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1. What elderly senator succeeded Domitian as emperor in 96 A.D.?

NERVA

B1 Give the name of the mistress of the Praetorian Prefect who led the conspiracy to assassinate Domitian.

DOMITIA

B2 What palace servant stabbed Domitian?

STEPHANUS

2. What fisherman found and cared for Danaë and the infant Perseus?

DICTYS

B1 Name Dictys's cruel brother.

POLYDECTES

B2 On what island did Dictys and Polydectes live?

SERIPHOS

3. For the verb tollō, tollere give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural, imperfect, passive, indicative.

TOLLĒBĀMINĪ

B1 Make tollēbāminī 1<sup>st</sup> person.

TOLLĒBĀMUR

B2 Make tollēbāmur perfect.

SUBLĀTĪ/-AE/-A SUMUS

4. What is the meaning of the Latin adjective **melior**?

BETTER

B1 Give an antonym of **melior**?

PEIOR

B2 Give the superlative form of **peior**?

PESSIMUS

5. The Greek chieftains Phoenix, Ajax the Greater, and Odysseus were assembled to appease what warrior and convince him to rejoin the war against the Trojans?

ACHILLES

B1 Who had organized this embassy after stealing Achilles' concubine and evoking his anger?

AGAMEMNON

B2 What was the name of this concubine from Lyrnessus whom Agamemnon had stolen to replace his own?

BRISEÏS

6. Translate the following sentence into English: **hortus cotīdiē ab animālibus rūsticīs vīsītābātur.**

THE GARDEN WAS (BEING) VISITED BY RUSTIC ANIMALS EVERY DAY.

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B1 Now translate this sentence: **herba ā nōn solum leporibus sed etiam bovis consumpta est.**

THE GRASS WAS/HAS BEEN EATEN NOT ONLY BY RABBITS BUT ALSO BY COWS/HEIFERS.

B2 Restate the sentence **postea agricola defessus leporis gladio interfecit** in Latin by changing the verb to the passive voice yet keeping the overall meaning the same.

**POSTEA AB AGRICOLA DEFESSO LEPORIS GLADIO INTERFECTI SUNT.**

7. Give the Latin and English for the motto of Dartmouth College.

**VOX CLAMANTIS IN DESERTO – THE  
VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS**

B1 Give the Latin and English for the motto of the University of Missouri, the same motto of the state of Missouri.

**SALUS POPULI – THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE**

B2 Give the English translation for the motto of Hunter College, **mihi cura futuri.**

**MY ANXIETY/CARE/CONCERN IS FOR THE FUTURE**

8. Into what type of creature was Io, the daughter of Inachus, transformed?

COW

B1 Why did Zeus change Io into a cow?

TO HIDE HER FROM HERA

B2 What child did Io conceive to Zeus and later give birth to on the banks of the Nile River?

EPAPHUS

9. The battles of Ilerda, Thapsus, Zela, and Munda were all victories of what Roman general?

JULIUS CAESAR

B1 After which of those battles did Caesar famously say **venī, vīdī, vīcī**?

ZELA

B2 In what province did the battle of Ilerda take place?

SPAIN / **HISPANIA**

10. Make the phrase **audax dea** dative singular.

**AUDACI DEAE**

B1 Make **audaci deae** plural.

**AUDACIBUS DEABUS**

B2 Make **audacibus deabus** genitive.

**AUDACTUM DEARUM**

11. What king of Rome fled to Caere after his expulsion from the city in 510 B.C.?

TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

B1 What king of Clusium attempted to restore Tarquinius Superbus as king of Rome?

LARS PORSENNA

B2 At what battle of 496 B.C. did Tarquinius Superbus ally with the Latin League against Rome?

LAKE REGILLUS

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12. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in LATIN the questions that follow.

**Quōdam diē, magna manus ad fundum appropinquābant. Ricardus et Laura et Carolus et aliī sociī manum, qui mortuōrum plēnus erat, pugnābant. Horreum subitō ūrī coepit, et mox ingēns ignis per fundum pervādēbat. Ad vehiculam sociī ruēbant, sed nōn omnēs effūgērunt. Andrea, quae ā mortuīs ambulantibus circumdata erat, relinquēbātur.**

What was the band of attackers full of?

MORTUORUM

B1 What happened to the barn?

COEPIT ŪRĪ/USSIT

B2 Why was Andrea left behind?

CIRCUMDATA ERAT Ā MORTUĪS (AMBULANTIBUS)

13. What two substances, usually feasted upon by gods, were sometimes used to preserve the bodies of deceased mortals from decay?

NECTAR &  
AMBROSIA

B1 What son of Zeus, killed by Patroclus, had his body preserved in this manner?

SARPEDON

B2 In what unusual manner did Zeus lament the death of Sarpedon before asking Apollo to preserve the body and prepare it for burial?

