:** In the Heroes of Olympus series, the character Reyna has two metal dogs, Aurum and Argentum, who, as you can probably tell, were made of gold and silver, respectively. The series' author Rick Riordan probably took inspiration for this from what mythological king, who was given the same gift by Hephaestus, as well as a huge vineyard and orchards that were always in bloom, and was featured heavily in the Odyssey?

**ALCINOUS**

**B1:** Even his people were divinely blessed; the men were given skill in sailing, the women in weaving. However, what gift was withheld from them as a result?

**SKILL IN USING A BOW / THE ABILITY TO HUNT**

**B2:** Although not technically a gift from the gods, Alcinous was blessed with what three sons, all famed for their athleticism and beauty?

**HALIOS, LAODAMAS, CLYTONEUS**

**TU#12:** What position, usually held by *equitēs*, allowed for an individual to farm revenue from the provinces in addition to collecting taxes?

***PŪBLĪCĀNUS/PŪBLĪCĀNĪ***

**B1:** Magistracies were not paid positions. In fact, a magistrate would have to pay a fee upon winning his election. Name this fee, which a magistrate paid in addition to handing out the expected donatives.

***HONŌRĀRIUM***

**B2:** What tax, originally levied only in emergencies, was abolished for Italians in 167 BC and was instead paid by those in the provinces?

***TRIBŪTUM***

**TU#13:** You are no doubt familiar with the Latin word *quō*, but it originated as an abbreviation of what two words?

***UT EŌ***

**B1:** Similarly, *vēnīre* originated as an abbreviation of what two words.

***VĒNUM ĪRE***

**B2:** Give the abbreviated form of *fēcērim*.

***FAXIM***

**TU#14:** What man, who had influenced the the policy of Septimius Severus in the field of law, impacted jurisprudence of the Germans of from later years with his 37 books of *Quaestiones* and 19 books of *Responsa* before his murder in 212 AD under Caracalla?

**(AEMILIUS) PAPINIAN**

**B1:** What man followed a similar career of Papinian by also holding the position of praetorian prefect, and later authored 86 books, the longest fragments belonging to his *Sententiae ad Filium*?

**JULIUS PAULUS**

**B2:** Before his murder at the hands of the praetorians in 228 AD, what man had previously enjoyed the court of Caracalla and Severus Alexander and had authored 81 books of *Ad Edictum Praetoris* on praetorian law, as well as 51 books of *Ad Masurium Sabinum* on civil law?

**(DOMITIUS) ULPIAN**

**TU#15:** Please listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer the questions that follow in Latin. Please take *Ba-Sing-Sē*, *Bā-Sing-Sētis* to mean *Ba-Sing-Sē*.

*Aang et amīcī suī perveniunt Bā-Sing-Sētem, urbem maximam rēgnī terrēnī, ut rēgem admoneant dē bellō veniente. Sed, gubernātrix nōn eōs sinīt cum rēge convenīre dīcēns iterum iterumque “nōn est bellum Bā Sing Sēte.” Multīs mystēriīs in urbe apertīs, trēs liberī dēmum rēgem*



*certiorem faciunt praefectum eius urbem tradere temptare. Sed, non cognoverunt igni-nationem urbem Bā-Sing-Sētem iam intravisse.*

The question: *Quālīs urbs est Bā Sing Sē?*

**(URBS) MAXIMA RĒGNĪ TERRĒNĪ**

**B1:** *Quotiens gubernātrīx dīcit “Nōn est bellum in Bā Sing Sēte”?*

**ITERUM ITERUMQUE**

**B2:** *Quid Aang et aliī nōn cognoverunt?*

**IGNĪ-NATIŌNEM (URBEM / BA-SING-SĒTEM) IAM INTRĀVISSE**

**(Translation:** The group arrives in Ba Sing Se, the biggest city of the earth kingdom, in order to warn the king about the approaching war. However, their guide does not allow them to seek an audience with the king and repeats “there is no war in ba sing se”. After discovering several sinister secrets in the city, the group finally informed the king, to the dismay of the praetorian prefect, who was betraying the city. However, unknown to them, the fire nation has already entered the city.)

