

**2018 PRINCETON CERTAMEN  
NOVICE  
ROUND 1**

1. What Roman statesman, a **novus homo** from Arpinum, was elected consul in 63 BC, and is famous for putting down the Catilinarian conspiracy?

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

B1: Who was Cicero's co-consul of 63 BC?

(GAIUS ANTONIUS) HYBRIDA

B2: Which other **novus homo** from Arpinum was consul seven times and was a rival to Sulla?

(GAIUS) MARIUS

2. For the verb **salio**, give the second person plural, imperfect active indicative.

**SALIEBATIS**

B1: Now change **saliebatis** to the singular and passive.

**SALIEBARIS**

B2: Now change **saliebar** to the plural.

**SALIEBAMINI**

3. Who, in Aeschylus' tragedy, committed matricide to avenge his dead father Agamemnon?

ORESTES

B1: Who was the mother of Orestes?

CLYTEMNESTRA

B2: Name Clytemnestra's lover, for whom she killed Agamemnon.

AEGISTHUS

4. Which of the following does not belong because of derivation? Agrarian, agriculture, aggregate, peregrine

AGGREGATE

B1: ....animal, magnanimous, annual, pusillanimous?

ANNUAL

B2: ...dame, domino, dungeon, duel?

DUEL

5. Which of the five good emperors, in addition to fighting the Marcomanni and Sarmatians, was also a noted Stoic philosopher, writing the *Meditations*?

MARCUS AURELIUS

B1: Who was Marcus Aurelius's co-emperor until his death in 169 AD?

LUCIUS VERUS

B2: Who was Marcus Aurelius's predecessor?

ANTONINUS PIUS

6. Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called "**Forma Aquae**?"

THE SHAPE OF WATER

B1: What dystopian novel-turned-TV-show would the Romans have called "**Fabula Ancillae**?"

THE HANDMAID'S TALE

B2: What movie would the Romans have called "**Foedus Iustitiae**?"

JUSTICE LEAGUE

7. Who, disguised as an elderly woman, was helped across the Anaurus [uh-NAWR-us] river by a kind young man by the name of Jason?

HERA/JUNO

B1: What happened to Jason from crossing the river and fulfilled the prophecy of his arrival in Iolcus [YOLE-cus]?

HE LOST HIS SANDAL

B2: Who was Jason's uncle, the current king of Iolcus, who had stolen the kingdom from his brother?

PELIAS

8. Give the Latin for the abbreviation **e.g.** [Read: E period G period]

EXEMPLI GRATIA

B1: Give the Latin for the abbreviation m.o.

MODUS OPERANDI

B2: Give the Latin for the abbreviation ibid.

IBIDEM

9. What Roman statesman, consul of 195 BC, harbored intense hatred towards Greece, but a more pronounced hatred of Carthage, ending every speech with "Carthago delenda est"?

CATO THE ELDER

B1: Who fulfilled Cato's wish that Carthage be destroyed when he led the Roman forces which pillaged Carthage at the end of the Third Punic War?

SCIPIO AEMILIANUS/SCIPIO AFRICANUS THE YOUNGER

B2: In what year did the sack of Carthage occur?

146 BC

10. What is the meaning of the Latin word **dux**?

LEADER/GENERAL

B1: What is the meaning of the Latin word **invenio**?

FIND

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin word **prope**?

NEAR

11. What creature, one of Heracles' twelve labors, did Theseus kill after returning from Crete?

CRETAN BULL

B1: This creature was the father of what hideous monster that Minos hid in a large labyrinth?

MINOTAUR

B2: Who was the mother of this monstrosity and also the wife of Minos?

PASIPHAE

12. Translate the following English sentence into Latin:  
A wolf frightens the boys in the garden.

**LUPUS TERRET PUEROS IN HORTO**

B1: Translate this English sentence into Latin:

A second wolf approaches, and now two wolves frighten the boys

**LUPUS SECUNDUS APPROPINQUAT,  
ET NUNC/IAM DUO LUPI TERRENT PUEROS.**

B2: Now translate this English sentence:

Quintus suddenly hears the wolves and walks into the bedroom of his mother.

**QUINTUS SUBITO AUDIT LUPOS ET  
AMBULAT IN CUBICULUM MATRIS (SUAE)**

13. What use of the ablative is found in the following sentence?

**Marcus ianuam saxo frangit**

MEANS / INSTRUMENT

B1: What use of the ablative is found in this sentence?

**Marcus ad forum cum Gaio ambulabat**

ACCOMPANIMENT

B2: What use of the ablative is found in this sentence?

**Marcus est pulchrior Gaio**

COMPARISON

14. What son of Zeus, born on Argos in a tower with his mother, was placed in a chest on the sea and grew up to be the man that killed the gorgon Medusa?

PERSEUS

B1: Perseus' mother, Danae, was thrown into a tower by her father so that she would not bear a child. What was her father's name?