CAUSED THE SKY TO RAIN BLOOD

14. Give a synonym for **proelium**?

PUGNA/BELLUM

B1 Give an antonym for **ducō**?

SEQUŌR

B2 Give an antonym for **iuvenis**?

SENEX

15. For the verb **pateō, patēre** give the perfect active infinitive.

PATUĪSSE

B1 Do the same for the verb **tango, tangere**.

TETIGISSE

B2 Now make **tetigisse** passive.

TĀCTUS/-A/-UM ESSE

16. What purple and gold garment would be worn by a general in a triumphal procession?

TOGA PICTA

B1 What type of toga was worn by people in mourning?

TOGA PULLA

B2 What Latin term describes Romans wearing the **toga pulla**?

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SORDIDATI

17. From what Latin word with what meaning do we derive “suave”?

**SUĀVIS** – SOFT, SMOOTH

B1 What derivative of **suāvis** means “to mitigate or relieve; to soothe”?

ASSUAGE

B2 From what related Latin verb do we derive the English verb “dissuade”?

**SUADEŌ** – PERSUADE

18. Who ventured to Thrace, Crete, Carthage, and Sicily in his quest to find a new home in Italy after fleeing from Troy?

AENEAS

B1 With what queen did Aeneas engage in a pseudo-marriage while at Carthage?

DIDO

B2 What king entertained Aeneas and his followers on Sicily and hosted elaborate funeral games for Anchises?

ACESTES

19. Translate into Latin the following sentence: “Do we have enough food in camp?”

**HABĒMUSNE SATIS CIBĪ IN CASTRĪS?**

B1 Translate into Latin, without using a partitive genitive, “Yes, but we have no allies.”

**ITA (VERŌ)/SĪC/CERTUM EST, SED NŪLLŌS SOCIŌS HABĒMUS.**

B2 Now translate this sentence into Latin: “We can try to frighten five of the guards with our shouts.”

**POSSUMUS TEMPTĀRE NOSTRĪS CLĀMŌRIBUS QUĪNQUE Ē CUSTŌDIBUS (PER)TERRĒRE. (N.B. do not accept QUĪNQUE CUSTŌDĒS, which is “five guards” but not “five of the guards)**

20. Which emperor of Rome had influential freedman named Pallas, Callistus, and Narcissus?

CLAUDIUS

B1 Which of Claudius' wives was the mother of his son Britannicus?

(VALERIA) MESSALINA

B2 With what type of food was Claudius poisoned?

MUSHROOMS

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1. At a Roman slave auction, what was the name for the scroll that hung around a slave's neck for identification?

TITULUS

B1 What indicated that a slave had been imported?

CHALK ON THE FEET

B2 When would a slave start wearing a **pilleus**?

WHEN HE WAS FREED/MANUMITTED

2. Zeus made the night three times as long as usual in order to seduce what Theban woman who became the mother of Herakles?

ALCMENE

B1 What goddess, sent by her mother Hera, tried to prevent the birth of Heracles by sitting outside Alcmene's room during the delivery with her arms and legs crossed?

EILEITHYIA

B2 What servant of Alcmene tricked Eileithyia into standing up, breaking her spell and allowing the birth of Heracles, although she herself was changed into a weasel for this offence?

GALANTHIS / HISTORIS

3. What disastrous Roman defeat in 105 BC, called a **dies ater**, prompted the election of Marius to five consecutive consulships?

ARAUSIO

B1 What two tribes were victorious over the Romans at Arausio?

CIMBRI & TEUTONES

B2 At what two subsequent battles did Marius defeat these tribes?

VERCELLAE & AQUAE SEXTIAE

4. Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive "destroy", "misconstrue", "instructive", and "structure".

**STRUŌ, (STRUERE, STRŪXĪ, STRŪCTUM) – BUILD/ARRANGE**

B1 ... "influenza", "reflux" and "fluxion".

**FLUŌ, (FLUERE, FLŪXĪ, FLŪCTUM) – FLOW**

B2 ... "inflection", "reflex" and "genuflect".

**FLECTŌ, (FLECTERE, FLĒXĪ, FLEXUS) – BEND**

5. **Quid Anglicē significat "litus"?**

SHORE

B1 **Quid Anglicē significat "calx"?**

HEEL/CHALK/STONE/PEBBLE

B2 **Quid Anglicē significat "arena"?**

SAND

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6. What deity spent much of his time in his palace off the shore of Aegae, and could be seen driving his two horse chariot through the realm of the Titan Oceanus?

POSEIDON/NEPTU  
NE

B1 What daughter of Nereus was convinced by a dolphin to marry Poseidon?

AMPHITRITE

B2 Name any of the three children Amphitrite bore to Poseidon.

TRITON / RHODE / BENTHESICYME

7. For the phrase **hic nauta**, give the nominative plural.

**HĪ NAUTAE**

B1 Make **hī nautae** dative.