### SCORE CHECK

**TU#16:** What Latin word, synonymous to the word at the root of prose, has an English derivative that means *fax* in Latin?

**TORQUEO**

**B1:** What Latin word, synonymous to the word at the root of the word plush, has an English derivative meaning “a stiff fabric made of horsehair and cotton or linen thread, used for stiffening petticoats or as a lining”?

**CRINIS**

**B2:** What Latin word, synonymous to the word at the root of an English word meaning “a distinctive feature or dominant idea in an artistic or literary composition”, has an English derivative meaning “to revive from apparent death or from unconsciousness”?

**CIEO**

**TU#17:** Perileus, son of Icarius, is sometimes said to have been the plaintiff at whose trial, though most say that it was instead the Furies themselves who showed up to the proceedings?

**ORESTES]**

**B1:** The Areopagus was also the site of the trial of Ares for the murder of Halirrhothius, the son of Poseidon, the plaintiff, and what nymph?

**EURYTE**

**B2:** Ares had killed Halirrhothius because Halirrhothius had violated Alcippe, the daughter of Ares and what woman?

**AGRAULUS**

**TU#18:** What Parthian king did Septimius Severus fight against because he had offered assistance to Pescennius Niger, and later, tried to recover lost territory from the Romans?

**VOLOGESES IV**

**B1:** What city in Mesopotamia could never catch a break from the Romans, being sacked multiple times during its history, including by Severus himself?

**CTESIPHON**

**B2:** Where did Severus die in 211 AD?

**EBORACUM/YORK**

**TU#19:** Translate the following sentence, delivered by the protagonist of King of the Hill, Hank Hill, into Latin using *propānum* to mean “propane”: “I sell propane and propane accessories.”  
***PROPĀNUM VĒNDŌ ATQUE ARMĀMENTA / INSTRŪMENTA PROPĀNEA / PROPĀNĪ.***

**B1:** Translate this sentence, also delivered by Hank Hill, from English to Latin using the name *Robertulus* to mean “Bobby”: “One day, Bobby, you’ll understand how much love it takes to crush a little boy’s dreams.”

***1ŌLIM, ROBERTŪLE, INTELLEGĒS QUANTUS AMOR  
SIT NECESSE / OPORTEAT FRANGERE / CALCĀRE SOMNIA PUERĪ (PARVĪ)***

**B2:** Translate these sentences, delivered by local Arlen pimp, Hank Hill, from English to Latin: “Give her the money, friend. I’m not gonna ask ya twice.”

***PECUNIAM EĪ DĀ, AMĪCĒ // DATŌ, AMĪCĒ, EĪ PECUNIA // DES, AMĪCĒ, PECUNIAM  
EĪ. TĒ BIS NŌN ROGĀBŌ / ROGATŪRUS SUM***

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU#20:** The *Rērum Etruscārum Librī* is a subset of what work, which quotes Varro Reatinus extensively in its alphabetic discussion of difficult and obsolete terms?

***DE VERBORUM SIGNIFICATU***

**B1:** The *Dē Verbōrum Significātū* was written by Verrius Flaccus, but its original text has been lost. We know of it through the abridgement of what grammarian of the 2nd and 3rd centuries?

**FESTUS**

**B2:** Verrius Flaccus also wrote a *Fastī*, which Ovid used to based his own off of. The *Fastī* were carved into marble in the forum of what town, where Flaccus was born?

**PRAENESTE**

**BOSTON ELITE CERTAMEN 2020**  
**FINAL ROUND**

**TU#1:** Listen to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in English the questions that follow:

*Ut dominum ignis superārētur, est vīsum Aang eum necāre oportēre. Aang autem aegrē pugnāns metuit nē sibi dominus occīdendus sit. Dominus ignis et quam perītissimē et quam ācerrimē pugnat. Aang taediō pedem referre coepit. Sapientiā dē maiōribus auctus, Aang cognōvit sibi frontem dominī esse tangendam ut **eō** igniflexus removeātur. Aang, igitur, tōtam orbem terrārum servātūram esse crēdit.*

The question: According to the passage, what action done by the avatar marks the defeat of the firelord?

