

2015 TSJCL Certamen
Novice Division, Round 1

- TU # 1: What was the occupation in ancient Rome of a carnifex? EXECUTIONER
B1: What was the occupation in ancient Rome of a caupō? INNKEEPER, BARTENDER
B2: What was the occupation in ancient Rome of a cantor? SINGER
- TU # 2: Make the verb form nōlunt singular. NŌN VULT
B1: Make nōn vult 2nd person. NŌN VĪS
B2: Make nōn vīs plural. NŌN VULTIS
- TU # 3: With what daily activity did a slave called a vestiplicus assist a Roman citizen? GETTING DRESSED / PUTTING ON CLOTHES/ PUTTING ON TOGA
B1: If an equestrian or senator had a vertical stripe on his tunic, what color was it? PURPLE
B2: How did a toga candida look different from a normal toga? HAD SHINY/SPARKLY CHALK (DUST) ON IT
- TU # 4: With which two of his sisters did Zeus have children? HERA AND DEMETER
B1: What job was shared by Hera and her daughter Eileithyia? GODDESS OF CHILDBIRTH
B2: What two gods were sons of Zeus and Hera? ARES AND HEPHAESTUS
- TU # 5: Listen carefully to the following Latin passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the question that follows:
"In Graeciā ōlim mōnstrum ferōcissimum agrōs vāstābat, atque multōs virōs interficiēbat. Rēx ānxius igitur ōrāculum cōnsuluit. Responsum est ita: "deī īrātī propter tē patriam tuam pūniunt." (repeat)
Question: Who in this passage did something about the trouble that was being caused? THE KING
B1: What was the reason for the trouble? A (VERY FIERCE) MONSTER
B2: What did the king find out was the reason for the monster's destruction? HE WAS
- (score check)
- TU # 6: What Roman emperor was the first to commit suicide, in the year 68? NERO
B1: What builder of the Pantheon was his great-grandfather? AGRIPPA
B2: Name his other famous great-grandfather (his father's mother's father). MARK ANTONY
- TU # 7: Who as a baby survived a sea voyage in a box and eventually killed his own grandfather as a prophecy had foretold? PERSEUS
B1: Name someone that Perseus petrified with the head of Medusa.
B2: Name another. ATLAS, POLYDECTES, ANDROMEDA'S SEA MONSTER
- TU # 8: The French lullaby "Frere Jacques" asks the question "dormez vous?", which means "are you sleeping?". How would you ask this question in Latin? DORMĪSNE?
B1: How would you ask the question, "You are sleeping, aren't you?" NŌNNE DORMĪS?
B2: How would you ask the question, "You are not sleeping, are you?" NUM DORMĪS?

TU # 9: Because of the abundance of vocabulary words describing the animal it came from, and because we have lots of recipes about how the Romans prepared it, what was their favorite meat? PORK
 B1: What type of bird was the most highly valued for upper class meals? PEACOCK
 B2: What type of seafood served at lavish dinners were ostreae? OYSTERS

TU # 10: What daughter of Icarius was apparently as skilled at unweaving as she was at weaving a funeral shroud for her father-in-law? PENELOPE
 B1: Why did she unweave the funeral shroud each night? TO DELAY THE SUITORS WHO WANTED TO MARRY HER
 B2: According to some accounts, after the death of Odysseus, Penelope married Telegonus. Who was Telegonus's mother? CIRCE

(score check)

TU # 11: What English derivative of the Latin noun corpus is a type of blood cell? CORPUSCLE
 B1: What derivative of corpus means "to form or combine into one body or uniform substance"? INCORPORATE
 B2: What derivative of corpus is a type of flower worn on the body? CORSAGE

TU # 12: Whom did Pompeia Plotina, wife of the emperor Trajan, say her husband had wanted to be his successor at his death? HADRIAN
 B1: From what province did Hadrian's family come? SPAIN / HISPANIA
 B2: Hadrian's predecessor Trajan had grown the Roman Empire to its largest extent. However, when Hadrian came to the throne, he allowed some territories to fall out of Roman control. In what part of the Empire, generally speaking, were these lands that Hadrian let go of? THE EAST

TU # 13: What unusual condition was put on the prophecies of Cassandra? NO ONE EVER BELIEVED HER, THOUGH SHE WAS ALWAYS RIGHT
 B1: Who had done this to her? APOLLO
 B2: Who was Cassandra's father? PRIAM

TU # 14: Say in Latin, "easily". FACILE, FACILITER, FACULTER
 B1: Say in Latin, "quickly". CELERITER, MĀTŪRĒ, PROPERĒ, STRĒNUĒ, CĪTŌ, VELOCITER
 B2: Say in Latin, "slowly". TARDĒ, LENTĒ, PIGRĒ