**HĪS NAUTĪS**

B2 Make **hīs nautīs** accusative singular.

**HUNC NAUTAM**

8. Which of the Five Good Emperors built a lavish villa at Tivoli?

HADRIAN

B1 What structure in the Campus Martius, originally built by Marcus Agrippa, did Hadrian re-design by adding a dome?

PANTHEON

B2 Hadrian, like his cousin and predecessor Trajan, was born in what Spanish city?

ITALICA

9. Translate only the adjective from the following sentence into Latin: "I have never seen a woman more beautiful than Venus herself."

PULCHRIŌREM / FORMŌSIŌREM / BELLIŌREM

B1 Translate this sentence into English: **Vulcānus multō tardior quam Mercūrius erat.**

VULCAN WAS MUCH SLOWER/LATER THAN MERCURY.

B2 Now, translate "Is Mars luckier than Vulcan?" using only four words.

MĀRSNE VULCĀNŌ FĒLICIOR EST? / ESTNE MĀRS  
FĒLICIOR VULCĀNŌ?

10. Give a Latin word meaning "to join".

IUNGŌ

B1 Give a Latin word meaning "perhaps".

FORTASSE/FORS(IT)AN

B2 Give a Latin word meaning "surrender".

TRADŌ, DEDŌ

11. Complete this well-known Latin phrase: **ab ovō** \_\_\_\_\_.

USQUE AD MALA

B1 ...: **Verbum sat** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SAPIENTĪ**

B2 ....: **Dē mortuīs** \_\_\_\_\_.

**NIL NISI BONUM**

12. What group, whose name means "the sons of Mars," inadvertently caused the outbreak of the First Punic War by appealing for assistance to both Carthage and Rome?

**MAMERTINES**

B1 In what city did the Mamertines live?

**MESSANA**

B2 What king of Syracuse attacked Messana, prompting the Mamertines to appeal for help?

**HIERO (II)**

13. Using a third declension noun, say in Latin "that song".

**ILLUD CARMEN**

B1 Change that phrase to the accusative plural.

**ILLA CARMINA**

B2 Change that form to the genitive.

**ILLŌRUM CARMINUM**

14. In Book 6 of the *Metamorphoses* who depicts scenes such as Neptune's seduction of Medusa and other crimes of the gods in a tapestry she weaves during her contest against Minerva?

**ARACHNE**

B1 Contrary to Arachne's depictions of the scandalous nature of the gods, what theme did Minerva put forth with her tapestry?

**MORTALS WHO CHALLENGED THE GODS**

B2 After losing the contest, how was Arachne punished for challenging the goddess?

**CHANGED INTO A SPIDER**

15. Give the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular, future, passive indicative of **iubeō, iubēre**

**IUBĒBITUR**

B1 Give the same form for the verb **capīō, capere**.

**CAPIĒTUR**

B2 Make **capīētur** pluperfect and active.

**CĒPERAT**

16. Who defeated his two rivals, Pescennius Niger and Clodius Albinus, to become emperor in 193 A.D.?

**SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS**

B1 Where in the East did Severus defeat Niger in 194 A.D.?

**ISSUS**

B2 Where in modern France did Severus defeat Albinus in 197 A.D.?

**LYONS / LUGDUNUM**

17. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "Don't trust yourself."

**NŌLĪ TIBI CRĒDERE**

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B1 Choose the correct verb out of **caedō**, **noceō**, and **vituperō**, and give the correct form of the verb to complete this Latin sentence: **parentēs numquam suis liberīs \_\_\_\_\_ dēbent.**  
NOCĒRE

B2 Translate this sentence into Latin: "You had once been rather similar to me."  
(TŪ) QUONDAM/ŌLIM FUERĀS SIMILIOR MIHI.

18. What pair of Argonauts were killed by Herakles because they convinced Jason to sail on while Herakles was searching for one of his companions?

ZETES AND  
CALAIS

B1 Name that companion.

HYLAS

B2 What supernatural ability was possessed by Zetes and Calais?

FLIGHT/THEY HAD WINGS

19. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in ENGLISH the questions that follow.

**Socii, petentēs locum saluum, multōs diēs errābant. Post multās noctēs in viā, carcerem invēnērunt. Laura, quod gravida erat et domum prō infante cupiēbat, Ricardum ut in carcere habitārent hortāta est. Ricardus et aliī in carcerem intrāvit et hostēs quaesivit. In culinā, Ricardus cibum et aliās cōpiās repperit. Repperit quoque quattuor hominēs.**

What does the group find while traveling?

A PRISON

B1 What does Laura encourage Ricardus to let them do?

LIVE IN THE PRISON

B2 Why does Laura want to live in the prison?

SHE'S PREGNANT/WANTS A HOME FOR HER BABY

20. What two brothers, one a horse tamer the other a skilled boxer, became guardians of sailors and spent alternating days on Olympus and in Hades after one was killed with a spear?