ACRISIUS

B2: Acrisius did this to prevent the prophecy of his death being fulfilled. But Fate cannot be escaped. With what did Perseus fulfill the prophecy?

WITH A DISCUS

(PERSEUS KILLED ACRISIUS IN A COMPETITION BY ACCIDENT)

15. Which road, built in 312 BC, started at Rome, ran south through Capua, and ended at Brundisium?

VIA APPIA

B1: The **Via Appia** was a common route used to travel between Rome and Greece. Which sea separates Rome from Greece?

MARE (H)ADRIATICUM / ADRIATIC SEA

B2: Who was the Roman censor of 312 BC who built the **Via Appia**?

(APPIUS CLAUDIUS) CAECUS

16. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English:

**Romulus erat primus septem regum Romae.**

ROMULUS WAS THE FIRST OF SEVEN KINGS OF ROME

B1: Translate this Latin sentence into English:

**Romulus rex erat quod fratrem suum Remum necavit.**

ROMULUS WAS KING BECAUSE HE KILLED HIS BROTHER REMUS.

B2: Now translate this sentence into English:

**Romulus rex senatum fecit, et post mortem suam nomen Quirinum accepit.**

ROMULUS AS KING MADE THE SENATE, AND AFTER HIS DEATH HE RECEIVED THE NAME QUIRINUS.

17. In Book I of the *Iliad*, what enraged Greek chieftain nearly kills Agamemnon, but is literally held back by the goddess Athena?

ACHILLES

B1: Achilles' anger was justified. Agamemnon was planning to take Achilles' girl after he had lost his girl. Who was Achilles' girl?

BRISEIS

B2: What course of action does Achilles take after his argument with Agamemnon?

HE WITHDRAWS FROM THE WAR/FIGHTING

18. Porcelain and porcupine are both derived from what Latin noun?

**PORCUS**

B1: Miscreant and creed are both derived from what Latin verb?

**CRĒDŌ**

B2: Scribble and scription are both derived from what Latin verb?

**SCRĪBŌ**

19. What was the term for the small rooms, called “wings”, which were adjacent to the **atrium** and used to store ancestral busts?

**ALA / ALAE**

B1: What was the term for these wax busts of ancestors?

**IMAGINES**

B2: When were these busts taken out and displayed to the public?

**FUNERAL (PROCESSION)**

20. Give in Latin the nominative plural for the phrase “the brave gladiator”.

**FORTES GLADIATORES**

B1: Keeping all else the same, change **fortes gladiatores** to the ablative.

**FORTIBUS GLADIATORIBUS**

B2: Now change that phrase to the ablative singular.

**FORTI GLADIATORE**

2018 PRINCETON CERTAMEN  
NOVICE  
ROUND 2

1. Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Princeton University.

**DEI SUB NUMINE VIGET,**  
UNDER THE PROTECTION OF GOD SHE FLOURISHES  
[Accept similar]

- B1: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Columbia University

**IN LUMINE TUO VIDEBIMUS LUMEN,**  
IN YOUR LIGHT WE SHALL SEE LIGHT  
[Accept similar]

- B2: A synonym of **lumen** lies in what three word Latin motto of another ivy league university?

LUX ET VERITAS (YALE)

2. Differentiate in meaning between **avis** and **avus**.

BIRD; GRANDFATHER

- B1: Differentiate in meaning between **flumen** and **fulmen**.

RIVER; LIGHTNING

- B2: Differentiate in meaning between **acer** and **sacer**.

SHARP; SACRED

3. Which type of gladiator was lightly armed and often fought against **secutores** with a trident and a net?

RETIARIUS

- B1: Which type of heavily armed gladiator usually fought against the Thracian and was distinguished by a fish-shaped ornament on his helmet?

MURMILLO

- B2: Which type of gladiator, brought to Rome by Julius Caesar, fought on a chariot?

ESSEDARIUS

4. Give the form of **infelix** that corresponds to the Latin form **manibus**.

INFELICIBUS

- B1: Give the form of **acer** that corresponds to the Latin form **nautarum**.

ACRIUM

- B2: Give the form of **atrox** that corresponds to the Latin form **frumenta**.

ATROCIA

5. What man, whose fate was tied to the condition of a log, fell in love with the huntress Atalanta?

MELEAGER

B1: Who was Meleager's mother, who threw the log into the fire, ending her son's life?

ALTHAEA

B2: Why had Althaea ended Meleager's life?

HE KILLED HER BROTHERS/HIS UNCLES

6. Using alliteration, translate the following sentence into Latin:  
The sailors sail nine ships.

NAUTAE NAVIGANT NOVEM NAVES

B1: Translate this sentence alliteratively from English to Latin:  
The sailors of ninety ships are swimming.

NAUTAE NONAGINTA NAVIUM NATANT/NANT

B2: Using a dative of possession and a form of the verb **sum**, say in Latin as alliteratively as possible: The sheep has eight eyes.