TU # 15: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "multōs diēs dormīre volō." I WANT TO SLEEP FOR MANY DAYS
 B1: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "in multīs terrīs pugnāre potest." HE/SHE/IT IS ABLE TO FIGHT IN MANY LANDS
 B2: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "puer ad scholam librōs fert." THE BOY BRINGS/CARRIES HIS BOOKS TO SCHOOL

(score check)

TU # 16: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "coquī cum canibus cucurrērunt." THE COOKS RAN WITH THE DOGS

B1: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "sacerdotēs sine servīs sedēbant."
 THE PRIESTS WERE SITTING WITHOUT THE SLAVES
 B2: Translate this Latin sentence into English: "taurī togās trāns terram trāxērunt."
 THE BULLS DRAGGED THE TOGAS ACROSS THE GROUND/LAND

TU # 17: In what Roman province did Queen Boudicca lead a revolt against the Romans? BRITANNIA
 B1: Who was the emperor at the time of her revolt? NERO
 B2: What provincial capital did she burn in this revolt? LONDINIUM

TU # 18: Name one of the two gifts that Poseidon was said to have offered to the city (later known as Athens) when he was competing for the right to be its patron.
 B1: Name the other. SALTY SPRING or HORSE
 B2: What gift did Athena, the winner of the contest, produce? OLIVE TREE

TU # 19: Define the Latin adjective aegerrimus. VERY SICK, SICKEST, VERY ILL, MOST ILL
 B1: Define the Latin adjective acrior. MORE SHARP/KEEN, SHARPER, KEENER
 B2: Define the Latin adjective melior. BETTER

(score check)

TU # 20: Using your knowledge of Latin vocabulary, tell me what you are fond of doing if, in English, you are described as being 'bibulous'. DRINKING
 B1: What are you fond of doing if, in English, you are described as being 'somnolent'? SLEEPING
 B2: What are you fond of doing if, in English, you are described as being 'garrulous'? CHATTING, GOSSIPING, TALKING

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Novice Division, Final Round

- TU # 1: What Roman emperor, after ruling for 15 years in the late first century, was assassinated and then became the object of damnatio memoriae under the reign of his successor Nerva? DOMITIAN
B1: The biographer Suetonius wrote that Domitian was the first Roman emperor who insisted on being addressed by what three-word honorific Latin title meaning 'master and god'? DOMINUS ET DEUS
B2: Whom did Domitian honor with an arch in Rome commemorating the destruction of Jerusalem? HIS BROTHER TITUS
- TU # 2: How did the blood of the centaur Nessus become poisoned? HERCULES SHOT HIM
WITH AN ARROW THAT HE HAD DIPPED IN THE HYDRA'S BLOOD
B1: Who, soon after this, dipped a garment in the blood of Nessus? DEIANIRA
B2: Why did she do this? NESSUS CONVINCED HER THAT IT WOULD CAUSE THE
GARMENT TO BECOME A WAY FOR HER TO WIN BACK HERCULES'S LOVE SOME DAY
- TU # 3: Give the definition of the Latin verb from which we derive the English word 'tractor'. DRAW, DRAG, PULL
B1: Give the definition of the Latin noun from which we derive the English word 'sanguinary'. BLOOD, RACE, FAMILY
B2: Give the definition of the Latin verb from which we derive the English word 'inspiration'. BREATHE
- TU # 4: Define the Latin noun mappa. NAPKIN, HANDKERCHIEF
B1: Define the Latin noun manus. HAND, BAND
B2: Define the Latin noun mūrus. WALL
- TU # 5: Listen carefully to the following Latin passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the question that follows:
"Ulixēs et nautae iter ad patriam Ithacam faciēbant. Multōs annōs nāvigābant et ad īnsulam Aeolī, rēgis ventōrum, pervēnērunt. Ulixēs et nautae multōs diēs manēbant. Deinde Ulixēs rēgī ventōrum dīxit, "Cupiō nāvigāre ad īnsulam Ithacam." Aeolus respondit, "Tibi dōnum dabō. Est saccus quī omnēs ventōs habet." (repeat)
Question: Where were the sailors going?
TO (THEIR COUNTRY) ITHACA / TO THE HOME OF ULIXES
B1: How long did they remain on the island of Aeolus? MANY DAYS
B2: Why did Aeolus give Ulixes a gift? HE SAID HE WANTED TO SAIL TO ITHACA
- (score check)
- TU # 6: Let's peek in on ancient Greece's favorite reality show, "Life on Mt. Olympus". Over there is Zeus, wanting more to drink. What does Hebe pour in his cup? NECTAR
B1: Well, she doesn't pour enough, and Zeus swears he'll punish her. By what does he swear this most sacred of oaths? THE RIVER STYX
B2: Then he gets so mad that he throws a plate of food at Hebe. What kind of food hits her? AMBROSIA