**TOUCHES THE FOREHEAD OF THE FIRELORD**

**B1:** Why was the avatar apprehensive about fighting the firelord?

**HE DID NOT WANT TO KILL HIM**

**B2:** What is the case and use of *eo* in the passage?

**ABLATIVE OF SEPARATION (PROMPT ON REFERENCE)**

**TU#2:** Spurious works including a story about a walnut tree who complains that people throw stones at it, a consolation to Livia for the death of Drusus in Germany, and two brief poems on the apotheosis of Augustus, one of which in the Getic language, have been attributed to what author?

**OVID**

**B1:** In what work does Ovid abandon writing myth, quoting “*sumque argumentī conditor ipse meī*”, and instead gives a catalogue of poets, of which list only Grattius survives?

**EPISTULAE EX PONTO**

**B2:** Which of Ovid’s works shares the title name with a tragedy by Accius, a cento by Hosidius Geta, an epyllion by Dracontius, and was the only type of work by Ovid of its kind?

**MEDEA**

**TU#3:** The stone remnants of what shrine of unknown purpose in the Forum Romanum, dating back to the Roman monarchy, contained what could be one of the earliest Latin inscriptions?

**LAPIS NIGER**

**B1:** What small structure in the Forum Romanum was a fountain said to have been the site of Castor and Pollux’s rest stop before announcing the Roman victory at Lake Regillus?

**SPRING OF JUTURNA / LACUS JUTURNAE**

**B2:** What structure linking the Arx of the Capitoline Hill to the Forum Romanum was a famous site of execution, with figures such as Vitellius and Sejanus meeting their demise at this site?

**GEMONIAN STAIRS / SCALAE GEMONIAE**

**TU#4:** Differentiate in derivation between the noun “count” and the verb “count.”

**EŌ (ĪRE - GO) and PUTŌ (PUTĀRE - THINK) respectively**

**B1:** Differentiate in derivation between the noun “foil” and the verb “foil.”

**FOLIUM** (LEAF) and **FULLO** (DRYCLEANER) respectively

**B2:** Differentiate in derivation between “elicit” and “illicit.”

**ELICIO** (COAX) / **LAQUEUS** (LASSO)/ **LACIO** (ENSNARE) and **LICET** (IT IS PERMITTED), respectively

**TU#5:** In his overwhelming greed and ambition, who inadvertently doomed his three sons to death by vehemently opposing the return of Helen, hoping Paris would reward him?

**ANTIMACHUS**

**B1:** When Peisander and Hippolochus begged for mercy at Agamemnon’s hands, for what specific act of their father did Agamemnon deny their plea?

**ANTIMACHUS ADVISED THE TROJAN COUNCIL TO DISOBEY THE LAW OF HOSPITALITY AND KILL MENELAUS AND ODYSSEUS WHEN THEY CAME AS AMBASSADORS**

**B2:** Just prior to encountering the two sons of Antimachus, Agamemnon had also slain what two other Trojan princes?

**ISUS & ANTIPHUS**

### SCORE CHECK

**TU#6:** This is a visual question. You will have 15 seconds to examine the visual.

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You are now looking at a series of Yelp reviews corresponding to specific locations in the Roman empire. Please give the location described by the review labelled C.

**RAVENNA**

**B1:** Now, give the location described by the review labelled A.

**PALMYRA**

**B2:** Finally, give the location described by the review labelled B.

**DADASTANA**

**TU#7:** For the verb *δίδωμι* (DI-dōmi), give the 3rd person singular present active indicative.

*δίδωσι(ν)* (DI-dōsi(n))

**B1:** Change the form *δίδωσι* (DI-dōsi) to the plural.

*διδόασι(ν)* (di-DO-asi(n))

**B2:** Change the form *διδόασι* (di-DO-asi) to the dual.

*δίδοτον* (DI-doton)

**TU#8:** It was said by his relative that this author slept little and had multiple passages and books read aloud to him each day, never taking a break to stop reading except to bathe. He faithfully followed his own maxim that “no book was so bad that no profit might be saved from it” as he sourced over 100 different authors to put together a massive encyclopedic work. Who is this author?

