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NOVICE DIVISION ROUND I

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1:

TU: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective **stultus**.

**STULTIOR, STULTISSIMUS**

B1: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective **miser**.

**MISERIOR, MISERRIMUS**

B2: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective **bonus**.

**MELIOR, OPTIMUS**

2:

TU: Not wanting to abandon his wife and son, who pretended to be crazy so that he didn't have to go fight at Troy?

**ODYSSEUS / ULYSSES / ULIXES**

B1: Name his wife and son whom he didn't want to abandon.

**PENELOPE & TELEMACHUS**

B2: For how many years was Odysseus gone from his home?

**20 YEARS**

3:

TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: igitur?**

**THEREFORE, THEN, THEREUPON, ACCORDINGLY,  
CONSEQUENTLY**

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: paene?**

**ALMOST, NEARLY**

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: iam?**

**NOW, AT THIS TIME, ALREADY**

4:

TU: Who was the king of Rome who so badly offended Jupiter that his house was struck by lightning and engulfed by a fire, eventually killing him?

**TULLUS HOSTILIUS**

B1: The reign of Tullus Hostilius was marked by the conquest of which Latin sister-city?

**ALBA LONGA**

B2: Who was the dictator of Alba Longa that Tullus Hostilius had pulled apart by two chariots for his diplomatic betrayal?

**METTIUS FUFETIUS**

5:

TU: What is the occupation of a **pistor**?

**BAKER**

B1: What is the occupation of a **libitinārius**?

**UNDERTAKER**

B2: What is the occupation of a **nūtrīx**?

**(WET)NURSE**

6:

TU: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **ambulāvistī, erās, pingis, sedētis**?

**SEDĒTIS**

B1: Give the correct personal pronoun that agrees with the verb form **sedētis**.

**VŌS**

B2: Give the correct personal pronoun that agrees with the other verb forms in the toss-up?

**TŪ**

7:

TU: Which of the children of Cronus and Rhea had a palace beneath the waves of the waters of Aegae?

**POSEIDON**

B1: Who eventually became the wife of Poseidon?

**AMPHITRITE**

B2: Name the son of Amphitrite and Poseidon who was the trumpeter of the sea.

**TRITON**



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1:

- TU: During which of the ages of man did the people not suffer from the changes of the seasons and enjoyed an eternal spring? GOLD(EN)  
B1: What deity ruled during the Golden Age of Man, according to the Roman author Ovid? SATURN(US)  
B2: What deity introduced the seasons during the Silver Age of Man? JUPITER / JOVE

2:

- TU: Which of the following does NOT belong because of grammar: **dō, teneō, crēdō, audiō**? CRĒDŌ  
B1: Why does **crēdō** not belong with the other verbs in the toss-up?  
CRĒDŌ TAKES (ITS DIRECT OBJECT IN) THE DATIVE CASE  
(INSTEAD OF ACCUSATIVE)  
B2: Please give three other verbs that take their object in the dative case.  
FAVEŌ, PLACET, PERSUĀDEŌ, RESPONDEŌ, NOCEŌ, OBSTŌ

3:

- TU: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Maine. DĪRIGŌ – I POINT THE WAY  
B1: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of West Virginia.  
MONTĀNĪ SEMPER LĪBERĪ – MOUNTAINEERS ARE ALWAYS FREE  
B2: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Missouri.  
SALŪS POPULĪ SUPRĒMA LEX ESTŌ – LET THE WELFARE / SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE  
BE THE SUPREME LAW

4:

- TU: From what Italian town did the *novus homo* Marius hail? ARPINUM  
B1: What office did Marius hold for an unprecedented seven times? CONSUL  
B2: What were the FIRST and LAST years that Marius held the consulship? 107 BC AND 86 BC

5:

- TU: For the verb **mittō**, give the first person plural, perfect passive indicative. MĪSSĪ (-AE, -A) SUMUS  
B1: Change **missī sumus** to the active, 2<sup>nd</sup> person. MĪSISTIS  
B2: Change **mīsistis** to the imperfect tense, passive voice. MITTĒBĀMINĪ

6:

- TU: The oldest of the free exhibitions at Rome and the most popular were called the **lūdī circēnsēs**. What were **lūdī circēnsēs**? CHARIOT RACES  
B1: Chariot races were called **lūdī circēnsēs** because these were games that took place in the circuses in Rome. Give the Latin terms for the central divider AND the turning posts around which the chariots raced in a **circus**. SPĪNA – DIVIDER & MĒTA(E) – TURNING POST(S)  
B2: One lap around the **spīna** was called a **curriculum**. A **missus**, or a race with a fixed number of laps, usually consisted of how many **curricula**? SEVEN

