

**2002 NJCL CERTAMEN  
UPPER DIVISION  
ROUND ONE (REVISED)**

1. Give an antonym of **dīvitiae**. **PAUPERTĀS, PAUPERIĒS, EGESTĀS, INOPIA**  
 . . . of **glōria**.  
**PUDOR, DĒDECUS, VĒRĒCUNDIA, RUBOR, FLĀGITIUM, PROBRUM**  
 . . . of **odium**. **AMOR, CĀRITĀS, STUDIUM, CUPĪDITĀS**
  
2. What was the Latin term for a charioteer? **AURĪGA/AGITĀTOR**  
 At a chariot race, what was a **spatium**? **A LAP**  
 At a chariot race, what was a **missus**? **A RACE / 7 LAPS**
  
3. Who was protected from his father's cannibalism by noises made by the clashing of the  
 spears and shields of the Corybantes? **ZEUS / JUPITER**  
 In the cave of what mountain on Crete was Zeus born? **MT. IDA / MT. DICTE**  
 What goat gave nourishment to the infant Zeus? **AMALTHEA**
  
4. What Latin idiomatic phrase is used as a medical term for an autopsy? **POST MORTEM**  
 What is the Latin expression for "at the point of death"? **IN EXTRĒMĪS**  
 What is the meaning of this quotation from Seneca: **ōtium sine litterīs mors est**?  
**LEISURE WITHOUT LITERATURE (LETTERS) IS DEATH.**
  
5. Give the supine forms for the verb **spondeō**. **SPONSUM, SPONSŪ**  
 Give the supine forms for the verb **fundō**. **FŪSUM, FŪSŪ**  
 Give the supine forms for the verb **fallō**. **FALSUM, FALSŪ**
  
6. In Homer's *Iliad*, who informed the Greeks that Apollo would not stop the plague that  
 had befallen the Greek camp until the return of Chryseis? **CALCHAS**  
 Whose wrath had caused Calchas to be hesitant at first in revealing the cause of the  
 plague? **AGAMEMNON'S**  
 Who vowed that he would protect Calchas from the wrath of Agamemnon? **ACHILLES**
  
7. What Roman biographer had a notable tendency to emphasize the scandalous details of  
 the private lives of the emperors in his **Dē Vīrīŕ Caesarum**?  
**(C.) SUETONIUS (TRANQUILLUS)**  
 With the life of what emperor did Suetonius conclude his **Dē Vīrīŕ Caesarum**?  
**DOMITIAN**  
 Which of Suetonius' works was a collection of biographies of writers subdivided  
 according to their literary genres? **DĒ VIRĪS ILLUSTRIBUS /**  
**ABOUT/ON FAMOUS MEN**

8. When you are recognized by the spotter, perform the following commands:  
**ī ad iānuam et bis pulsā**  
 A STUDENT SHOULD GO TO THE DOOR AND KNOCK / POUND IT TWICE  
**... surgite et, ululantēs, iungite manūs.**  
 MORE THAN ONE STUDENT SHOULD STAND AND HOLD HANDS  
 WHILE HOWLING  
**... Dīc mihi Anglicē cūr gallīna vīam transierit.**  
 ONE STUDENT WILL SAY “TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE”  
 (accept any other non-standard chicken-joke like answer)
9. At public **vēnātiōnēs**, what emperor could be seen dressed as Hercules? **COMMODUS**  
 Name one of the two chief conspirators of the unsuccessful assassination attempt on  
 Commodus in A.D. 182. **LUCILLA (HIS SISTER) or POMPEIANUS QUINTIANUS**  
 What city was renamed **Colōnia Commodiāna** by Commodus? **ROME**
10. What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence: **pater iussit nōs**  
**vītā fruī?**  
 WITH THE DEPONENT VERB **FRUOR** / MEANS / SPECIAL DEPONENT VERBS  
 What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence:  
**mē metū liberā?** **SEPARATION**  
 What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence:  
**tōtum montem hominibus complēvit?** **MEANS / INSTRUMENT**
11. Listen carefully to the following sentence, which I will read twice, then answer IN  
 LATIN  
 the question that follows:  
**necesse est discipulīs in lūdō discere multa carmina scripta ā poētīs Rōmānīs**  
**quia magistrī semper prōfitentur, ut discipulī in exāmīnātiōne bene agant,**  
**carmina poētārum, praesertim Catullī, in memōriā tenenda esse.**  
**Quī multa carmina composuerant? POĒTAE RŌMĀNĪ**  
**Cūr necesse est discipulīs carmina discere?**  
**UT BENE IN EXĀMĪNĀTIŌNE AGANT / BENE AGERE NECESSE EST**  
**Quid discipulīs facere necesse est?**  
**CARMINA IN MEMŌRIĀ TENĒRE / CARMINA DISCERE**
12. Who led the mob that killed Tiberius Gracchus? **SCIPIO NASICA**  
 In which temple had the senate held the meeting which led to this lynching? **FIDES**  
 Other than Tiberius himself, who were the two original members of his land  
 commission? **GAIUS (SEMPRONIUS) GRACCHUS**  
**& CLAUDIUS PULCHER (TIBERIUS’ FATHER-IN-LAW)**