CASTOR & POLLUX / DIOSCURI

B1 What mortal, after killing Castor with a spear, was struck down by Zeus' thunderbolt?

IDAS

B2 What sister of the Dioscuri was rescued by them when she at a young age was kidnapped by Theseus?

HELEN



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1. According to Aeschylus what three sisters were partly shaped like swans and possessed one eye and tooth which they shared with one another?

GRAEAE

B1 Who stole their eye and withheld it until they gave him information he requested?

PERSEUS

B2 The Graeae told Perseus where to find the nymphs who would give him the three items he needed for his quest to slay Medusa. Identify two of these items.

LARGE WALLET / POUCH (KIBISIS); WINGED SANDALS; CAP OF  
DARKNESS/INVISIBILITY

2. Using the demonstrative adjective **hic**, translate the following sentence into Latin: “We don’t want to drink this water.”

NŌN CUPIMUS/VOLŪMUS HANC AQUAM BIBERE.

B1 Using the demonstrative adjective **hic**, translate the following sentence into Latin: “The water of this sea is not suitable for me to drink.”

AQUA HUIUS MARIS IDŌNEA MIHI BIBERE NŌN EST.

B2 Now translate this sentence into Latin using only three words, including the demonstrative pronoun **hic**: “Nothing is pleasing to this one.”

NIHIL HUIC PLACET.

3. Give the 1<sup>st</sup> person plural, perfect, active, indicative of **possum, posse**.

POTUIMUS

B1 Make **potuimus** imperfect.

POTERĀMUS

B2 Make **poterāmus** future perfect.

POTUERIMUS

4. Who was authorized by the **Lex Gabinia** to clear the Mediterranean Sea of pirates in 67 B.C.?

POMPEY

B1 How long did it take Pompey to defeat the pirates?

THREE MONTHS

B2 What law of the next year gave Pompey command against Mithridates?

LEX MANILIA

5. Who killed his uncles Toxeus & Plexippus for attempting to claim the hide of the Calydonian boar which he had given to Atalanta?

MELEAGER

B1 How did Meleager’s mother Althaea avenge the murder of her brothers?

THREW THE PIECE OF WOOD THAT DETERMINED HIS LIFESPAN ON THE  
FIRE

(PROMPT ON “KILLED HIM”)

B2 According to Ovid, into what were Meleager’s sisters transformed as they grieved him?

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GUINEA FOWL

6. What is the meaning of the adverb **numquam**?

NEVER

B1 What is the meaning of the adverb **vix**?

BARELY/HARDLY/SCARCELY

B2 What is the meaning of the adverb **procul**?

FAR, FAR AWAY

7. Which of the members of the original Tetrarchy died at Eboracum in 306 A.D., paving the way for the rise of his son Constantine as emperor?

CONSTANTIUS CHLORUS

B1 At the time of Constantius Chlorus' death, who was the Augustus in the East?

GALERIUS

B2 In order to solve the crisis of the Tetrarchy, who was called out of his retirement at Salona to mediate a conference at Carnuntum in 308 A.D.?

DIOCLETIAN

8. Give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person singular, pluperfect, passive indicative of **videō, vidēre**.

VISUS/-A/-UM  
ERĀS

B1 Change **visus erās** to the perfect and plural.

VISĪ ESTIS

B2 Change **visī estis** to the future perfect.

VISĪ ERITIS

9. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in ENGLISH the questions that follow.

**Aliae partēs carceris erant vacuae, aliae partēs carceris erant plēnae mortuōrum ambulantium. Ricardus cum quattuor hominibus foedus ferivit. Ricardus dixit duās manūs partēs vacuās partīrī et nōn pugnāre dēbēre. Ūnus ex hominibus autem Ricardō et sociīs nōn crēdidit, et quādam nocte foedus frēgit. Portam aperuit ut mortuīs ambulantibus intrāre liceret. Mortuī ambulantēs manum Ricardī oppugnāvērunt.**

What deal did Ricardus make with the four men?

TO SHARE (THE EMPTY PARTS OF) THE PRISON NOT FIGHT

B1 Why did one of the men break the agreement?

HE DIDN'T TRUST RICARDUS (AND RICARDUS' FRIENDS)

B2 What did he do that violated the agreement?

HE OPENED THE GATE TO ALLOW THE WALKING DEAD/ZOMBIES TO ENTER

10. In Book 5 of the *Odyssey*, what deity appears to Calypso and convinces her to let Odysseus leave her island?

HERMES

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B1 When Odysseus' raft capsizes in a storm, what minor sea deity covers him in a veil and guides him safely to shore?

LEUCOTHEA / INO

B2 On what island does Odysseus wash ashore?

SCHERIA

11. What animal did the Romans call **vacca**?

COW

B1 What animal did the Romans call **sus**?

