

2011 Tennessee Certamen—Intermediate—Prelims

1. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows:

Erat olim puer cupidus et iocōs facendī et studia neglegendī. Ubi rhētor eum rogāvit partēs principalēs cuiusdam verbī, impudenter respondit “audeō audīre.”

Question: **Quae puerō placuērunt? IOCŌS FACERE ET STUDIA NEGLEGERE**

B1: **Quantae partēs principalēs verbī “audeō” sunt? TRĒS**

B2: **Quō modō puer rhētorī respondit? IMPUDENTER**

2. Who was the first emperor to suffer damnatio memoriae? **DOMITIAN**

B1. Who was the only person to suffer this fate who was not an emperor? **SEJANUS**

B2. What co-emperor of Caracalla also suffered damnation memoriae? **GETA**

3. What use of the genitive case is found in the following sentence? **Nōn tantī vendunt, quantī ēmērunt mercātōrēs. (GENITIVE OF) PRICE**

B1: ... **Cicero dīxit Catilinam hominem gravitātis expertem esse.**

(GENITIVE OF) WANT / LACK / SUPPLY

B2: ... **Caesaris adventus inimicīs nōn placuit. SUBJECTIVE GENITIVE**

4. What hero had to kill a fire breathing bull, sow a field with dragon's teeth, and overcome a mighty serpent in order to retrieve a Golden Fleece from Colchis? **Jason**

B1: What king of Colchis had assigned these “impossible” tasks to Jason? **Aeetes**

B2: What daughter of Aeetes accompanies Jason and protects him from danger with her sorcery? **Medea**

5. Translate into English: **Prīdiē praetōrem precibus prognātus premēbat.**

ON THE PREVIOUS DAY, THE SON WAS PRESSING THE PRAETOR WITH PRAYERS

B1: Which of the following is NOT derived from the same etymological root as **prognātus**? **genius, gens, genu, gener. GENU**

B2: Give the principal parts and meaning of the Latin verb root of **prognātus**. **GIGNŌ, GIGNERE, GENUĪ, GENITUM, BEGET / BEAR / BRING FORTH**

6. What two sworn enemies both died in 183BC?

P. CORNELIUS SCIPIO AFRICANUS (MAJOR) and HANNIBAL

B1. At what battle did Scipio Africanus save his father from Hannibal? **TICINUS RIVER**

B2. Where did Africanus defeat Hannibal to end the Second Punic War? **ZAMA**

7. What impersonal Latin verb means “it is snowing”? **NINGIT**

B1: Several other impersonal verbs indicate various weather events. How would you say in Latin, “Yesterday it was thundering”? **HERĪ TONĀBAT**

B2: ... “Tomorrow it will hail”? **CRAS FRANDINĀBIT**

8. To what mythological group do the following sisters belong? Taygete, Sterope, Celaeno, Maia **Pleiades**
 B1: What Titan was the father of the seven Pleiades? **Atlas**
 B2: Which of the Pleiades was the mother by Zeus of the Trojan ancestor Dardanus? **Electra**
9. Provide a Latin deponent verb that can mean “to obtain”. **NANCISCOR, NANCISCĪ / POTIOR, POTĪRĪ / ADIPISCOR, ADIPISCĪ / CONSEQUOR, CONSEQUĪ**
 B1: Provide another.
 B2: ... and another.
10. What proscribed Roman defeated a famous Roman general in hand-to-hand combat in Spain in 77BC? **SERTORIUS**
 B1. Who was this Roman general? **POMPEY THE GREAT**
 B2. Who assassinated Sertorius, but was soon defeated himself? **PERPERNA**
11. Identify the uncommonly ambivalent grammatical feature the following five nouns share: **avis, bōs, grus, satelles, sūs. THEY ARE ALL COMMON NOUNS**
 B1: Sometimes the English meaning of a common noun changes along with its gender. What are the meanings of **bōs, bovis (m.)** and **bōs, bovis (f.)**, respectively?
OX AND COW
 B2: Which of the five nouns would be most likely found in the train of an Emperor?
SATELLES (ATTENDANT)
12. What son of Oeneus led a massive hunt for the vicious boar which had ravaged his father’s kingdom of Calydon? **Meleager**
 B1: Succeeding the hunt, what had Meleager done to enrage his uncles Toxeus & Plexippus?
Gave the hide of the Calydonian Boar to Atalanta
 B2: Meleager accidentally killed his uncles in the quarrel over his recent actions. How did his mother Althaea avenge her brothers? **Threw Meleager’s life log in the fire causing his death**
13. Change **sponsus est** to the present tense. **SPONDETUR**
 B1: Change **spondetur** to the perfect active. **POPONDIT**
 B2: Change **spopondit** to the subjunctive mood. **POPONDERIT**
14. Who, born in A.D. 76, probably in Italica in Spain, became the emperor of Rome in 117? (PUBLIUS AELIUS) **HADRIAN(US)**
 B1. Where did Hadrian build a luxurious country villa near Rome? **TIBUR/TIVOLI**
 B2. What temple in Rome, originally built by a friend of Augustus, did Hadrian rebuild?
PANTHEON