13. What silver-age poet was famous for his short and witty epigrams?  
(M. VALERIUS) MARTIAL(IS)  
In what meter were most of Martial's epigrams written? ELEGIAC COUPLETS  
Which of his works won Martial the appreciation of the emperor Titus?  
(**LIBER**) **DĒSPECTĀCULŌ** / **LIBER SPECTĀCULŌRUM**  
(OR ANY ENGLISH EQUIVALENT)
14. Who in the *Aeneid* speaks these lines, which I will read as prose:  
"Iūnōnis gravis ira neque exsaturabile pectus  
cōgunt mē, Neptūne, precēs dēscendere in omnīs"  
(PASS OUT VISUAL) VENUS  
Who in the *Aeneid* speaks these lines:  
"nāte, mihi vītā quondam, dum vīta manēbat,  
cāre magis, nāte, Īliacīs exercite fātīs,  
imperio Iovis hūc veniō, quī classibus ignem  
dēpulit, et caelō tandem miserātus ab altō est."  
ANCHISES  
Whom was Anchises addressing in the previous quote? AENEAS
15. Under what Lydian queen did Heracles serve as a slave? OMPHALE  
Why did Heracles serve as a slave under Omphale? TO BE PURIFIED  
(FOR THE MURDER OF IPHITUS) / TO GET RID OF HIS MADNESS  
According to the Delphic oracle, for how long must Heracles serve Omphale in order for  
him to be completely purified? THREE YEARS / ONE YEAR
16. Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from **cernō**?  
certain, crime, decree, cereal, secret CEREAL  
What derivative of **cernō** means "to see distinctly"? DISCERN  
What derivative of **cernō** means "a person hired to keep records"? SECRETARY
17. On the banks of which river did the Romans suffer a disastrous defeat against the Gauls  
in 390 BC? ALLIA  
Which Gallic tribe was this? SENŌNĒS / SENONIANS  
In which town did the Vestal Virgins and the **flāmen Quirīnālis** seek refuge when the  
Gauls besieged Rome? CAERE
18. What early comic writer often centered his plays on witty slaves such as Tranio and  
Pseudolus? (TITUS MACCIUS) PLAUTUS  
In which of his plays did he describe the misadventures of a miser named Euclio?  
AULULARIA  
What modern production maybe considered to be a compilation of Plautus' comedies?  
A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

19. Who, in an attempt to escape the stings of the constellation Scorpio, dropped his reins  
and lost control of his father's chariot? PHAETHON  
According to Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, what country in Africa got its deserts because of  
Phaethon's reckless driving? LIBYA  
Again, according to Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, who finally stops Phaethon's wild ride?  
JUPITER
20. Translate into English: **timēbat nē pecūnia invenīrētur.**  
HE WAS AFRAID THAT THE MONEY MIGHT/WOULD BE FOUND  
Translate into English: **verēmur ut illa nōs videat.**  
WE FEAR THAT SHE WILL NOT SEE US / MAY NOT SEE US  
Translate into English: **metuī nē mihi auxilium nōn ferrēs.**  
I FEARED / WAS AFRAID THAT YOU WOULD NOT BRING HELP TO ME

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ROUND TWO (REVISED)**

1. Who innovated the genre of historical epic poetry by conceiving each book of his *Annālēs* as a single unit within an overall narrative? (QUINTUS) ENNIUS  
What other innovation did Ennius make to the genre of Roman historical epic poetry?  
USING DACTYLIC HEXAMETER / CONTINUOUS NARRATIVE  
What ability did Ennius often emphasize when referring to himself as having three personalities, or *tria corda*?  
HIS ABILITY TO SPEAK 3 LANGUAGES (LATIN, GREEK, & OSCAN)
2. Translate: **nōn dubitāvit quīn Germānī oppugnātūrī essent.**  
HE DID NOT DOUBT THAT THE GERMANS WERE GOING TO / WOULD ATTACK  
Translate: **mē impedīvit quōminus in urbem inīrem.** HE PREVENTED ME FROM  
GOING INTO THE CITY  
Translate: **num quisquam dubitāre potuit quīn sapiēns essēs?**  
SURELY NO ONE COULD HAVE DOUBTED THAT YOU WERE WISE?  
NO ONE COULD HAVE DOUBTED THAT YOU WERE WISE, COULD THEY?
3. Who sent a flying ram with golden fleece to rescue Phrixus and Helle? NEPHELE  
Who was about to sacrifice Phrixus and Helle when they were rescued by the flying ram?  
(THEIR FATHER) ATHAMAS  
To what capital city of Colchis did the ram carry Phrixus? AEA
4. Which emperor reigned eight months, reversed the anti-Christian laws of Julian, and died  
in Bithynia in A.D. 364? JOVIAN  
For five points each, who were co-emperors after Jovian?  
VALENTINIAN (I) AND VALENS
5. On a tombstone, what is the English meaning of the Latin abbreviation **aet.**?  
(OF THE) AGE / AGED  
What is the meaning of **H.I.S.**? HERE LIES BURIED (**HĪC IACET SEPULTUS**)  
What is the meaning of **d.s.p.**?  
DIED WITHOUT ISSUE / OFFSPRING / CHILDREN (**DĒCESSIT SINE PRŌLE**)
6. Who provides a glimpse of the decadent life style of the Romans in his depiction of a  
banquet held by a wealthy freedman of annoying crudeness named Trimalchio?  
PETRONIUS  
Of what larger work was this **cēna Trīmalchiōnis** an episode? **SATYRICON**  
Under what emperor did Petronius serve as **arbiter ēlegantiae**? NERO