- TU # 7: Translate into Latin this movie title: "To Catch a Thief".
CATCH: CAPERE, DECIPERE, DEPRE(HE)NDERE, (COM)PRE(HE)NDERE, EXCIPERE
THIEF: FŪREM, LEVĀTŌREM, LATRŌNEM
- B1: Translate into Latin this movie title: "The Birds". AVĒS, ACCIPITRĒS, VOLUCRĒS
- B2: To round out our Alfred Hitchcock trio of questions, translate this Hitchcock movie title back into English: "Agricolae Uxor". THE FARMER'S WIFE (accept THE WIFE OF THE FARMER)
- TU # 8: According to Pindar's version of the myth, the spirit of Phrixus also had to be brought home from Colchis along with what revered object left there by Phrixus? GOLDEN FLEECE
- B1: What 'wardrobe malfunction' had King Pelias, Jason's uncle, been told to look out for to know who would try to take his kingdom away from him? MAN WITH ONE SANDAL
- B2: Whom did Jason divorce after they moved to Corinth? MEDEA
- TU # 9: Under whose system did Galerius, Constantius, and Maximian each rule a fourth of the empire, along with him? DIOCLETIAN
- B1: What English name has been given to this system of rule by four men? TETRARCHY
- B2: What did Diocletian famously do from 303-311, the largest of such actions undertaken by the Romans? PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS
- TU # 10: Which of the following forms, if any, is NOT in the comparative degree? melior, melius, acrior, acerrimus, minor, clarior ACERRIMUS
- B1: Define acerrimus. MOST SHARP/SOUR/FIERCE/KEEN/VIOLENT/ETC.
- B2: Define melius. BETTER
- (score check)
- TU # 11: What was in the bag that Aeolus gave to Odysseus? ALL THE WINDS EXCEPT THE WEST WIND
- B1: What was in the bag that Perseus brought to Polydectes? THE HEAD OF MEDUSA
- B2: Psyche was told by Aphrodite to go to the underworld and bring back in a box a one day's supply of whose beauty ointment? PERSEPHONE
- TU # 12: Define the Latin adverb cotīdiē. DAILY, EVERY DAY
- B1: Define the Latin adverb lentē. SLOWLY
- B2: Define the Latin adverb diū. FOR A LONG TIME
- TU # 13: What was the most popular type of event in the form of public entertainment known as ludi circenses? CHARIOT RACING
- B1: The English word 'arena' comes from the Latin word for what substance found in amphitheaters? SAND
- B2: What type of public entertainment was presented in a facility called an odeum? MUSIC CONCERT / LITERARY RECITATION
- TU # 14: For the verb amō, amāre, give any two of its active, 1st person plural verb forms.
- B1: Name two more.
- B2: Name the last two.
- AMĀMUS, AMĀBĀMUS, AMĀBIMUS, AMĀVIMUS, AMĀVERĀMUS, AMĀVERIMUS

- TU # 15: Give a definition for the Latin phrase vīgintī et octō. TWENTY-EIGHT
 B1: Give a definition for the Latin word undēvīgintī. NINETEEN
 B2: Give a definition for the Latin word ducentī. TWO HUNDRED
- (score check)
- TU # 16: Give the English meaning of the Latin number that is at the root of the English word 'squadron'. FOUR
 B1: Give the English meaning of the Latin number that is at the root of the English word 'square'. FOUR
 B2: Give the English meaning of the Latin number that is at the root of the English word 'duplicate'. TWO
- TU # 17: Who was the last Roman emperor to rule over both the eastern and western halves of the Empire? THEODOSIUS
 B1/B2: For five points each, name his sons who each took over half the empire at his death. HONORIUS, ARCADIUS
- TU # 18: What religious sanctuary was located on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus and was the most famous place to have your fortune told in ancient Greece? DELPHI
 B1: What type of animal did Apollo have to kill in order to claim Delphi for himself? SNAKE / DRAGON
 B2: What was unusual about the chair on which the priestess or oracle of Delphi sat? HAD 3 LEGS
- TU # 19: What was depicted on the 40 x 60-foot marble carving found in Rome called the Forma Urbis Romae or sometimes called the "Marble Plan"? (MAP OF) CITY OF ROME
 B1: What was the job in Italy of the curatores viarum? MAINTAIN PUBLIC HIGHWAYS
 B2: What office, the highest in the cursus honorum, was typically responsible for the construction of long-distance public highways in Italy? CENSOR
- TU # 20: Respondē Latīnē: Quot oculōs habent duo hominēs? QUATTUOR
 B1: Respondē Latīnē: Quot pedēs habent quattuor hominēs? OCTŌ
 B2: Respondē Latīnē: Quot dīgitōs habent duo hominēs? VĪGINTĪ