OVI SUNT OCTO OCULI/  
OVUS EST OCTO OCULI

7. What is the name of the modern-day country which the Romans called **Helvetia**?

SWITZERLAND

B1: What is the name of the modern-day country which the Romans called **Lusitania**?

PORTUGAL

B2: Which modern-day country encompasses the Roman province of **Achaea**?

GREECE

8. Which of the following, if any, does not belong grammatically?  
**ab, extra, sine, pro, cum**

EXTRA (TAKES ACC)

B1: Give a Latin preposition that takes both the ablative and the accusative.  
[Note to mod: do not read out answer]

IN / SUB / SUPER / SUBTER

B2: Give another.

IN / SUB / SUPER / SUBTER

9. To whom did the bloodied ghost of Sychaeus appear, recounting his death by her own brother and telling this Phoenician woman to flee?

DIDO

B1: Name Dido's brother, who assassinated Sychaeus.

PYGMALION

B2: Dido founded what city, which is beloved to Juno?

CARTHAGE

10. Which Roman king, who ruled from 640 BC - 616 BC, created the plebeian class, annexed the Janiculum hill, and built the **pons Sublicius**?

ANCUS MARCIUS

B1: Which college of priests, responsible for the declaration of war, did Ancus Marcius create?

FETIALES

B2: What infamous dungeon, the final resting place of Vercingetorix [VER-sin-JET-uh-rix] and Jugurtha, was built by Ancus Marcius?

TULLIANUM / MAMERTINE (PRISON)

11. Which of the following words, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: premonition, monument, montage, monster?

MONTAGE

B1: ...permanent, manipulate, menial, mansion?

MANIPULATE

B2: ...convey, obvious, survey, voyage, deviant?

SURVEY

12. What does the idiom, **ad multam noctem**, mean?

UNTIL LATE AT NIGHT

B1: What does the idiom, **sub monte**, mean?

AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN

B2: What does the idiom, **causam dicere**, mean?

TO PLEAD A CASE

13. Which "leader" of Penelope's suitors was the first to speak and first to die?

ANTINOUS

B1: One of the suitors insults the disguised Odysseus and challenges him to a boxing match. What goddess helps Odysseus by giving him extra strength?

ATHENA



B2: To prove her husband's identity, Penelope asked Odysseus to move their bed. He correctly responded that the bed was impossible to move. Why couldn't the bed be moved?

PART OF THE BED IS A TREE

14. Which emperor, the "darling of mankind," dealt with a fire in Rome and the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius during his brief reign?

TITUS

B1: Give the dates of Titus's reign.

79 AD - 81 AD

B2: Who was Titus's Jewish mistress, whom he was forced to send away after bowing to popular pressure?

BERENICE

15. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English:

**Mater legebat perterrito puero fabulam de lupa bona.**

THE MOTHER READ/WAS READING A STORY ABOUT  
A GOOD (SHE-)WOLF TO THE FRIGHTENED BOY.

B1: Translate this Latin sentence into English:

**Quinti mater inquit, "Olim erat lupa, quae duos infantes invenit."**

QUINTUS'S MOTHER SAID/SAYS, "ONCE THERE WAS  
A (SHE-)WOLF, WHO FOUND TWO BABIES/INFANTS."

B2: Now translate this sentence into English:

**Pueros, qui erant Romulus et Remus, lupa servare potuit.**

THE (SHE-)WOLF WAS ABLE TO SAVE THE BOYS,  
WHO WERE ROMULUS AND REMUS.

16. While performing one of his labors, Hercules stops at the house of his old friend Admetus [ad-MEET-tus]. What wife of Admetus died?

ALCESTIS

B1: Who had warned Admetus that he would die soon unless he found a substitute?

APOLLO

B2: In an attempt to redeem himself, Hercules wrestles with what god of death for Alcestis' shadow.

THANATOS

17. What English derivative of the Latin word **pater** means to treat with an apparent kindness that betrays a feeling of superiority?

PATRONIZE

B1: What English derivative of the Latin word **sonus** means a composition for an instrumental soloist, often with a piano accompaniment, typically in several movements?

SONATA

B2: What English derivative of the Latin word **vox** means the body of words used in a particular language.?

VOCABULARY

18. Who am I? I am the son of Maia and Jupiter. After I was born, I made off with Apollo's cattle and created a lyre with a turtle shell.

MERCURY

B1: What mortal did Mercury turn into stone for betraying him to Apollo?

BATTUS

B2: Mercury was found out by Apollo quickly. What did Mercury give Apollo which quelled his anger?

THE LYRE

19. What do all of the following words have in common grammatically?

**rivulus, gladiolus, filiola, libellus**

THEY ARE ALL DIMINUTIVES

B1: What does the suffix **-osus** mean in Latin?