7. What was the Latin name for the courtyard outside the front door of a **domus** where clients awaited their patron for their morning **salūtātiō**? **VESTIBULUM**  
 What was the name for a slave who watched the doorway? **ŌSTIĀRIUS/IANITOR**  
 What was the Latin term for the curtain which separated the **vestibulum** from the atrium? **VĒLUM**
8. What two cases can be used with the preposition **tenus**? **ABLATIVE & GENITIVE**  
 What case is used with the preposition **penes**? **ACCUSATIVE**  
 What case is used with the preposition **cōram**? **ABLATIVE**
9. Give the Latin verb at the ultimate root of "fondue."  
 . . . of "function." **FUNDŌ**  
 . . . of "future." **FUNGOR**  
**SUM**
10. Listen carefully to the following story, which I will read twice, then answer IN ENGLISH  
 the question that follows:  
**Prīmā lūce nōnnūllae ancillae in meum cubiculum ruērunt quae mihi dicerent Londinium ardēre. statim ē lectō prosiluī ac ad proximam fenestram cucurrī ut cognoscerem quid accideret; sed, rātus incendium adhūc procul abesse, rūsus cubitum īvī ac aliquot hōrās aequō animō dormīvī. Ego, quod monitīs ancillārum nōn crēdedī, nunc in ordine sum ut rēgem mortuōrum videam.**  
 Why did the narrator of this story run to the nearest window?  
**TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING**  
 What mistake did the narrator make?  
**HE WENT BACK TO SLEEP/**  
**IGNORED THE WARNINGS OF THE MAIDS /**  
**MISJUDGED THE DISTANCE OF THE FIRE**  
 What is the result of this mistake?  
**HE IS NOW (IN LINE TO MEET THE KING OF THE) DEAD**
11. Why was it important for Diomedes and Odysseus to steal the horses of King Rhesus?  
**TO PREVENT THEM FROM DRINKING FROM THE RIVER SCAMANDER**  
**(or XANTHUS BECAUSE HE WOULD BECOME INVINCIBLE AND WOULD**  
**BE ABLE TO STORM THE GREEK CAMP WITH SUCCESS)**  
 What two Olympians had suggested to Odysseus and Diomedes that they undertake their expedition that night and kill Rhesus before he and his horses drank from the river?  
**HERA & ATHENA**  
 Who had revealed the location of King Rhesus' camp?  
**DOLON**
12. Change the phrase **sedīle pulchrum** to the accusative. **SEDĪLE PULCHRUM**  
 Change **sedīle pulchrum** to the plural. **SEDĪLIA PULCHRA**  
 Change **sedīlia pulchra** to the genitive. **SEDĪLIUM PULCHRŌRUM**

13. Where was Odysseus when he was first informed of the havoc created by Penelope's suitors? **EDGE OF OCEAN / LAND OF THE CIMMERIANS / (AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE) UNDERWORLD**  
 With whom was Odysseus wanting to consult while in the land of the Cimmerians? **T(E)IRESIAS**  
 What must Teiresias be allowed to do before he could make his prophecy known to Odysseus? **DRINK THE BLOOD (OF THE SACRIFICED RAM & EWE)**
14. After which battle in 260 BC did the Romans erect in the forum a column decorated with Carthaginian **rostra**? **MYLAE**  
 Which Roman commander led the invasion of Africa but was defeated and captured in 255 BC? **(M.ATILIUS) REGULUS**  
 Who was the Spartan mercenary whom the Carthaginians hired to fight Regulus and the Romans? **XANTHIPPIUS**
15. What literary device, excluding any forms of alliteration, is demonstrated in the following line: **multaque per caecam congressi proelia noctem**? **SYNCHESIS**  
 What literary device, excluding any forms of alliteration, is demonstrated in the following line: **clāmōrēs simul horrendōs ad sīdera tollit**? **HYPERBOLE**  
 What literary device, excluding any forms of alliteration, is demonstrated in the following lines: **sub pedibusque deae clipeique sub orbe**? **CHIASMUS**
16. **Dēscrībāmus nunc proprietātēs dictiōnum in hāc sententiā: “vīvāmus, mea Lesbia, atque amēmus.” Cuius coniugātiōnis est “amēmus”?** **PRĪMAE**  
**“amēmus”, cuius modī est?** **SUBIŪNCTIVĪ / CONIŪNCTIVĪ**  
**“vīvāmus”, cuius temporis est?** **PRAESENTIS**
17. Whose poetic genius and his affinity for expressions of intense emotions can be found in his poems addressed to a certain lady named Cynthia? **(SEXTUS) PROPERTIUS**  
 With what member of Messalla Corvinus' literary circle did Propertius have close ties? **(P.) OVID(IUS NASO)**  
 A funeral song dedicated to what relative of Augustus can be found in Book 3 of Propertius' elegies? **MARCELLUS**
18. Say in Latin: “Would that I were sleeping at home today!”  
**UTINAM HODIĒ DOMĪ DORMĪREM**  
 . . . Say in Latin “Would that I had gone to sleep yesterday!” using a supine.  
**UTINAM HERĪ DORMĪTUM Ī(V)ISSEM / ĪSSEM**  
 . . . Say in Latin “Would that I were not saying these things!”  
**UTINAM NĒ / NŌN HAEC DĪCEREM**

19. What king of Thebes was such a fantastic musician that the rocks were charmed to move  
on their own accord? AMPHION  
(VISUAL–THEBAN FAMILY TREE)  
Name the character identified with the letter “B”. ANTIOPE  
Name the character identified with the letter “D”. ZETHUS
20. Against which enemy leader did the following generals fight?  
Calpurnius Bestia, Postumius Albinus, Caecilius Metellus, Gaius Marius JUGURTHA  
Who betrayed Jugurtha to the Romans? BOCCHUS (KING OF MAURETANIA)  
Which of Marius’ junior officers negotiated Bocchus’ betrayal?  
(L. CORNELIUS) SULLA