7:

- TU: In an attempt to get rid of his guest without violating the sacred bond between a host and his guests, whom did King Iobates send to slay a fire-breathing monster that had been ravaging the countryside of Lycia? BELLEROPHON(TES)  
B1: What is this fire-breathing monster that Bellerophon was sent to kill? CHIM(A)ERA  
B2: The name “Bellerophon” means the “slayer of Bellerus”. What was Bellerophon’s original name? HIPPONOUS

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8:

TU: Which of the following words, if any, does not have the same root as the others?

observe          usurp          surreptitious          raptor

B1: Give the Latin root and its definition from which “observe” is derived

**SERVŌ, SAVE, PRESERVE**

B2: Give the Latin root and its definition from which the other words in the toss-up are derived

**RAPIŌ, SEIZE, GRAB, SNATCH**

9:

TU: What province did the emperor Trajan establish after he defeated the foreign king Decebalus? **DACIA**

B1: What monument was created to commemorate the conquest of Dacia? **TRAJAN’S COLUMN**

B2: Trajan’s reign is characterized by many military conquests and additions to the Roman Empire. What year marks both the death of Trajan and greatest geographical size that the Roman Empire would achieve? **117 AD**

10:

TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: sōlus?** **ALONE / LONELY**

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: pavor?** **PANIC / FEAR**

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: auxilium?** **HELP**

11:

TU: What prince was the best archer on the Trojan side? **PARIS**

B1: What Trojan is the second best archer next to Paris? **PANDARUS**

B2: Whom did Pandarus wound that ended the temporary truce between the Trojans & the Greeks? **MENELAUS**

12:

TU: Please translate into Latin without using a pronoun: I will work diligently in the study.

**IN TABLĪNŌ DĪLIGENTER LABŌRĀBŌ**

B1: Using the verb **quaerō**, please translate into Latin without using a pronoun: We had searched for money in the forum in vain. **PECŪNIAM IN FORŌ FRŪSTRĀ QUAESĪVERĀMUS**

B2: Please translate into Latin without using a pronoun: You (plural) did feel the flames near the kitchen yesterday. **HERI FLAMMĀS PROPE CULĪNAM SĒNSISTIS**

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1:

TU: Which of the following does NOT belong because of grammar: **facilior, pulchrior, minor, nūntior, fērōcior?** **NŪNTIOR**

B1: What do the other forms mentioned in the toss-up have in common? **THEY ARE COMPARATIVE DEGREE FORMS**  
B2: To what declension do comparative adjectives belong? **THIRD**

2:

TU: Who kept Odysseus on her island for seven years? **CALYPSO**  
B1: Who was the father of Calypso? **ATLAS**  
B2: What was the name of Calypso's island? **OGYGIA**

3:

TU: Which enemy of Rome died on New Year's Day 104 BC in the Tullianum underneath the Mammertine Prison? **JUGURTHA**  
B1: Before Jugurtha waged war against Rome, he served with Scipio Aemilianus at the siege of what Spanish city? **NUMANTIA**  
B2: Jugurtha angered the Romans when he executed a group of businessmen in which Numidian city? **CIRTA**

4:

TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: retineō?** **TO KEEP, RETAIN**  
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: dīves?** **WEALTHY, RICH**  
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: praemium?** **REWARD, PROFIT**

5:

TU: With whom did Roman students learn about the art of public speaking? **RHĒTOR**  
B1: On what did Roman students learn how to trace the alphabets and writing in general? **TABULA(E) / TABELLA(E) / CĒRA(E)**  
B2: Who was responsible for the education of children up to the age of seven? **MOTHERS**

6:

TU: Who had to travel to a land located in the Black Sea in order to retrieve the Golden Fleece? **JASON**  
B1: What is the name of Jason's destination? **COLCHIS**  
B2: What is the name of Jason's boat on which he sailed with his men to Colchis? **THE ARGO**

7:

TU: Please give the Latin and the English for the motto of New Mexico. **CRESCIT EUNDŌ – IT GROWS AS IT GOES**  
B1: Please give the Latin and the English for the motto of North Carolina. **ESSE QUAM VIDĒRĪ – TO BE RATHER THAN TO SEEM**  
B2: Please give the Latin and the English for the motto of Kansas. **AD ASTRA PER ASPERA – TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES / HARDSHIPS**

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**8:**

- TU: Give the present passive infinitive for the verb **laudō**.  
B1: Give the present active infinitive for the verb **sentīō**.  
B2: Give the present active infinitive for the verb **fugiō**.