PIG/SOW

B2 What animal did the Romans call **ovis**?

SHEEP

12. What law of 43 B.C. gave legal recognition to the Second Triumvirate?

LEX TITIA

B1 For how long did the Lex Titia authorize the Second Triumvirate?

FIVE YEARS

B2 The Second Triumvirate was re-authorized after what conference in 38 B.C.?

MISENUM

13. Who hid in a bronze jar because he was terrified by the sight of Herakles wearing the Nemean Lion's skin?

EURYSTHEUS

B1 Name the herald appointed to assign Herakles his labors in Eurystheus' stead after this incident.

COPREUS

B2 Herakles was only to be assigned ten labors, however two more were added because he failed to adhere to the rules. Identify one of the two labors which Eurystheus refused to accept and why.

KILLING THE HYDRA –HE HAD HELP (FROM IOLAUS);  
CLEANING THE AUGIEAN STABLES – TRIED TO EARN  
PAYMENT/USED RIVERS RATHER THAN DOING IT HIMSELF

14. What type of marriage ceremony began with the fictitious sale of the bride?

COEMPTIO

B1 In the **coemptio**, what was the **libripens**?

SCALEHOLDER

B2 How many witnesses were required for **coemptio**?

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15. Translate the following sentence into English: **posterō diē senex commōtus Rōmam reliquit.**

(ON) THE NEXT DAY, THE DISTURBED/DISTRESSED OLD MAN LEFT  
BEHIND/ABANDONED ROME.

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B1 Now translate this sentence: **sī senex paulō fortior esse poterit, Rōmae multōs annōs manēbit.**

IF THE OLD MAN CAN BE\* A LITTLE BRAVER/STRONGER, HE WILL STAY AT/IN ROME (FOR)  
MANY YEARS.

\*also accept: "IS ABLE TO BE"(English rendering of future more vivid protasis /  
"WILL BE ABLE TO BE")

B2 Finally, translate this sentence: **paucīs hōrīs quoque discēdēmus Rōmā.**

IN A FEW HOURS, WE WILL ALSO LEAVE (FROM) ROME.

16. Who was Augustus's first choice to succeed him as emperor?

MARCELLUS

B1 What was the biological relationship between Augustus and Marcellus?

UNCLE / NEPHEW

B2 Who was Marcellus' mother?

OCTAVIA

17. Give the Latin and English for the abbreviation **q.v.**

**QUOD VIDĒ** – WHICH SEE

B1 ... **v.s.** [pronounce periods!]

**VIDĒ SUPRĀ** – SEE ABOVE

B2 ... **f.v.**

**FOLIŌ VERSŌ** – ON THE LEFT/TURNED/OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE /  
WITH THE PAGE (HAVING BEEN) TURNED

18. Change the phrase **crūdēlis poena** to the ablative singular.

**CRŪDĒLĪ POENĀ**

B1 Make **crūdēlī poenā** plural.

**CRŪDĒLIBUS POENĪS**

B2 Make **crūdēlibus poenīs** dative.

**CRŪDĒLIBUS  
POENĪS**

19. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we ultimately derive "crime"?

**CERNŌ** – PERCEIVE

B1 What derivative of **cernō**, **cernere** means "to figure out"?

ASCERTAIN/DISCERN

B2 What related Latin verb, the frequentative of **cernō**, means "to contend, vie"?

**CERTŌ**

20. What hero was disguised as a girl in an attempt to avoid being recruited into the Trojan War?

ACHILLES

B1 In what king's court, located on the island of Scyros, did Achilles hide?

LYCOMEDES'S

B2 What was Achilles's name as a woman?

PYRRHA

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1. What king of Rome was born to the slave woman Ocrisia?

SERVIUS TULLIUS

B1 On what hill did Servius Tullius establish a cult to Diana?

AVENTINE

B2 Although it was built hundreds of years after his death, what type of structure is Servius Tullius said to have built in Rome?

A WALL

2. Who, in an attempt to recover the city of Thebes from his brother Eteocles, sought help from six other Argive warriors?

POLYNEICES

B1 What seer was convinced to join the ranks of the Seven Against Thebes after his wife was bribed with Harmonia's Robe and Necklace?

AMPHIARAÏS

B2 Who was the only member of the Seven to survive the assault on Thebes?

ADRASTUS

3. Give the future active participle for the verb from which we derive audible.

AUDĪTURUS/A/UM

B1 For the same verb, give the singular, present imperative.

AUDĪ

B2 Make **audī** a future imperative.

AUDĪTŌ

4. In the Roman army, how many men comprised a **centuria**?

60

B1 How many men comprised a **cohors**?

360

B2 How many men comprised a **maniple**?

120

5. A criminal's 'method of working' or 'manner of doing' would be referred to in court by what Latin phrase?

MODUS OPERANDĪ

B1 What Latin phrase is used when a criminal is caught 'in the act' or 'red-handed'?