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ROUND THREE (REVISED)**

1. What was the emblem of dignity that gave Hippolyta supreme power over the Amazons?  
HER GIRDLE  
Who had given Hippolyta this girdle?  
ARES / MARS  
According to some sources, what Athenian king took Hippolyta as his wife?  
THESEUS
2. Translate into English: **cum mīlitēs Rōmānī hostēs vīdissent, impetum statim  
fēcērunt.** WHEN / SINCE THE ROMAN SOLDIERS HAD SEEN THE ENEMY  
THEY IMMEDIATELY MADE AN ATTACK / ATTACKED  
Translate into English: **cum hostēs victī essent, Rōmānī tamen per silvās cautē  
progrediēbantur.** ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY/ENEMIES HAD BEEN  
DEFEATED, NEVERTHELESS THE ROMANS WERE PROCEEDING/PROCEEDED  
CAUTIOUSLY  
Translate into English: **laetissimus eram cum audīvī cōsulem tē factum esse.**  
I WAS VERY HAPPY WHEN/AFTER I HEARD THAT  
YOU HAD BECOME / BEEN MADE CONSUL
3. You are standing in the **Forum Rōmānum** in AD 350. Name the three major basilicas  
you can see from that point. BASILICA JULIA, BASILICA AEMILIA,  
BASILICA OF MAXENTIUS / CONSTANTINE / **BASILICA NOVA**  
Directly behind which temple would you see the **Rēgia**?  
TEMPLE OF DIVINE JULIUS / TEMPLE OF CAESAR  
The arch of Titus was directly adjacent to which very large temple?  
TEMPLE OF VENUS & ROME
4. The writing of what Roman satirist displays a thorough blending of Greek and Roman  
culture during Scipio Aemilianus' generation and became the model for later  
Roman satirists? LUCILIUS'  
Of which member of the so-called "First Triumvirate" was Lucilius a great-uncle?  
POMPEY (THE GREAT)  
Who modeled his satires of a journey to Brundisium and of a chance encounter with a  
Bore on Lucilius' works? HORACE
5. What use of the genitive case can be found in the following sentence: **sacerdōs nescīvit  
sē nimium vīnī bibisse?** PARTITIVE / OF THE WHOLE  
What use of the genitive case can be found in the following sentence: **sacerdōs est homō  
minimae virtūtis?** DESCRIPTION / QUALITY / CHARACTERISTIC  
What use of the genitive case can be found in the following sentence: **sacerdōs  
dēsīderium ōfī semper ostendit?** OBJECTIVE

6. According to Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, what punishment was given to King Erysichthon?  
 INSATIABLE HUNGER / ATE HIMSELF (TO DEATH)  
 Whose wrath earned Erysichthon this dreadful punishment?  
 CERES' / DEMETER'S / DRYADS'  
 What was the name of his daughter whom Erysichthon sold over and over to provide  
 food for himself? MESTRA
7. From what defeat was Caesar fleeing when he reached Pharsalus in 48 BC?  
 DYRRACHIUM  
 After what victory by Caesar in 46 BC did Cato the Younger commit suicide? THAPSUS  
 Who led the Pompeians against Caesar at Thapsus? METELLUS SCIPIO
8. What author reached levels of psychological analysis never reached before when he  
 professed his distress over sin in his *Confessions*? (SAINT) AUGUSTINE  
 In which of his works does Augustine discuss the errors of paganism and the existence of  
 an earthly city and a heavenly city?  
***DĒCĪVITĀTE DEĪ*** / (ON / ABOUT) THE CITY OF GOD  
 In what city in Roman Africa did Augustine serve as bishop? HIPPO
9. Give an antonym of **minuō**.  
**AUGEŌ, MULTIPLICŌ, AMPLIFICŌ, AMPLIŌ, EXTENDŌ, CRĒSCŌ**  
 . . . of **imperō**. **PĀREŌ, OBOEDIŌ, OBTEMPERŌ, AUSCULTŌ**  
 . . . of **āmittō**. **INVENIŌ, REPERIŌ, NANCISCOR;**  
**(RE- CON- Ē-AD- PRŌ-)VOCŌ, CITŌ, APPELLŌ**
10. What Latin phrase is being used when a potential employer asks for your **c.v.**?  
**CURRICULUM VĪTAE**  
 A **c.v.** to employers who do not know their Latin is called a resume. What Latin verb is  
 the root of resume? **SUMŌ, SUMERE**  
 What is the Latin phrase for your daily allowance for travel in your new job ?  
**PER DIEM**
11. Give the syncopated form of "**amāverō**." **AMĀRŌ**  
 Give the syncopated form of "**dēlēvisse**." **DĒLĒSSE**  
 Give the syncopated form of "**audīvistī**." **AUDĪSTĪ**
12. Give the Latin noun at the ultimate root of "defy."  
**FIDĒS**  
 . . . of "suffocate." **FAUCES**  
 . . . of "fuel." **FOCUS**