**LAUDĀRĪ**  
**SENTĪRE**  
**FUGERE**

**9:**

- TU: What was the name of the book on philosophy written by the emperor Marcus Aurelius?

*MEDITATIONS*

- B1: What school of philosophy did Marcus Aurelius ascribe to?

STOCISM

- B2: Who was the less enlightened son of Marcus Aurelius that fancied himself as a gladiator rather than a future emperor?

COMMODUS

**10:**

- TU: Whom did Zeus eat because she was prophesied to bear a child who would conquer his father?  
B1: Who was born soon after and gave Zeus a large headache?  
B2: Which god helped Zeus relieve his headache with an axe?

METIS

ATHENA

HEPHAESTUS / PROMETHEUS

**11:**

- TU: What compound of the verb **capiō** means “to receive”?  
B1: What compound of the verb **veniō** means “to surround”?  
B2: What compound of the verb **faciō** means “to fail, revolt”?

**ACCIPIŌ**

**CIRCUMVENIŌ**

**DĒFICIŌ**

**12:**

- TU: Which of the following words, if any, does not have the same root as the others?  
desolate                      solitaire                      sullen                      soliloquy

ALL FROM THE SAME ROOT

- B1: Give the Latin root and its definition from which the words in the toss-up are derived.  
B2: Which of the above derivatives means “showing irritation or ill humor by reserve”?

**SŌLUS**, ALONE

SULLEN

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1:

TU: Give the Latin motto and its English meaning that may be seen prominently on the campus of the University of New Mexico. **LŪX HOMINUM VĪTA – LIGHT, THE LIFE OF MEN**

B1: Give the Latin motto and its English meaning for the University of Oregon.

**MĒNS AGITAT MŌLEM – MIND MOVES THE MASS**

B2: Give the Latin motto and its English meaning for Tulane University.

**NŌN SIBI SED SUĪS – NOT FOR HERSELF BUT FOR HER OWN**

2:

TU: What monster, spawned by Gaia, waged war against the Olympians?

**TYPHON**

B1: Who was the mate of Typhon?

**ECHIDNA**

B2: What other offspring of Gaia were the smiths of the gods?

**CYCLOPES**

3:

TU: Who was the victorious general at the battle of Pydna in 168 BC?

**AEMELIUS PAULUS**

B1: Who was the son of Aemelius Paulus that sacked Carthage in 146 BC?

**SCIPIO AEMELIANUS**

B2: Scipio Aemelianus was adopted by which *flamen dialis*, thus making him part of a more aristocratic family?

**(PUBLIUS CORNELIUS) SCIPIO AFRICANUS**

4:

TU: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for **malus**.

**PEIOR, PESSIMUS**

B1: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for **magnus**.

**MAIOR, MAXIMUS**

B2: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for **multī**.

**PLŪRĒS, PLŪRIMĪ**

5:

TU: What English noun from the Latin verb meaning “to be well” means “the number of electron pairs that atoms share”?

**COVALENCE**

B1: What English noun from the same root means “an infirm or sickly person”?

**INVALID**

B2: What English noun also from the same root means “relative worth or importance”?

**VALUE**

6:

TU: Which of the following words, if any, does not have the same root as the others?

concept

capture

grant

cable

B1: What is the Latin root and its definition for “grant”

**CRĒDŌ, TRUST, BELIEVE**

B2: What is the Latin root and its definition for the rest of the words in the toss-up?

**CAPIŌ, TAKE**

7:

TU: Which wind was the only wind that was not enclosed in a bag given to Odysseus by Aeolus, the king of the winds?

**ZEPHYR(US) / WEST WIND**

B1: Odysseus visited Aeolus on the island of Aeolia. Name one unique thing about this island.

**IT WAS A FLOATING ISLAND // HAD A BRONZE CLIFF / SURROUNDED BY A WALL OF BRONZE**

B2: What did Odysseus’ men think was in the bag that made them open the bag while Odysseus was asleep?

**TREASURE**

8:

TU: Please differentiate in meaning between **iter** and **iterum**.

**ITER** – JOURNEY, TRIP // **ITERUM** - AGAIN

B1: What is the meaning of the idiom “**cōnsilium capere**”?

TO HAVE AN IDEA, FORM A PLAN

B2: The adjective **periculōsus** is formed by adding the suffix **–ōsus** to the noun **periculum**. Please provide the meaning of **periculōsus** based on the meanings of both elements of the word.

FULL OF DANGER (prompt if “dangerous” is given as an answer)

9:

TU: Who were the parents of the emperor Caligula?