FULL OF

B2: What do iterative verbs such as **iacto, volito, or quasso** indicate?

FORCIBLE OR REPEATED ACTION

20. Who, a tribune of 133 BC, enacted the **lex Sempronia agraria** over the opposition of the patricians, only to be killed by a mob of angry senators led by Scipio Nasica?

TIBERIUS (SEMPRONIUS) GRACCHUS

B1: Who was Tiberius's co-tribune of 133 BC, who attempted to veto his bill, only to be forcibly removed from office by Tiberius?

(MARCUS) OCTAVIUS

B2: Who was Tiberius Gracchus's brother-in-law, commander at the sack of Carthage, and remarked that "if Tiberius had intended to seize the government, he was justly slain"?

SCIPIO AEMILIANUS

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NOVICE  
ROUND 3

1. For the verb **doceo**, give the 1st person plural, future active indicative.

DOCEBIMUS

B1: Change **docebimus** to the passive voice.

DOCEBIMUR

B2: Change **docebimur** to the perfect tense.

DOCTI SUMUS

2. Picus, Glaucus and Odysseus were all loved by what sorceress, daughter of Helios?

CIRCE

B1: Only one of these men reciprocated Circe's affections. Who was he?

ODYSSEUS

B2: Glaucus loved another woman. Name the woman he loved.

SCYLLA

3. Differentiate in meaning between **petō** and **vetō**.

SEEK / ATTACK; FORBID

B1: Differentiate in meaning between **diēs** and **dīves**.

DAY; RICH

B2: Differentiate in meaning between **cadō** and **cedō**.

FALL / DIE; YIELD

4. Which narcissistic emperor allegedly could shoot the heads off ostriches when he dressed up as Hercules and fought as a gladiator in front of the Roman people?

COMMODUS

B1: In a move meant to glorify himself, what did Commodus rename Rome?

(COLONIA) COMMODIANA

B2: Who was Commodus's wrestling partner and eventual executioner who killed Commodus in a bathtub on New Year's Eve, 192 AD?

NARCISSUS

5. Which state has as its Latin motto **ditat deus**?

ARIZONA

B1: Which state has **crescit eundo** as its Latin motto?

NEW MEXICO

B2: Which state has **dum spiro spero** as its Latin motto?

SOUTH CAROLINA

6. Snakes are scary, right? I remember two snakes came out of the sea and killed a Trojan man who insisted the Trojan Horse should not be brought into the walls of Troy. What was his name again?

LAOCOON

B1: What other Trojan knew the Trojan Horse was a bad idea, but as usual, was not heeded because of a curse from Apollo?

CASSANDRA

B2: What Greek convinced the Trojans into bringing the horse into the city?

SINON

7. Who was awoken by the cackling of geese and was able to repel the Gauls attempting to climb up and capture the citadel of Rome?

(MARCUS) MANLIUS (CAPITOLINUS)

B1: Who was the leader of these Gauls and also the victor at the battle of Clusium in 390 BC?

BRENNUS

B2: When the Romans asked for mercy, Brennus famously uttered "**Vae Victis**". What is the meaning of this exclamation?

WOE TO THE CONQUERED (TAKE SIMILAR RESPONSE)

8. Translate the following sentence from Latin to English:

**Imperator militesque sui per portam simul ambulaverunt.**

THE GENERAL/EMPEROR AND HIS SOLDIERS WALKED  
TOGETHER/AT THE SAME TIME THROUGH THE GATE.

B1: Now translate this sentence:

**Nonne agricola bonus paratus est, cum lupi in horto suo apparent?**

SURELY A GOOD FARMER IS PREPARED  
WHEN WOLVES APPEAR IN HIS GARDEN?

B2: Now translate this sentence:

**Quando sol e terra venit, quam diu lucet, et quando nocti cedit?**

WHEN DOES THE SUN COME OUT OF THE EARTH, HOW LONG  
DOES IT SHINE, AND WHEN DOES IT YIELD TO THE NIGHT?

9. What titular character is punished by her uncle for attempting to bury her brother, Polynices?

ANTIGONE

B1: Who, Antigone's own relative, had forbidden Polynices' burial?

CREON

B2: What was Antigone's punishment for violating Creon's decree?

SHE WAS BURIED ALIVE

[Prompt on "Death"]

10. Which narrow body of water, which separates Spain from North Africa, was marked by the "Pillars of Hercules"?

STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

B1 & B2. For five points each, give the names of the two straits which, together, separate the Black Sea from the Mediterranean Sea.

BOSPORUS & DARDANELLES/HELLESPONT

11. Translate the following sentence from English to Latin:

Read many books, Quintus, and you will see many places.

**LEGE MULTOS LIBROS, QUINTE, ET MULTOS LOCOS VIDE BIS.**

B1: Translate this sentence from English to Latin:

Slaves, do not give the queen wine!