13. Why did Priam venture to Achilles' tent in Book XXIV of the *Iliad*?  
TO RANSOM / PLEAD FOR / GET BACK HECTOR'S BODY  
Which of the Olympians led old Priam to Achilles' tent? HERMES / MERCURY  
As old Priam pleaded with Achilles for the return of Hector's body, his speech was so  
poignant that it reminded Achilles of whom? (HIS FATHER) PELEUS
14. What Roman author wrote a scientific encyclopedia entitled *Historia Natūralis*?  
PLINY THE ELDER / C. PLINIUS SECUNDUS  
To what future emperor did Pliny the Elder dedicate his *Historia Natūralis*? TITUS  
What later historian modeled his work on Germany on Pliny the Elder's *Bellae  
Germāniae*? TACITUS
15. Who am I? I was a senator who succeeded an assassinated emperor. I gave the order to  
execute Petronius Secundus, a praetorian who conspired to kill my successor. I  
adopted my co-regent and successor in AD 97. I died in AD 98.  
(M. COCCEIUS) NERVA  
(PASS OUT THE VISUAL)  
You are looking at imperial busts. Which two of these emperors ruled consecutively?  
(THE ORDER IS NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR HERE)  
C (TRAJAN) AND B (HADRIAN)  
Arrange the letters of these emperors in chronological order, earliest to latest.  
C (TRAJAN), B (HADRIAN), A (MARCUS AURELIUS) AND D (CARACALLA)
16. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, then answer IN LATIN  
the question that follows:  
**Herculis templum est apud Agrigentōs nōn longē ā forō. Ibi est ex aere  
statua ipsius Herculis quā numquam cīvēs vīdērunt pulchriōrem. Quādam  
nocte cum duo latrōnēs ad hoc templum vēnissent auferendae stātuae grātiā,  
stātua subitō magnum strepitum tollit tamquam vīva. Duo itaque fūgērunt,  
nescientēs callidissimum custōdem quī sē post stātuam cēlāvisset clāmōrem  
sustulisse.**  
Ex quō statua facta est? (EX) AERE  
Cūr latrōnēs ad templum vēnerant? UT STĀTUM AUFERRENT/  
AUFERENDAE STĀTUAЕ GRĀTIĀ (CAUSĀ)  
Quid latrōnēs terruit?  
(MAGNUM) STREPITUM STATUA CLĀMĀBAT / CLĀMĀVIT /  
CLĀMŌREM / VŌCEM STATUAЕ

17. Who in mythology, born immortal and with white hair, eventually had only one eye and one tooth remaining among them?  
 GRAEAE / GRAY SISTERS / DEINO, ENYO, PE(M)PHREDO  
 Who were the parents of the Graeae? PHORCYS AND CETO  
 What information did Perseus ascertain from the Graeae?  
 THE LOCATION OF THE NYMPHS WHO WOULD  
 PROVIDE HIM WITH WEAPONS (NECESSARY FOR KILLING MEDUSA)/  
 THE LOCATION OF THE GORGONS
18. **Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt ter vīgintī?** **SEXĀGINTĀ**  
**... Quot sunt bis centum?** **DŪCENTĪ / -AE / -A**  
**... Quot sunt quater mille passūs?** **QUATTUOR MĪLIA PASSUUM**
19. What Roman poet, because of his involvement in the battle at Philippi, had his family farm confiscated by the members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Triumvirate?  
 Q. HORATIUS FLACCUS / HORACE  
 Into whose literary circle did Vergil introduce Horace *circa* 38 BC? MAECENAS'  
 What present did Maecenas give to Horace, giving him financial peace of mind and a place of refuge from the business and inconveniences of Roman life?  
 A FARM IN THE SABINE TERRITORY
20. Of **pānis silīgneus**, **pānis castrēnsis**, **pānis sordidus**, and **pānis rūsticus**, which is made of pure wheat flour? **PĀNIS SILĪGNEUS**  
 One of the factors contributing to the quality of a bread are the settings of a mill. What is the Latin term for the mill used to grind flour? **MOLA**  
 What Latin term refers to the upper stone of a mill? **CATILLUS**

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SEMI-FINALS**

1. Who brought tears to Odysseus' eyes as he sang about the Trojan War? DEMODOCUS  
At what king's court did this occur? ALCINOUS'  
What modern name is given to the island believed to have been Scheria, the kingdom of  
Alcinous? CORFU / CORCYRA
  
2. Translate the verb in this sentence into Latin: If only I hadn't spoken those words.  
DIXISSEM / LOCUTUS (-A) ESSEM  
Translate the verb in this sentence into Latin: Would that you were king. ESSĒS  
Translate the verb in this sentence into Latin: If only we hadn't sneezed.  
STERNUISSĒMUS
  
3. In 479 BC, during a defeat at the hands of the people of Fidenae near the Cremera river,  
one detachment of troops, which was completely wiped out, consisted entirely of  
members of which Roman **gēns** and its clients?  
GĒNS FABIA/THE FABIAN CLAN  
Around 420 BC who personally slew the king of the Veians and dedicated his captured  
armor to Jupiter Feretrius? (A. CORNELIUS) COSSUS  
Who was this vanquished king? TOLUMNIVS
  
4. What feat did Theseus have to accomplish to prove that he was the son of Poseidon?  
HAD TO RETRIEVE A GOLD RING THROWN INTO THE SEA BY MINOS  
Who gave Theseus a crimson robe and a crown in the palace of Poseidon?  
AMPHITRITE  
What Athenian girl was Theseus trying to defend from the lust of Minos when this  
"paternity" challenge took place? ERIBOEA
  
5. What author's book presents itself as collections of notes taken on evenings during a  
winter spent near Athens? (AULUS) GELLIUS  
What was the Latin title of this work? NOCTĒS ATTICAE  
What famous story of a slave and a lion can be found in the *Noctēs Atticae*?  
ANDROCLUS / ANDROCLES (& THE LION)