IN FLĀGRANTE DĒLICTŌ

B2 Someone caught **in flāgrante dēlictō** might plead 'no contest' in court. Give the Latin phrase for this motion.

NOLŌ CONTENDERE

6. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in LATIN the questions that follow.

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**Mortuīs ambulantibus et prōditōre victīs, reliquī trēs hominēs ad manum Ricardī se iunxērunt. Septem mensēs sociī habitāverunt in salūte carceris. Quōdam diē, complūrēs ē carcere discēssērunt ut copiās quaererent. Laura et Carolus cum Carolīnā remānsit ut carcerem explorārent. Cum explorārent, Laura contractionēs patī coepit. Īnfans veniēbat! Cum Carolina Lauram adiuvēret, tamen Laura mortua est. Īnfans autem superfuit.**

**Quantōs mensēs in carcere sociī habitāverant?**

**SEPTEM**

**B1 Cūr complūrēs sociī ē carcere exiērunt?**

**CŌPIĀS QUAERĒBANT**

**B2 Quid accidit cum Laura carcerem explorāret?**

**CONTRACTIŌNĒS PATĪ COEPIT/PEPERIT/MORTUA EST/ĪNFANS VĒNIT**

7. What king of the Visigoths sacked Rome in 410 A.D.?

ALARIC

B1 Which Vandal sacked Rome in 455 A.D.?

GEISERIC

B2 Whose attempts to sack Rome were halted by Flavius Aetius in 451 A.D.?

ATTLA / THE HUNS

8. What Greek deity does Homer describe as “Boōpis” meaning “the ox-eyed”?

HERA

B1 What Greek deity does Homer describe as “Ennosigaeus” meaning “the earth shaker”?

POSEIDON

B2 What Greek deity does Homer describe as “Nephelegereta” meaning “the cloud gatherer”?

ZEUS

9. Identify the use of the genitive illustrated in this sentence: **Tarpēia propter pecūniae amōrem portās aperuit.**

OBJECTIVE GENITIVE

B1 Now identify the use of the genitive in this sentence: **Sabīnī per mūrum sēdecim pedum facile trānsivērunt.**

GENITIVE OF MEASURE

B2 Do the same for the following: **Sabīnī urbem intrāvērunt quod Tarpēia mūrum aurī cupīvit.**

GENITIVE OF MATERIAL

10. What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the root of “condition”?

**DICO - SAY**

B1 ... “preach”?

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**DICŌ** – DEDICATE

B2 ... “coercion” and “exercise”?

**ARCEŌ** – SHUT OUT/WARD OFF/CONFINE

11. What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **pedem referre**?

TO RETREAT

B1 What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **in animō habēre**?

TO INTEND

B2 What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **quam ob rem**?

WHY/ON ACCOUNT OF WHAT

12. Which of Heracles’ labors forced him to make use of his archery skills as well as a pair of bronze castanets given him by Athena?

(CHASING AWAY) THE STYMPHALIAN BIRDS

B1 What king of Oechalia had instructed Heracles in archery?

EURYTUS

B2 Later Heracles returned to Oeachalia to challenge him to an archery contest. What was the prize, which Heracles won but was denied?

(THE KING’S DAUGHTER) IOLE

13. Make the phrase **amāns filius** dative singular.

**AMĀNTĪ FILIŌ**

B1 Make the phrase **amāntī filiō** plural.

**AMĀNTIBUS FILIĪS**

B2 Make **amāntibus filiīs** genitive.

**AMĀNTIUM FILIŌRUM**

14. Differentiate in meaning between the Latin words **odium** and **otium**?

HATE & LEISURE

B1 Differentiate in meaning between the Latin words **soleō** and **sileō**?

BE ACCUSTOMED & BE SILENT

B2 Differentiate in meaning between the Latin words **ingēns** and **indigens**?

**INGENS** - HUGE, **INDIGENS** - NEEDY/POOR

15. What Celtiberian stronghold was starved into submission by Scipio Aemilianus in 133 B.C.?

NUMANTIA

B1 What Spanish tribe was defeated by the Romans after the murder of their leader Viriathus in 141 B.C.?

LUSITANIANS

B2 During the time of the late Republic, into what two provinces was Spain divided?

HISPANIA CITERIOR & HISPANIA ULTERIOR / NEARER & FURTHER SPAIN

16. To what mythological group do the brothers Arges, Brontes, and Steropes belong?

CYCLOPES

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B1 To what mythological group do the brothers Rhadamanthys, Minos, and Aeacus belong?

JUDGES OF THE UNDERWORLD

B2 To what mythological group do the sisters Thalia, Aglaea, and Euphrosyne belong?

GRACES / CHARITES

17. Translate only the pronoun in the following sentence into Latin: "Those students whom our teacher believes in are the most responsible."