GERMANICUS & AGRIPPINA THE ELDER

B1: Name the last wife of Caligula, who gave him his only child.

(MILONIA) CAESONIA

B2: Caligula’s daughter was named after which favorite sister of his?

DRUSILLA

10:

TU: Please translate into Latin: The master does not support the merchant in the forum.

**DOMINUS MERCĀTŌRĪ IN FORŌ NŌN FAVET**

B1: Please translate into Latin: The slaves have not trusted the mistress for a long time.

**SERVĪ DOMINAE DIŪ NŌN CRĒDIDĒRUNT**

B2: Please translate into Latin: We answered you (singular) as quickly as possible.

**(NŌS) TIBI QUAM CELERRIMĒ RESPONDIMUS**

11:

TU: When you are recognized, demonstrate that you have the **nāsus** of an **elephantus**.

STUDENT SHOULD SHOW (S)HE HAS THE NOSE OF AN ELEPHANT

B1: As a team, demonstrate that y’all have the **unguēs** of **ursae**.

STUDENTS SHOULD SHOW THAT THEY HAVE BEAR CLAWS

B2: As a team, demonstrate that y’all have the **crūra** of **gallī**.

STUDENTS SHOULD SHOW THAT THEY HAVE ROOSTER / CHICKEN LEGS

12:

TU: What mythological trio told Perseus how to find the Gorgons?

THE GRAEAE /

DEINO, ENYO, PEMPHREDO

B1: Who were the parents of the Graeae and the Gorgons?

PHORCYS & CETO

B2: How did Perseus persuade the Graeae to reveal the whereabouts of the Gorgons?

HE TOOK THEIR EYE WHICH THEY SHARED

13:

TU: Please give two compounds of the verb **moveō** that mean “to alarm”. **COMMOVEŌ & PERMOVEŌ**

B1: Please give two compounds of the verb **mittō** that can mean “to entrust”.

**COMMITTŌ & PERMITTŌ**

B2: Please give two compounds of the verb **pōnō** that can mean “to set forth”. **EXPŌNŌ & PRŌPŌNŌ**



14:

- TU: Name the two **factiōnēs** that raced in the **Circus Maximus** before the reign of Augustus.  
**RUSSĀTA (FACTIŌ) & ALBĀTA (FACTIŌ) // RED & WHITE**
- B1: Name the two **factiōnēs** that were added soon after the reign of Augustus.  
**VENETA (FACTIŌ) & PRASINA (FACTIŌ) // BLUE & GREEN**
- B2: The most common type of chariot used in the races was the **quadrīga**, or a four-horse chariot. Of the four horses in a **quadrīga**, which is the most important AND why?  
**EXTREME LEFT // THE MOST INSIDE BECAUSE IT NEEDS TO RESPOND PROMPTLY AT THE TURNS**

15:

- TU: Please complete the following analogy: **laudō : laudāvimus :: ferō : \_\_\_\_\_**. **TULIMUS**
- B1: Please complete the following analogy: **laudō : laudāvistis :: sum : \_\_\_\_\_**. **FUISTIS**
- B2: Please change **tulimus** and **fuistis** to their respective imperfect tense forms.  
**FERĒBĀMUS & ERĀTIS**

16:

- TU: Who correctly foretold that the Trojan War would last for nine years and that in the tenth year Troy would be taken by the Greeks? **CALCHAS**
- B1: What was the omen that Calchas correctly interpreted? **A SNAKE (CLIMBED A PLANE TREE &) DEVoured A MOTHER SPARROW AND HER EIGHT BABIES (AND WAS THEN TURNED INTO STONE)**
- B2: Whose sacrifice did Calchas say was necessary in order to appease the goddess Artemis?  
**IPHIGENEIA'S**

17:

- TU: At what battle in 207 BC did Hasdrubal Barca literally lose his head and the Carthaginian army suffer a crushing defeat? **METAURUS RIVER**
- B1: Who were the two victorious Roman consuls at the battle?  
**LIVIVS SALINATOR AND CALVDIVS NERO**
- B2: How did the Roman forces inform Hannibal of his brother's death?  
**THREW HIS HEAD INTO HANNIBAL'S CAMP**

18:

- TU: Give the Latin term for the room in the baths where a Roman would spend a little time sitting on benches round the wall, perspiring gently and preparing for the higher temperatures in the **caldārium**. **TEPIDĀRIUM**
- B1: In which room of the Roman baths would a Roman hand his clothes to one of the slave attendants? **APODYTĒRIUM**
- B2: To whom would Roman pay the entrance fee to the baths? **OSTIĀRIUS**