15. Which of the following four verbs is NOT a frequentative? **adiūtāre, dēsistere, amplexārī, gestāre.** **DĒSISTERE**

B1: What is a frequentative? A VERB EXPRESSING REPETITION / INCREASE

B2: What is the original verb (and meaning) from which **gestāre** is derived? **GERŌ, GERERE** (TO BEAR / CARRY)

16. Who offended a goddess by cutting down a sacred tree and accidentally killing a Dryad? **Erysichthon**

B1: How was Erysichthon punished for his impious act? **Struck with insatiable hunger**

B2: Before he consumed himself, how had Erysichthon tried to satisfy his extreme hunger?

Sold his daughter (Mestra), a shapeshifter, to different people daily to acquire money to buy food

17. Distinguish in meaning among the adverbs **illīc, illinc, and illūc.**
(ILLĪC =) THERE / AT THAT PLACE; (ILLINC =) FROM THAT PLACE / ON THAT SIDE; (ILLŪC =) TO THAT PLACE / THITHER

B1: Those three adverbs, of course, all derive from the demonstrative pronoun **ille, illa, illud**, meaning “that”. What parts of speech in modern Romance languages are often derived from forms of **ille, illa, illud**? **DEFINITE ARTICLES**

B2: What Latin adverb means “toward that place” or “thitherward”? **ILLORSUM**

18. What two cities were sacked by Rome in 146BC? **CARTHAGE AND CORINTH**

B1. Which general sacked Carthage? **SCIPIO AEMILIANUS**

B2. What city did he also sack in 133BC? **NUMANTIA**

19. Translate the following sentence into English: **Nōn sum vir quī fratrem suum necāvit.**
I AM NOT (A / THE) MAN WHO (HAS) KILLED HIS (OWN) BROTHER

B1: Translate the sentence if the verb is **necet** rather than **necāvit**.

I AM NOT (A / THE SORT OF) MAN WHO WOULD KILL HIS (OWN) BROTHER

B2: What is the grammatical label of this sort of clause?
RELATIVE CLAUSE OF CHARACTERISTIC

20. Who were the parents of 3000 nymphs, including Thetis & Amphitrite **Nereus & Doris**

B1: What term refers to nymphs of brooks, springs, and fountains? **Naiads**

B2: What term refers to nymphs who reside in ash trees? **Meliae**

2011 Tennessee Certamen—Intermediate—EXTRA QUESTIONS

LANGUAGE:

1. What do the following verbs have in common? *immineo, pareo, invideo, parco*.

They take Dative objects

B1: Besides the fact that they are deponent verbs, what do the following have in common: *potior, vescor, fungor*. **They take Ablative objects**

B2: What do the following adjectives have in common? *solus, uter, anus*.