QUIBUS

B1 Now translate this sentence into Latin: "Those mountains you see are the tallest of all."

ILLI MONTES QUOS VIDES/VIDETIS ALTISSIMI OMNIUM SUNT.

B2 Finally, translate this sentence into Latin: "Caesar, whose name was well known, conquered."

CAESAR, CUIUS NOMEN NOTUM ERAT, SUPERAVIT.

18. For the verb **doceō, docēre** give the 1<sup>st</sup> person singular, imperfect, passive, subjunctive.

DOCĒRER

B1 Make **docērer** plural.

DOCĒREMUR

B2 Make **docēremur** present.

DOCĒAMUR

19. The Praetorian Prefects Tigellinus, Nymphidius Sabinus, and Burrus all served under what emperor?

NERO

B1 What philosopher, along with Burrus, advised Nero during the first five years of his reign?

SENECA THE YOUNGER

B2 Nero's rise to power was arranged by his mother, whom Nero later executed. Name her.

AGRIPPINA THE YOUNGER

20. What daughter of Zeuxippe and Pandion had her tongue cut out after being raped by her sister's husband, Tereus?

PHILOMELA

B1 How did Philomela communicate what had happened to her sister Procne?

WEAVED A TAPESTRY

B2 What child of Tereus and Procne was boiled and served to Tereus as revenge?

ITYS



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1. Who, according to Sallust, called Rome an **urbs vĕnālis** or "a city for sale"?  
JUGURTHA  
B1 In what African city did Jugurtha kill Italian citizens in 112 B.C.?  
CIRTA  
B2 What Roman general and quaestor of Marius was ultimately responsible for the capture of Jugurtha?  
SULLA
2. What type of gladiator fought with a net and a trident?  
RETIARIUS  
B1 What was the Latin term for the trident?  
FUSCINA  
B2 What type of gladiator, nicknamed "the pursuer," usually fought with the **retiarius**?  
SECUTOR
3. Translate the following sentence into English: **Iuppiter, mūtāns fōrmam nymphae quam celerrimē, cĕlāre fraudem temptābat.**  
JUPITER, CHANGING THE SHAPE/APPEARANCE OF THE  
NYMPH/HIS MISTRESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ATTEMPTED TO  
CONCEAL HIS TRICK/FRAUD.  
B1 Now translate this sentence: **Iuppiter enim contrā uxōrem Iunōnem nōn sē dēfensūrus erat.**  
CERTAINLY/INDEED JUPITER WAS NOT ABOUT/GOING TO DEFEND  
HIMSELF AGAINST (HIS) WIFE JUNO.  
B2 Finally, translate this sentence: **Itaque nympa tristis, in bovem mūtāta, per multās gentēs errāre coacta est—quam miserrima!**  
AND SO / THEREFORE, THE SAD NYMPH, (HAVING BEEN) CHANGED INTO A  
COW WAS FORCED TO WANDER THROUGH MANY  
NATIONS/TRIBES/RACES/PEOPLES—HOW VERY WRETCHED!
4. What son of Polypemon and Sylea was accustomed to tying strangers to bent pine trees and flinging them to their death before Theseus ended his life in the same manner?  
SINIS / PITYOCAMPTES  
B1 Which Isthmian outlaw would force travelers to wash his feet and then kick them off a cliff until he was killed by Theseus as well?  
SCEIRON  
B2 What Epidaurian outlaw was often referred to as Corynetes because of the bronze club he used to attack strangers – the same club which Theseus used to kill him?  
PERIPHETES
5. What tyrannical emperor renamed the city of Rome after himself?  
COMMODUS  
B1 What did Commodus call the city of Rome in Latin?

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**COLONIA COMMODIANA**

B2 What two men, both of whom had brief reigns, followed Commodus as emperor in 193 A.D.?

PERTINAX & DIDIUS JULIANUS

6. For the verb **eō, ire**, give the masculine nominative singular, present active participle.

**IĒNS**

B1 Make **iēns** plural.

**EUNTĒS**

B2 Make **euntēs** genitive.

**EUNTIIUM**

7. Give three Latin adjectives meaning “fast”.

**CELER/VOLUCER/VELOX/CITUS/RAPIDUS/AGILIS**

B1 Give a Latin adjective meaning “lowest”.

**IMUS**

B2 Give a Latin adjective meaning “equal”.

**PAR/AEQUUS**

8. What long-haired Titaness was the mother of the Muses?

**MNEMOSYNE**

B1 Whose nine daughters, often referred to as the “children of the muses”, dared to challenge the muses to a singing contest?

**PIERUS**

B2 After the Pierides lost the contest, into what were they transformed for their insolence?

**MAGPIES / JACKDAWS**

9. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in ENGLISH the questions that follow.