6. Translate: **Nēmō scīvit cūr imperātor auctōritāte suā ūtī dubitāret.**  
 NO ONE KNEW WHY THE EMPEROR / COMMANDER WAS HESITATING TO  
 USE HIS AUTHORITY / POWER  
 Translate: **Nēmō est tam senex quīn sē annum arbitrētur posse vīvere.**  
 NO ONE IS SO OLD WHO THINKS (THAT) HIS IS NOT ABLE TO LIVE FOR  
 A YEAR  
 or NO ONE IS SO OLD AS TO THINK...  
 Translate: **Sunt quī mortem meliōrem vītā esse dīcant.**  
 THERE ARE THOSE WHO (MAY) SAY THAT DEATH IS BETTER THAN LIFE
7. At a Roman dinner table, to what general type of food would all of the following belong?  
**rhombus, ostreae, mullus** SEAFOOD  
 Name 2 of the 3 main ingredients in the dish known as **tyrotarīchus**.  
 (SALT) FISH, EGGS AND CHEESE  
 What was the highly regarded delicacy **glīs**? DORMOUSE / DORMICE
8. Give the Latin noun at the ultimate root of "alarm." **ARMA**  
 . . . of "aisle." (SPELL a-i-s-l-e) **ĀLA**  
 . . . of "oriole." **AURUM**
9. Give the 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural, perfect, active, subjunctive for the verb **pangō**. **PEPIGERINT**  
 Change **pepigerint** to the singular pluperfect. **PEPIGISSET**  
 Change **pepigisset** to the passive. **PACTUS (-A, -UM) ESSET**
10. When two Roman envoys were sent to discuss the pirates in the Adriatic, which Illyrian  
 ruler ignored and rejected them and may have arranged the death of one of them?  
**TEUTA**  
 What Greek adventurer betrayed Teuta by surrendering to the Romans the island of Corfu  
 which he was sent to protect for the queen? **DEMETRIUS(OF PHAROS)**  
 When Demetrius later betrayed the Romans as well, to which king did he flee seeking  
 refuge? **PHILLIP V**
11. Do not open your visuals until told to do so.  
 (PASS OUT VISUALS TO ALL TEAMS)  
 You now have 15 seconds to examine the passages on your own.  
 (WAIT 15 SECONDS)  
 Please identify the author of passage B. (PUBLIUS) OVID(IUS NASO)  
 . . . passage D. VITRUVIUS (POLLIO)  
 . . . passage E. (LUCIUS ANNAEUS) SENECA THE YOUNGER  
 A. Flaccus, Argonautica, 298-302  
 B. Ovid, Heroides, XII, Medea to Jason  
 C. Plautus, Mostellaria, 1-9  
 D. Vitruvius, De Architectura, Chapter 1  
 E. Seneca, Apocolocyntosis, Chapter 3

12. What use of the dative case can be found in the following sentence: **mihi hunc errōrem extorquērī volō?** SEPARATION  
 What use of the dative case can be found in the following sentence: **quid tibi vīs, īnsāne?** ETHICAL / REFERENCE / PERSONAL INTEREST  
 What poetic use of the dative case can be found in the following sentence: **Karthāginī iam nōn ego nūntiōs mittam superbōs?** LOCAL / DIRECTION / PLACE TO WHICH
13. In Book IV of the *Aeneid*, what old nurse does Dido ask to find her sister? BARCE / BARCA  
 Who was this sister of Dido? ANNA  
 Old Barce served as nurse to Dido and what other person? SYCHAEUS / SICARBAS
14. Who was Tiberius' grandson whom Caligula adopted early in his reign and later beheaded? (TIBERIUS) GEMELLUS  
 Which of his praetorian prefects did Caligula execute in A.D. 37? MACRO  
 Which general plotted to overthrow Caligula in A.D. 39, perhaps in complicity with Agrippina the Younger? (LENTULUS) GAETULICUS
15. Listen carefully to the following story, which I will read twice, then answer IN ENGLISH  
 the question about it:  
**Fuit ōlim faber quī fēcit pōculum vitreum quod frangī nōn poterat. Voluit igitur id Caesarī dare. Admissus est ad Caesarem. Deinde pōculum offerēbat Caesarī sed subitō id proiēcit in pavīmentum. Caesar perterritus erat. at faber sustulit pōculum integrum dē terrā quāsī pōculum aēneum. Tum Caesar fabrō dīxit: “Num quis alius scit tale pōculum facere?” Cum faber negāvit, Caesar iussit fabrum interficī quod voluerit esse sōlus quī pōculum eius generis habēret.**  
 What gift was the craftsman offering Caesar? AN UNBREAKABLE CUP  
 How did the craftsman prove that the cup was unbreakable? THREW ONTO THE GROUND  
 Why did Caesar kill the craftsman? BECAUSE CAESAR WANTED TO BE THE ONLY PERSON TO HAVE A CUP OF THIS KIND
16. Whose 6-book work was the first serious work of didactic poetry in the world of Latin literature? (TITUS) LUCRETIVS (CARUS)  
 To whom was Lucretius' *Dē Rērum Natūrā* dedicated? (C.) MEMMIUS  
 Who mentions in a biography that Lucretius' *Dē Rērum Natūrā* was edited, after his death, by Cicero? JEROME