**PLINY THE ELDER**

**B1:** Another author of specialist knowledge near the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD composed a treatise in four books on the science and problems related to military art, as well as a work of 4 books of notes on veterinary medicine. Name both the author and either work described.

**VEGETIUS; *EPITOME REI MILITARIS/MULOMEDICINA***

**B2:** What specialist's collection of anecdotes on military art, published under Domitian, include rubrics on topics such as learning the enemy's strategy and surprise attacks, followed by short examples of Roman and Greek history?

**FRONTINUS**

**TU#9:** Who purified Alcmeon of murder and gave his daughter Arsinoe to him as a wife but, upon later learning that Alcmeon had tricked him to recover the marriage gifts given to Arsinoe, ordered his sons to kill Alcmeon?

**PHEGEUS**

**B1:** Where in Psophis did the sons of Phegeus bury Alcmeon?

**IN A GROVE OF CYPRESSES**

**B2:** At whose palace did Alcmeon's sons Acarnan and Amphoterus avenge his death by killing the sons of Phegeus?

**AGAPENOR**

**TU#10:** *Lucius*, *serra*, *lamia*, *mugil*, and *scomber* all refer to what type of animal, which is usually covered with *squamae* or scales.

**FISH**

**B1:** What underwater animal did the Romans call *anguilla*?

**EEL**

**B2:** What Latin word means both inflexibility and a type of fish, and is also an English word referring to an underwater projectile?

**TORPEDO**

### **SCORE CHECK**

**TU#11:** What Platonic dialogue involves participants discussing the nature of love and a younger man drunkenly stumbling in to praise Socrates?

***SYMPOSIUM***

**B1:** You may have figured that the young man making such a drunken entrance is Alcibiades. He praises Socrates' impressive ability to withstand cold, hunger, and alcohol tolerance when they served together in the siege of what city?

**POTIDAEA**

**B2:** In the *Symposium*, one of the participants has a bout of hiccups and cures them by forcing himself to sneeze. Name this man, who was also a notable comedian.

**ARISTOPHANES**

**TU#12:** Translate into English: *Spēro fore ut magnum praemium imperatōrī dignō quī accipiat detur.*

**I HOPE THAT A GREAT REWARD IS GIVEN TO  
THE COMMANDER WORTHY OF RECEIVING (IT)**

**B1:** Translate into English: *Tantum abest ut omnēs imperatōrēs gloriam mereant.*

**IT IS FAR FROM BEING THE CASE THAT ALL GENERALS DESERVE GLORY**

**B2:** Translate into English: *Nēmō est potentior quam quī cadat.*

**NO ONE IS TOO POWERFUL TO FALL**

**TU#13:** Who found shelter in Southern Italy with King Croton, only to accidentally kill yet another of his hosts during a fight with the bandit Lacinius when he tried to steal his Erythian cattle?

**HERACLES / HERCULES**

**B1:** During Heracles' travels through future Rome, he fathered Latinus with what Hyperborean maiden who later married Faunus and gave her name to the Palatine hill?

**PALANTO**

**B2:** A story similar to the Heracles-Cacus episode occurs in the myth of what man, who had his herd of cattle stolen by a slave of Evander named Cacus?

**RECARANUS / CARANUS / GARANUS**

**TU#14:** As described in the elegies of Sextus Propertius, what brief civil war was fought from 41-40 BC between Octavian and the supporters of Marc Antony?

**PERUSINE WAR**

**B1:** In the following year, where did the Second Triumvirate convene to sign a pact with Sextus Pompey, allowing him to control Sicily?