**NOLITE, SERVI, REGINAE VINUM DARE.**

B2: Now translate this sentence from English to Latin:

Lucretius, tell me a song about nature!

**DIC/NARRA MIHI, LUCRETI, CARMEN DE NATURA!**

12. After stopping in Thrace, where did the Trojans first settle because Anchises believed the place was their destined motherland?

CRETE

B1: After a year the Trojans settled Crete, they soon find out this was the wrong place. What is the biggest natural indicator?

A PLAGUE

B2: What ancestor was Anchises thinking of when he thought Crete was their motherland?

TEUCER

13. Give a Latin antonym of **longus**.

BREVIS

B1: Give a Latin antonym of **vita**.

MORS

B2: Give a Latin antonym of **sto**.

SEDEO

14. At which **dies ater** in 9 AD did the Romans lose three legions following an ambush by the Germans?

TEUTOBURG FOREST

B1: Who was the Roman commander at the Battle of Teutoberg Forest?

(QUINCTILIUS) VARUS

B2: Who was the German commander at the Battle of Teutoberg Forest?

ARMINIUS / HERMAN THE GERMAN

15. What word would introduce the Latin translation of the following question.  
You brought the buzzer system, didn't you?

NONNE

B1: What word would introduce the Latin translation of the following question.  
You didn't bring the buzzer system, did you?

NUM

B2: What enclitic is often attached to the first word of a sentence to indicate that it is a yes or no question?

-NE

16. Which type of slave was often chained to the front door and acted as a watchdog for the master?

IANITOR / OSTIARIUS

B1: Which type of slave served as a butler for the master?

ATRIENSIS

B2: Which type of slave reminded the master of the names of people?

NOMENCLATOR

17. Tense, tempest, contemporary, and temporal are all derived from what Latin noun?

TEMPUS

B1: Terrace, terrier, disinter, and terrestrial are all derived from what Latin noun?

TERRA

B2: Obviate, trivial, voyage, and deviate are all derived from what Latin noun?

VIA

18. What bandit, at the Isthmus of Corinth, liked to tear apart his victims with pine trees and was also known as Pityokampes {PIT-tee-oh-CAMP-tees}?

SINIS

B1: What does Pityokampes mean?

PINE BENDER

B2: Theseus encountered what other brigand who fed his victims to a giant turtle?  
SCYRON

19. Complete the following analogy. **Pater:: Mater as Filius::\_\_\_\_\_.**

**FILIA**

B1: Complete the following analogy. **Filius:: Filiūs as Filia::\_\_\_\_\_.**

FILIABUS

B2: Give another first declension feminine noun that follows the same construction in the ablative and dative plural as fila.

DEA, EQUA, MULA

20. We'll never forget the distracted boyfriend meme from 2017. But have you forgotten your derivatives? From what Latin verb, with what meaning, is "distracted" derived?

**TRAHŌ, DRAG**

B1: The expanding galaxy brain is still present in our consciousness. From what noun, with what meaning, is "galaxy" derived?

**LĀC, MILK**

B2: The Gandalf "you shall not pass" meme is another memorable specimen. From what noun that means "step", is "pass" derived?

**PASSUS**

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SEMIFINAL ROUND**

1. What Thracian king cut out his sister-in-law's tongue and hid her in a shack while he told his wife that her sister had died on the journey from Athens?

TEREUS

B1: Who was Tereus' wife, who only learned of Tereus' crime when Philomela, her sister sent a weaving detailing what happened?

PROCNE

B2: Procne in revenge decides to kill their son and feed him to an unsuspecting Tereus. What is the son's name?

ITYS [Ih-tus]

2. What English word, derived from **ardeo**, means "the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property?"

ARSON

B1: What English word, derived from **gaudeo**, means "ostentatiously ornamented" or "flashy?"

GAUDY

B2: What English word, derived from **facio**, means "to challenge the power of" or "resist boldly?"

DEFY

3. Count from one to five in Latin cardinal numbers.

**UNUS/A/UM, DUO/AE, TRES/TRIA, QUATTOR, QUINQUE**

B1: Now count from one to five in Latin ordinal numbers.

**PRIMUS, SECUNDUS, TERTIUS, QUARTUS, QUINTUS,**

B2: Now count from eighteen to twenty in Latin cardinal numbers.

**DUODEVIGINTI, UNDEVIGINTI, VIGINTI**

4. Which Epirot [eh-PEE-rit] king, cousin of Alexander the Great, was the first to utilize elephants against the Roman army in 280 BC?

PYRRHUS

B1: At what battle of 280 BC did the Romans first encounter elephants?

HERACLEA

B2: Which consul of 275 BC defeated Pyrrhus at the Battle of Beneventum?

(MANIUS) CURIUS DENTATUS



5. Give the idiomatic meaning of **Ad Kalendas Graecas**.

NEVER

B1: What does the phrase **ab ovo usque ad mala** mean idiomatically?