17. Of what great exploit were the following members: Castor, Pollux, Jason, Theseus, Peleus, and Atalanta? CALYDONIAN BOAR HUNT  
Which of the heroes mentioned in the toss-up accidentally killed Eurytion with his spear during the hunt? PELEUS  
Which of the participants of the Calydonian Boar Hunt not mentioned in the toss-up was the killer of Toxeus and Plexippus? MELEAGER
18. What is meant when a recipe states that one should add salt **ad gustum**? TO (ONE'S) TASTE  
What is the meaning of the Latin expression **dē gustibus nōn est disputandum**?  
(literally) ABOUT TASTES THERE IS NO DISPUTING  
THERE'S NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTES  
THERE'S NO POINT IN ARGUING ABOUT TASTE (S).  
What is the meaning of the Latin expression **sal sapit omnia**?  
SALT / WIT SEASONS EVERYTHING.
19. **Quid Anglicē significat “parturiō”?** BE PREGNANT, BE IN LABOR, GIVE BIRTH TO, MEDITATE ACTIONS, GIVE FORTH  
... **“quassō”?** SHAKE, BRANDISH, WAVE, SHATTER, DISTURB, WEAKEN  
(not “strike”)  
... **“fatīscor”?** GAPE, SPLIT, CRACK, FALL APART
20. What is the Latin title of Cicero's earliest extant speech? **PRŌ QUĪNCTIŌ**  
In which of his speeches did Cicero offend Chrysogonus, a powerful freedman of Sulla?  
**PRŌ (SEXTŌ) ROSCIŌ AMERINŌ**  
or **PRŌ SEXTŌ ROSCIŌ**  
(OR any English translation of those answers)  
In which of his speeches did Cicero attack Clodia, the sister of his bitter enemy Clodius?  
**PRŌ CAELIŌ**



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UPPER DIVISION  
FINALS (Version 2.1)**

1. Which two works of Tacitus were often published in a combined edition, narrating Roman history from the death of Augustus to the death of Domitian?  
*ANNALS / ANNĀLĒS / AB EXCESSŪ DĪVĪ AUGUSTĪ & HISTORIES / HISTORIAE*  
In which of his early works does Tacitus discuss the causes of the decline of oratory?  
*DIALOGUS DE ORĀTŌRIBUS*  
What two works did Tacitus publish in AD 98? *GERMĀNIA (DE ORĪGINE ET SITŪ GERMĀNŌRUM) & AGRICOLA (DE VĪTĀ IŪLIĀ AGRICOLAE)*
2. What Greek goddess was the equivalent of the Roman goddess Fortuna? TYCHE  
What goddess of vengeance was often regarded as the one who provided a check on extravagant favors conferred by Tyche? NEMESIS  
What son of Nauplius supposedly dedicated the first set of dice that he invented to Tyche? PALAMEDES
3. Who, in his first speech to the senate, renounced the abuses of the previous regime and promised to curtail the influence of the palace minions and the monopolization of the courts by the **prīnceps**? NERO (CLAUDIUS CAESAR)  
Who wrote this speech for the young Nero? SENECA (THE YOUNGER)  
What event in AD 59 marked the end of the so-called **Quīnquennium Nerōnis**?  
THE DEATH/MURDER OF AGRIPPINA THE YOUNGER
4. What grammatical term is used for nouns such as **lepus** and **vulpēs** where the words have a grammatical gender independent of sex, thus **lepus** is always masculine and **vulpēs** is always feminine? EPICENE  
If you want to be very precise with your animals, what word must you add to **pāvō** to identify it as a peahen? FĒMINA  
What word should you add to **pāvō** to stress that it is a male? MĀS / MASCULUS
5. Who, in an attempt to secure the **pax deōrum**, commanded all Christians to renounce their faith and worship only pagan gods in A.D. 250? DECIUS  
Which emperor made a deathbed repentance for his persecution of the Christians from A.D. 303-311, and granted them legal recognition? GALERIUS  
Whom did Constantine order to cease the persecution of the Christians in the eastern portion of the empire in A.D. 313? MAXIMINUS DAIA

6. According to Vergil's *Aeneid*, what Titan was the ultimate source of the bloodline of King Latinus? SATURN(US)  
 Who was the father of King Latinus, according to Vergil? FAUNUS  
 According to Vergil, what nymph of Laurentum was the mother of King Latinus? MARICA
7. What poet's tendency to wallow in emotion caused many Romans to be uncomfortable with his work and to dismiss his lyric poetry as valueless? (C. VALERIUS) CATULLUS  
 Aware that his poetry seemed frivolous, what word did Catullus use in the dedication of his **libellus** to describe his poetry? NŪGAE  
 What name is given by scholars to the young poets who, like Catullus, rejected traditional forms and poetic content and searched for new styles? NEOTERICIS
8. What Latin expression is the equivalent of "you can't get blood from a stone?"  
 AB ASINŌ LĀNAM/EX NIHILO NIHIL FIT/DĒ NIHILO NIHIL  
 What is the literal meaning of **ab asinō lānam**? WOOL FROM AN ASS/DONKEY  
 What Latin expression is the equivalent of "to take a bull by the horns?"  
 TENĒRE LUPUM AURIBUS (TO HOLD A WOLF BY THE EARS)
9. Of the words **candēlābrum**, **gemma**, **plaustrum**, **flagellum** and **portus**, which does the following Latin sentence describe:  
**Est rēs quae ōleum continet ad illūminanda cubicula.** CANDĒLĀBRUM  
 . . . Praesertim apud rŭsticōs, hoc est aptum magnīs oneribus ferendīs. PLAUSTRUM  
 . . . Ut dīcitur, "adamās est puellae amīcissimus." GEMMA
10. Listen carefully to the following passage about Camillus, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows:  
**Triumphus Camillī, captīs Veīīs, Rōmānīs displicēbat quod Camillus nimis superbiae praestāret. Nam scrīptum est Camillum accūsārī quod parem sē deīs facere vellet. Etiam scrīptum est Camillum suōs mīlītēs vexāre quia partem spoliōrum, quam Apollinī dēdicāret, iubēret reddī. Postrēmō scrīptum est Camillum furtī accūsārī quod pecūniās quāsdam, quae plēbī essent dōnandae, cēlāvisset.**  
 Quid dē sē putāvit Camillus? PAREM DEĪS ESSE  
 Quā dē causā Camillus partem spoliōrum reddī iussit?  
 (QUOD) EAM APOLLINĪ DĒDICĀRET / DĒDICĀBAT / DĒDICĀRE VOLUIT  
 Cūius dē pecūniīs Plēbis accūsātus est Camillus? FURTĪ