**MISENUM**

**B2:** Three years after the pact of Misenum was signed, in what naval battle would Agrippa defeat Sextus Pompey?

**NAULOCUS**

**TU#15:** What Latin word is found in one Latin phrase that colloquially means "Daddy has lost his job", in another one that can be conventionally conveyed as "we are facing a crisis", and a third denoting how "the facts speak for themselves"?

**RES**

**B1:** What adjective can be found in the first Latin phrase of the toss-up which literally is translated as "straitened circumstances at home" and while its noun form can be found in a Latin phrase that colloquially means "to honors through difficulties"?

**ANGUSTA**

**B2:** Give the ablative singular of the noun that can mean pole in an astronomical sense or a turn of affairs in a figurative sense, which is found in the second phrase mentioned in the toss-up.

**CARDINE**

(<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.04.0059%3Aentry%3Dcardo>)

**SCORE CHECK**

**TU#16:** Because Cecrops' son failed to survive him, the rule of Athens fell to what man, who renamed the region from Cecropia to Attica in honor of his virgin daughter Atthis?

**CRANAUS**

**B1:** According to some accounts, the name Attica was not derived from Atthis but from an earlier king of Athens, Cecrops' predecessor. Name him.

**ACTAEUS**

**B2:** What later king combined the townships of Attica into a commonwealth, and by doing so, was able to formally establish the dominance of Athens over Eleusis and Megara?

**THESEUS**

**TU#17:** This question concerns the oft overlooked sections of Allen and Greenough on prosody and metrics. By what other name is Trochaic Tetrameter Catalectic, the meter employed in the more musical sections of comedy, also known?

**TROCHAIC SEPTENARIUS**

**B1:** Which iambic meter is the most common form of dialogue in Roman drama?

**(IAMBIC) SENARIUS**

**B2:** What is the metrical composition of a Sapphic hendecasyllable, as found in Horace's *Odes* 1.2?

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**TU#18:** What collection of poems, many of which collected and edited by Riese, contains chiefly writings of various anonymous African poets of late antiquity and includes a few fragments and poems under the names of Petronius and Seneca?

**ANTHOLOGIA LATINA**

**B1:** What poet from the *Anthologia Latina*, in a brief poem, expounds on an episode in Book 8 of Homer's *Odyssey* in which Vulcan traps his wife Venus and Mars in a net to prove their affair to the gods?

**REPOSIANUS**

**B2:** What Tunisian writer from the *Anthologia Latina* and contemporary of Tertullian was the most well-known author of the cento, a genre of writing which quilted together verses from classical poems?

**HOSIDIUS GETA**

**TU#19:** Although Ancient Greece is known as the birthplace of democracy, Greece had its fair share of tyrants. Who, allegedly having saved his own life as an infant by smiling at the men sent to kill him to stop him from fulfilling a prophecy that he would become a tyrant, fulfilled that prophecy when he expelled all his enemies in 657 BC and became the first tyrant of Corinth?

**CYPSELUS**

**B1:** Who, the son of Cypselus, succeeded him as tyrant and is credited as having built the *Diolkos*, or the paved trackway for ships to move across the Isthmus of Corinth?

**PERIANDER**

**B2:** While Periander might have been great at governing Corinth, he was not very good at governing his family. Who, the son of Periander, was so disgusted by his father's murder of his mother, refused to succeed Periander as long as Periander was still in Corinth?

**LYCOPHRON**

**SCORE CHECK**

**TU#20:** Translate into Latin: Do you prefer two camps or three forts?

**MĀVISNE / MĀVULTIS BĪNA CASTRA AUT TRIA CASTRA?**

**B1:** Translate into Latin: The old men walked to the forum six by six.

***SĒNĪ SENĒS AD FORUM AMBULĀVĒRUNT***

**B2:** Translate into Latin: In either nineteen or twice ten days, we will go to Carthage.

***AUT UNDĒVĪGINTI AUT BIS DĒNĪS DIĒBUS, CARTHĀGINEM ĪBIMUS***