**Prope carcerem erat parvum oppidum. Vir, “Gubernātor” nōmine, parvō oppidō praeerat. Filia Gubernatōrī erat. Cum filia mortua ambulāns facta esset, Gubernātor filiam suam tam amāvit ut domī tenēret. Mortuī ambulantes nōminābantur “mordentes” ā Gubernatōrī et sociīs suīs. Nocte, Gubernatōr mūnera dabat, in quibus mordentes inter sē pugnābant. Haec mūnera “Mortuī et Circensēs” appellābantur.**

What was the fate of the Governor’s daughter?

**SHE DIED AND BECAME A ZOMBIE/WALKING DEAD**

B1 What did the Governor and his people call the walking dead?

**BITERS/BITING ONES**

B2 What name was given to the games put on by the Governor?

**DEAD AND CIRCUSES**

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10. Quid Anglicē significat “turpis”?

SHAMEFUL/UGLY

B1 Quid Anglicē significat “invītus”?

UNWILLING

B2 Quid Anglicē significat “exiguus”?

SMALL

11. What prince of Eleusis travelled the world in a snake drawn chariot spreading the rites of Demeter?

TRIPTOLEMUS

B1 What infant brother of Triptolemus did Demeter try to make immortal by placing him in a fire?

DEMOPHO(Ö)N

B2 Who was the mother of Demophoön who shrieked in horror when she saw her infant son in the flame?

METANEIRA

12. What general, called the Second Founder of Rome, sacked the city of Veii in 396 B.C.?

CAMILLUS

B1 How long did the war against Veii last?

TEN YEARS

B2 What did Camillus do in 367 B.C. to celebrate the harmony between Patricians and Plebeians?

CONSECRATE/BUILD THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

13. Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: “maneuver”, “manure”, “emancipate”, “emanate”?

EMANATE

B1 From what Latin word with what meaning is “emanate” derived?

MANŌ – FLOW

B2 What Latin noun combines with **manus** to make “maneuver” and “manure”?

OPUS

14. In Book 17 of the *Iliad*, what deity in disguise encourages the Trojans to continue their assault after helping Hector defeat Patroclus in single combat?

APOLLO

B1 What charioteer of Achilles kills the Trojan Aretus while defending his fallen companion Patroclus?

AUTOMEDON

B2 When the Greeks finally recover his body, what son of Nestor is asked to deliver the news of Patroclus’ death to Achilles?

ANTILOCHUS

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15. Make the phrase **turpis nauta** genitive plural.

**TURPIUM NAUTĀRUM**

B1 Make **turpium nautārum** dative.

**TURPIBUS NAUTĪS**

B2 Make **turpibus nautīs** accusative.

**TURPĒS NAUTĀS**

16. Translate the following sentence into Latin: “You sense that a storm is coming very quickly,”

**SENTIS /SENTITIS TEMPESTĀTEM CELERRIMĒ VENĪRE.**

B1 Now translate this sentence into Latin: “Perhaps he does not understand a dead dog will never bark”

**FORTASSE NŌN INTELLEGIT CANEM\* MORTUUM NUMQUAM LATRĀTŪRUM ESSE? (N.B.**

**Since *canis* is common gender, also accept “...MORTUAM...LATRĀTŪRAM ESSE”)**

B2 Finally, translate this sentence into Latin: “Messengers informed Caesar that the envoy Titus Labienus had pitched camp near the river.”

**NŪNTIĪ CAESĀREM CERTIŌREM FĒCĒRUNT/FACIĒBANT /  
CERTIORAVERUNT/CERTIORABANT LĒGĀTUM TĪTUM LABIĒNUM CASTRA  
PROPE FLŪMEN POSUISSE.**

17. What emperor of Rome was captured by the Persian Shapur I in 260 A.D.?

**VALERIAN**

B1 Who succeeded Valerian as emperor?

**GALLIENUS**

B2 Although Valerian was the first emperor to be captured by an enemy, he was not the first to die in battle. Who was?

**DECIUS**

18. For the verb **faciō** give the 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural, future, passive, indicative.

**FIENT**

B1 Make **fient** imperfect.

**FIEBANT**

B2 Make **fiebant** 2<sup>nd</sup> person.

**FIEBATIS**

19. Give the Latin and English for the motto of the state of Idaho.

**ESTŌ PERPETUĀ – MAY IT LAST FOREVER**

B1 For five points each, give the Latin and English for the two mottoes of South Carolina.

**1) DUM SPĪRŌ, SPERŌ – WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE**

**2) ANIMĪS OPIBUSQUE PARĀTĪ – PREPARED IN MIND(s) AND RESOURCES**

20. What mythological figure accurately predicted the number of figs on a tree during a contest of divination against his chief rival Calchas?

**MOPSUS**

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B1 Mopsus also correctly predicted the number and gender of piglets a pregnant sow was carrying. How many pigs, and of what gender, did he predict?

9 MALE

B2 What happened to Calchas after losing this contest?

HE DIED (OF A BROKEN HEART)