11. (PASS OUT THE VISUAL)  
 Examine this picture of a model of ancient Rome for 10 seconds.  
 Which letter denotes the area where you would find a monument of the Roman victory over the Dacians? **D**  
 For five points each, identify any two of the three bridges labeled A, B and C. Include the letter with each of your answers.  
**A = PONS FABRICIUS, B = PONS CESTIUS, C = PONS AEMILIUS**
12. Give all the possible future active imperative forms for the verb **emō**.  
**EMITŌ, EMITŌTE, EMUNTŌ**  
 Change **emitō** to the passive. **EMITOR**  
 Assuming **emitor** is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, give the corresponding present tense form.  
**EMERE**
13. What use of the accusative case can be found in the following sentence:  
**Ēn quattuor ārās!** **EXCLAMATION**  
 What use of the accusative case can be found in the following sentence:  
**Mentem pressus, rēx in aulā cum difficultāte ambulābat?**  
**SPECIFICATION / RESPECT / SYNECHOCICAL**  
 Using **poēma** for “poem”, translate the following sentence into Latin: “Poems teach us many things.”  
**POĒMATA NŌS MULTA (or MULTĀS RĒS) DOCENT**
14. What author distinguished himself with his constant, systematic commitment in giving the fable a standard and a recognizable voice in the world of Latin literature?  
**PHAEDRUS**  
 In whose literary tradition did Phaedrus model his fables?  
**AESOP(US)**  
 What Julio-Claudian emperor appears as the chief character in one of Phaedrus’ amusing tales?  
**TIBERIUS**
15. What Corinthian warrior, just like Achilles, was given the opportunity to choose between death and glory at Troy or a long yet uneventful life at home?  
**EUCHENOR**  
 What great seer was the father of Euchenor?  
**POLY(E)IDUS**  
 What Trojan killed Euchenor with one of his arrows?  
**PARIS / ALEXANDER**
16. Give the Latin verb and its meaning at the root of “esculent,” “esurient,” “comestible,” “obese,” and “edacious.”  
**EDŌ, EDERE - EAT**  
 Which two words in the toss-up means “edible”?  
**ESCULENT & COMESTIBLE**  
 What is the meaning of “esurient”?  
**HUNGRY, GREEDY**
17. Which of Terence’s comedies was so unpopular that the audience preferred a show of tightrope walkers to it at its first performance in 165 BC?  
**HECYRA**  
 For five points each, name the two authors whose works were “contaminated” in the *Hecyra*.  
**MENANDER / APOLLODORUS**

18. According to Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, with what daughter of Cecrops did Mercury fall in love? HERSE  
Which of Herse's sisters tried to prevent Mercury from seeing Herse? AGLAUROS / AGRAULOS  
Into what did Mercury transform Aglauros? A (MARBLE) STATUE
19. What Roman general is said to have told his troops that Neptune had appeared to him in a dream and promised to help with the capture of Carthago Nova? (P. CORNELIUS) SCIPIO (THE FUTURE) AFRICANUS  
After what battle was Scipio acclaimed as **imperātor** by his troops, thus becoming the first general to receive this honor? BAECULA/BAILLEN  
What two Carthaginian generals did Scipio defeat at Ilipa? MAGO AND HASDRUBAL, SON OF GISCO/NOT THE BROTHER OF HANNIBAL
20. Translate the following sentence into Latin: If you should sing sweetly, we would listen. **SĪ SUĀVITER CANTĒS / CANTĒTIS, AUDIĀMUS**  
Translate the following sentence into Latin: If you had sung sweetly, we would have listened. **SĪ SUĀVITER CANTĀ(VI)SSĒS / CANTĀ(VI)SSĒTIS, AUDĪ(VI)SSĒMUS**  
For the sentence, "Mary said that she would have sung sweetly, if we had listened.", translate "would have sung" into Latin. **CANTĀTŪRAM FUISSE**

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- A. illis placidi sermonis Iason  
sugerit adfatus turbataque pectora mulcet.  
mox ubi victa gravi ceciderunt lumina somno 300  
visa coronatae fulgens tutela carinae  
vocibus his instare duci: 'Dodonida quercum  
Chaonique vides famulam Iovis. aequora tecum 308  
ingredior nec fatidicis avellere silvis
2. Exul inops contempta novo Medea marito  
dicit, an a regnis tempora nulla vacant?
- At tibi Colchorum, memini, regina vacavi,  
ars mea cum peteres ut tibi ferret opem!
3. **GRVMIO** Exi e culina sis foras, mastigia,  
qui mi inter patinas exhibes argutias.  
egredere, erilis permities, ex aedibus.  
ego pol te ruri, si vivam, ulciscar probe.  
exi, inquam, nidor, e culina. quid lates? 5  
**TRANIO** quid tibi, malum, hic ante aedis clamitatio?  
an ruri censes te esse? abscede ab aedibus.  
abi rus, abi dierecte, abscede ab ianua.  
em, hocine volebas? 9
4. Architecti est scientia pluribus disciplinis et variis eruditionibus ornata,  
[cuius iudicio probantur omnia] quae ab ceteris artibus perficiuntur. Opera  
ea nascitur et fabrica et ratiocinatione.
5. Claudius animam agere coepit nec invenire exitum poterat. Tum Mercurius,  
qui semper ingenio eius delectatus esset, unam e tribus Parcis seducit et ait:  
"Quid, femina crudelissima, hominem miserum torqueri pateris?"

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