FROM BEGINNING TO END / FROM SOUP TO NUTS

B2: What does the phrase **de gustibus non est disputandum** mean idiomatically?

THERE IS NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTES /  
EVERYONE TO HIS OWN TASTE

6. Who in the Underworld was punished for feeding mortal flesh to the gods and stands in a pool of water grasping for low-hanging fruits?

TANTALUS

B1: Who in the Underworld is bound on constantly-turning, fiery wheel?

IXION

B2: Who in the Underworld is cursed to roll a rock up a hill for eternity, never reaching the top?

SISYPHUS

7. Which Roman emperor's reputed last words were "**puto deus fio**," translated as I think I'm becoming a god, just before his death in 79 AD?

VESPASIAN

B1: Which other Roman emperor's reputed last words were "**qualis artifex pereo**," translated as what an artist dies in me?

NERO

B2: Which other Roman emperor's reputed last words were "**acta est fabula**," translated as the play is finished?

AUGUSTUS

8. What do all of the following Latin nouns have in common grammatically?

**gelu, pecu, genu, and cornu**

FOURTH DECLENSION NEUTER

[Prompt on "Fourth Declension" or "Neuter"]

B1: Give a masculine first declension noun.

AGRICOLA / AURIGA / ATHLETA /  
INCOLA / POETA / NAUTA / PIRATA

B2: Give another.

SEE ABOVE

9. Juno transformed herself into the elderly Beroe in order to trick what lover of Jupiter into revealing the god's true form?

SEMELE

B1: After Semele's death, from what part of Jupiter's body was Bacchus reborn?

THIGH

B2: In what form did Zeus seduce Semele?

EAGLE

10. At what kind of events might a Roman hear all the following words or phrases:

**Camillus, pronuba, mustaceum, ubi tu Gaius ego Gaia?**

WEDDINGS

B1: Which type of Roman wedding, originally practiced only by patricians, required ten witnesses and featured a cake of spelt called **mustaceum**?

CONFARREATIO

B2: Which other type of Roman wedding required 5 witnesses and featured the fictitious sale of the bride to the groom?

COEMPTIO

11. Translate this sentence from Latin to English:

**Circum agros meos duas horas curram.**

I WILL RUN (FOR) TWO HOURS AROUND MY FIELDS.

B1: Translate this sentence into English:

**Quod aurea mala volebat, Atalanta sine magna celeritate currebat.**

BECAUSE SHE WANTED THE GOLDEN APPLES,  
ATALANTA RAN WITHOUT GREAT SPEED.

B2: Now translate this sentence:

**Quod eum interficere voluit, Achilles cum hasta ad Hectorem cucurrit.**

BECAUSE HE WANTED TO KILL HIM, ACHILLES  
RAN TO(WARDS) HECTOR WITH A SPEAR.

12. Complete the following analogy. **Amo :: Amate** as **Ago**::\_\_\_\_\_.

AGITE

B1: Complete the following analogy. **Amo :: Amavit** as **Fero** :: \_\_\_\_\_.

TULIT

B2: Complete the following analogy. **Amo :: Amati Sunt** as **Fero** :: \_\_\_\_\_.

LATI SUNT

13. Which law of 67 BC conferred upon Pompey the command to rid the Mediterranean of pirates?

LEX GABINIA

B1: Which law of 66 BC conferred upon Pompey the command to fight against the Pontic king Mithridates VI?

**LEX MANILIA**

B2: In what year, the same year as the birth of Augustus, did Mithridates VI commit suicide?

63 BC

14. Translate the following sentence from English to Latin:

Evil words wound both gods and men.

**MALA VERBA VULNERANT ET DEOS ET HOMINES.**

B1: Translate this sentence from English to Latin, using the verb **transferre** and the noun **sententia**: Either you will translate this sentence, or I will translate it.

**AUT (TU) HANC SENTENTIAM TRANSFERES,**

**AUT (EGO) (EAM) TRANSFERAM.**

B2: Now translate this sentence from English to Latin:

Neither one wolf nor a hundred will frighten me in a garden.

**NEQUE/NEC UNUS LUPUS NEQUE/NEC**

**CENTUM ME IN HORTO TERREBUNT.**

15. What two Argonauts chased away the harpies from the seer Phineus?

**ZETES AND CALAIS**

B1: What advice did Phineus give to the Argonauts?

**SEND A DOVE THROUGH THE CLASHING ROCKS**

[Prompt on "bird"]

B2: What is the name of the clashing rocks?