**19:**

TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, and answer the question that follows in Latin:

**multī filiū per viās currēbant quod patrēs et matrēs quaerēbant. filiū, quod erant perterriti, lacrimābant. postquam templum conspexerunt, illūc quam celerrimē cucurrerunt. subito statuāe maximae in filiōs dēcidērunt et omnēs interfēcērunt. ēheu! (repeat)**

The question: **cūr filiū per viās currēbant?**

**(QUOD) PATRĒS ET MĀTRĒS QUAERĒBANT**

B1: **quō filiū quam celerrimē cucurrerunt?**

**AD TEMPLUM**

B2: **quae rēs filiōs interfēcērunt?**

**STATUAE MAXIMAE**

**20:**

TU: What item did Theseus take from Periphetes after he beat him to death?

**A BRONZE CLUB**

B1: What was the name of the giant sow that Theseus killed at Crommyon?

**PHAEA**

B2: Who was outwrestled by Theseus?

**CERCYON**

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**GRAMMAR**

- TU: Please give the comparative and the superlative forms for the adjective **nōtus**.  
**NŌTIOR, NŌTISSIMUS**
- B1: Please give the comparative and the superlative forms for the adjective **miser**.  
**MISERIOR, MISERRIMUS**
- B2: Please give the comparative and the superlative forms for the adjective **trīstis**.  
**TRĪSTIOR, TRĪTISSIMUS**
- TU: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **mittit, favet, placet, crēdit, and respondet?**  
**MITTIT**
- B1: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **ancillae, leōnibus, puerī, and candidātis?**  
**PUERĪ**
- B2: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **laudābat, sentiēbāmus, iacēbātis, and scribam?**  
**SCRĪBAM**

**DERIVATIVES**

- TU: Give the Latin root and its definition for “eligible”  
**LEGO, READ**
- B1: What English word from the same root means “an unverifiable story handed down”  
**LEGEND**
- B2: What English word from the same root means “a division of the Roman army”  
**LEGION**
- TU: Give the Latin root and its definition from which we derive “inter”  
**TERRA, GROUND, LAND**
- B1: What English noun from the same root means “raised levels with sides of turf or masonry”  
**TERRACE**
- B2: What English noun also from the same root means “a tract of land with special attention to its natural features”  
**TERRAIN**

**VOCABULARY**

- TU: Give the Latin word for "harbor/port"  
**PORTUS, PORTŪS**
- B1: Define the Latin verb **rapiō, rapere**  
**TO SNATCH/SEIZE/TEAR AWAY**
- B2: Define the Latin verb **valeō, valēre**  
**TO BE STRONG/BE HEALTHY**
- TU: Define the Latin prefixes **dē-** and **dis-**  
**DOWN/DOWN FROM AND APART/AWAY**
- B1: Add the second prefix from the toss-up to the Latin word "to go, retreat" AND define it.  
**DISCĒDŌ, TO GO AWAY**
- B2: Add that same prefix to the Latin word for "to send" AND define it.  
**DIMITTO, TO SEND OFF/AWAY**

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**MYTHOLOGY**

TU: What son of Priam was hidden away from Troy?

POLYDORUS

B1: What king had him killed?

POLYMESTOR

B2: What did Hecuba do when she found out?

TURNED INTO A HELL HOUND

TU: After Paris's death who did Helen marry?

DEIPHOBUS

B1: Who was Helen's brothers?

CASTOR AND POLLUX

B2: Who kidnapped Helen at a young age?

THESEUS

**HISTORY – REPUBLIC**

TU: Which Spanish city fell to the Romans in 133 BC after a relentless Roman siege?

NUMANTIA

B1: Who was the Roman general that commanded the victorious forces at the siege of Numantia?

SCIPIO AEMELIANUS

B2: What was the name of the Spanish people who inhabited Numantia and much of Spain?

CELTIBEERIAN

TU: The ancient kingdom of Numidia is the equivalent to what modern-day North African country?

ALGERIA

B1: What is the name of the chain of mountains that bordered both Gaul and Hispania?

PYRENEES

B2: What is the name of the body of water located directly west of the Italian peninsula?

TYRRHENIAN SEA

**LIFE**

TU: How did a **piscator** earn a living?

FISHING

B1: What was the occupation of a **carnifex**?

EXECUTIONER/BUTCHER

B2: What was the occupation of a **manipulator**?

SLAVE DEALER

TU: For how many years did Nero ban the Pompeians from self-governance?

10

B1: What type of officer did Nero send to govern the unruly Pompeians?

PRAEFECTUS

B2: What was the permanent voting hall in Pompeii called?

COMITIUM