**SYMPLEGADES**

16. When recognized by the spotter, perform the following command:

**Sta uno pede et bis sali.**

**PLAYER STANDS ON ONE FOOT AND JUMPS TWICE.**

B1: When recognized by the spotter, perform the following command:

**Surgite omnes et cantante partem carminis "Forma Tui"**

**ALL PLAYERS RISE AND SING SOME OF**

**SHAPE OF YOU BY ED SHEERAN**

B2: When recognized by the spotter, perform the following command:

**Plaudite dum ridetis.**

**MULTIPLE PLAYERS CLAP WHILE SMILING OR LAUGHING**

17. Give the dictionary entry for the part of the body that is hurt by a concussion.

**CAPUT, CAPITIS, N.-HEAD**

B1: Give the dictionary entry for the part of the body that is used when you give a high-five.

**MANUS, MANUS, F.-HAND**

B2: Give the dictionary entry for the part of the body that is used to smell.

**NASUS, NASI, M. - NOSE**

18. What is the modern name of the city which the Romans called **Mediolanum**?

**MILAN**

B1: What is the modern name of the city which the Romans called **Eboracum** [eh-BORE-rah-kum]?

**YORK**

B2: What is the modern name of the city which the Romans called **Lutetia**?

**PARIS**

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

**FACIO - MAKE/DO**

B1: From what Latin adjective with what meaning do we ultimately derive alleviate?

**LEVIS - LIGHT**

B2: From what Latin adjective with what meaning do we ultimately derive replenish?

**PLENUS - FULL**

20. Eileithyia [eh-leh-THAY-uh], the goddess of childbirth, and Hebe, goddess of youth, were the daughters of what pair?

**ZEUS AND HERA**

B1: Hebe in addition was the cupbearer of the gods, but she was replaced by a Trojan prince. What was his name?

**GANYMEDE**

B2: Ganymede was the son of Tros, who was saddened by his son's disappearance. In return, Zeus gave what to Tros?

**HORSES**

2018 PRINCETON CERTAMEN  
NOVICE  
FINAL ROUND

1. Give the correct Latin form of “this poet” that would be used to translate this English sentence: Did you read the work of this poet?

**HUIUS POETAE**

B1: Now do the same as before using this English sentence: They say that this poet has written the best poem.

**HANC POETAM**

B2: Now do the same for this final English sentence: Don’t trust this poet who stole the poem from the internet.

**HUIC POETAE**

2. Lucina, goddess of childbirth, was tricked by what nurse who cried, “It’s a boy!”, allowing Alcmene to finally give birth to Hercules?

**GALANTHIS**

B1: For her trick to work, what did Galanthis need the goddess of childbirth to do?

**UNTIE/UNBIND/UNCROSS HER LIMBS**

B2: Angered by her trick, into what did Lucina transform Galanthis?

**WEASEL**

3. What Latin word with what meaning is at the ultimate root of cloister?

**CLAUDO - CLOSE**

B1: What Latin word with what meaning is at the ultimate root of circuit?

**EO - GO**

B2: What Latin word with what meaning is at the ultimate root of corridor?

**CURRO - RUN**

4. Patrician children wore gold ones while plebeian children wore leather ones. What were these items given at birth and designed to protect children from evil spirits?

**BULLA(E)**

B1: A boy gave up his **bullā** when he became an adult. When would a girl give up her **bullā**?

**WHEN SHE GOT MARRIED**

B2: In addition to the **bullā**, every child supposedly had a guardian spirit. What was the term for the guardian spirit of a boy?

**GENIUS**

5. With what abbreviation would a medication be marked if it were supposed to be taken as needed?

PRN OR S.O.S

B1: Give the Latin and English for that abbreviation

PRO RE NATA - FOR THE THING BORN

SI OPUS SIT - IF THERE IS NEED

B2: Now give the Latin and English for another abbreviation that means the same thing.

SEE ABOVE

6. Translate the following sentence from Latin to English:

I think that you all are the best.

**PUTO VOS (OMNES) OPTIMOS (ESSE)**

B1: Translate the following sentence, using **socius** for teammate:

I believe that my teammates are very skilled.

**CREDO SOCIOS MEOS (ESSE) PERITISSIMOS**

B2: Now translate the following sentence using a complementary infinitive:

A messenger is saying now that we ought to go.

**NUNTIUS IAM/NUNC DICIT NOS IRE DEBERE**

7. What son of Iapetus stole fire concealed in a fennel stalk from Zeus who had been coveting it?

PROMETHEUS

B1: For this trick, how was Prometheus punished?

HE WAS TIED TO A MOUNTAIN, HAVE

HIS LIVER EATEN BY AN EAGLE EVERYDAY

B2: To what mountain was Prometheus chained?

CAUCASUS

8. What is the meaning of the Latin word **sordidus**?

DIRTY

B1: What is the meaning of the Latin word **attonitus**?

SHOCKED / ASTONISHED

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin word **sollicitus**?

WORRIED

9. According to Livy, an earthquake struck while the Romans were being slaughtered by the forces of Hannibal at what battle in 217 BC?

LAKE TRASIMENE

B1: At which earlier battle in 218 BC, a minor cavalry skirmish, did the future Scipio Africanus save the life of his father?

TICINUS RIVER

B2: At which other battle of 218 BC did Hannibal and Hasdrubal defeat the combined forces of the consuls, Cornelius Scipio the Elder and Tiberius Sempronius Longus?

TREBIA (RIVER)

10. What handsome youth, the son of Myrrha, was beloved to Venus but was tragically gored by a boar?

ADONIS

B1: What other goddess adored Adonis so much that she and Venus quarreled over him? Jupiter had to settle the argument by saying the boy would spend one part of the year with Venus and the other with this goddess.

PROSERPINA

B2: Into what was the dead Adonis transformed?

ANEMONE

11. Which Dalmatian slave became emperor after defeating Carinus in 285 AD and went on to establish the Tetrarchy?

DIOCLETIAN

B1: Who was Diocletian's Caesar in the East who defeated Narses and captured the Persian capital of Ctesiphon [kuh-TESS-ih-FON]?

GALERIUS

B2: To where did Diocletian retire in 305 AD?

SALONA / SPLIT

12. Of the nouns: **aetas**, **hiems**, **lac**, **vinum**, and **poena**, which is being described in the following Latin sentence: **Populus hominem nivis potest facere et Saturnaliam potest celebrare.**

HIEMS

B1: Which is being described in the following Latin sentence: **Liberi hoc debent bibere sed pauci hoc non potest bibere.**

LAC

B2: Which is being described in the following Latin sentence: **Scelesti homines hoc merent quod mala egerunt.**

POENA

13. What Roman god was considered first in formal prayers and his name is given to the first month of the year?

JANUS

B1: What unusual anatomical feature is Janus usually given when depicted in art?

TWO HEADS/ AN OLD HEAD AND YOUNG HEAD

B2: Janus' temple was an important building among the Romans. The opening and closing of the doors symbolized what about the Roman state?

OPEN=WAR, CLOSE=PEACE

14. Complete the following analogy. **Ambulo :: Ambulabo as Sum::\_\_\_\_\_.**

ERO

B1: **Sum:: Ero as Possum ::\_\_\_\_\_.**

POTERO

B2: **Possum :: Potero as Fio ::\_\_\_\_\_.**

FIAM

15. Where, in the ancient city of Rome, would one find all of the following: Arch of Septimius Severus, Tabularium, Temple of Vesta, Rostra?

FORUM (ROMANUM)

B1: Where, in the ancient city of Rome, would one find all of the following: Circus of Flaminius, Baths of Agrippa, Horologium, Ara Pacis?

CAMPUS MARTIUS

B2: On what hill of Rome would one find the *Arx* and the Temple of Juno Moneta?

CAPITOLINE

16. What maiden did the Trojan prince Paris abandon to seek the most beautiful woman Helen?

OENONE

B1: Who is the beautiful Helen's mortal father?

TYNDAREUS

B2: What oath did Tyndareus make Helen's suitors take?

THEY WOULD ALL DEFEND THE EVENTUAL HUSBAND OF HELEN

17. Using proper idiom, translate into Latin:

We give great thanks to both gods and goddess.

**MAGNAS GRATIAS ET DEIS ET DEABUS AGIMUS.**

B1: Translate into Latin:

The brothers, of whom one lived, were sons of Mars and a Vestal Virgin.

**FRATRES, QUORUM UNUS VIXIT/VIVEBAT,  
ERANT FILII MARTIS ET VIRGINIS VESTALIS.**



B2: Using the verb “transilio”, translate into Latin:

Remus was killed after he jumped across Romulus’s wall.

**REMUS NECATUS EST/INTERFECTUS EST/NECABATUR  
POSTQUAM (TRANS) MURUM ROMULI TRANSILUIT.**

18. What case do all of the following take? **misereor, instar, memini, obliviscor.**

GENTITIVE

B1: What case do all of the following take? **potior, vescor, fungor, utor.**

ABLATIVE

B2: What case do all of the following take? **noceo, impero, invideo.**

DATIVE

19. Burrus and Seneca the Younger were responsible for the first five good years of what Julio-Claudian emperor’s reign, although this emperor would later sing as Rome burned in 64 AD?

NERO

B1: Who was Nero’s obsessive mother, whom Nero tried to assassinate with a collapsible boat?

AGRIPPINA THE YOUNGER

B2: During Nero’s reign, which queen of the Iceni [EYE-kay-nee] staged a revolt in Britain which was eventually put down by Suetonius Paulinus?

BOUDICCA

20. Which two words from the following list are derived from the same Latin root: tent, tentacle, detention, pretentious?

TENT, PRETENTIOUS

B1: Which two words from this list are derived from the same Latin root: apparel, appear, parent, compare?

APPAREL, COMPARE

B2: Which two words from this list are derived from the same Latin root: portable, sport, portal, airport?

PORTABLE, SPORT