They have –ius in the Genitive and –i in the dative

2. Differentiate in meaning between *Nix, Nux*, and *Nox*. **Nix = Snow, Nux = Nut, Nox = Night.**

B1: Differentiate in meaning between *descendo* and *discedo*. **Descendo = climb down, Discedo = leave or depart**

B2: Differentiate in meaning between *inter* and *iter*. **Inter = between, iter = journey**

3. Excluding its compounds, give a synonym for the verb *rogo, rogare*.

Peto/Posco/Quaero

B1: Excluding its compounds, give a synonym for the verb *muto, mutare*.

Verto/Converto/Novo

B2: Excluding all compounds, give a synonym for the verb *tempto, temptare*. **Conor**

4. Translate this sentence into Latin: “The woman, whom you have seen, will be the wife of the emperor.” **Femina, quam vidisti/vidistis, erit uxor imperatoris.**

B1: Translate this phrase into Latin: “Two bodies.” **Duo Corpora**

B2: Translate this phrase into Latin: “Two hundred animals.” **Ducenta Animalia**

HISTORY:

1. Where did Gaius Gracchus intend to establish a colony with the Lex Junonia?

CARTHAGE

B1. Who led the mob to kill Gaius Gracchus? L. **OPIMIUS**

B2. In what year was Gaius Gracchus killed? **121BC**

2. You are on an ancient Roman galley sailing the Mediterranean. You have just left from the Balearic

Islands and are sailing due west. Toward which modern country are you headed? **SPAIN**

You have landed at Saguntum. Which of these destinations would require the longest journey: **Emporiae, Carthago Nova, Forum Iulii, Pisae? PISAE**

You have set sail from Pisae and are headed for Rhegium. Which of these cities would you NOT pass near if you sailed along the coast the entire way:

Roma, Neapolis, Tarentum, Paestum? TARENTUM

3. After a difficult and costly siege lasting eight months, what city, perched on a rocky

plateau, was finally captured by Hannibal in 219 BC? **Saguntum**

B1: The siege of Saguntum was the cause of what war? **Second Punic War**

B2: According to the Romans, the siege of Saguntum violated what treaty of 226 BC?
The Ebro (River) Treaty

4. What three animals were sacrificed during the Suovetauralia? **Pig, Sheep, Bull**

B1: During what festival did boys assume the *toga virilis*? **Liberalia**

B2: During what festival were roles of masters and slaves somewhat reversed?
Saturnalia

MYTHOLOGY:

1. Who earned the right to the throne of Mycenae when he fulfilled an oracle by producing a golden fleece which he stole from his brother Atreus? **Thyestes**

B1: What wife of Atreus betrayed her husband first by committing adultery with Thyestes and then by revealing to him the secret of where this Golden Fleece was hidden?
Aerope

B2: Similarly to his ancestor Tantalus, what act of profanity did Atreus perform to enact revenge upon Thyestes?
Atreus cut up Thyestes' sons and served them to him during a feast

2. Who was shocked to discover blood dripping from the tree she plucked, realizing the tree had once been a beautiful nymph in disguise? **Dryope**

B1: What fate befell Dryope on account of her carelessness? **Became a Lotus Tree**

B2: What sister of Dryope had witnessed this sad transformation? **Iole**

3. Who, guided by a lighthouse, swam the Hellespont nightly in order to reach the town of Sestos and his lover Hero? **Leander**

B1: Leander drowned on his way to see Hero. Why was he unable to find shore?

It was dark and there was a storm

B2: What was Hero's reaction when she discovered Leander's corpse? **Committed suicide**

4. What daughter of King Minos did Theseus abandon on the island Naxos? **Ariadne**

B1: Why had Theseus agreed to take her upon his ship?

She helped him escape from the Labyrinth

B2: What god found Ariadne stranded on Naxos and married her? **Dionysus**

2011 Tennessee Certamen—Intermedate—FINALS

1. What Theban woman was shocked to find out the man with whom she laid the previous night was not her husband, but actually Zeus in the form of her beloved Amphitryon? **Alcmene**

B1: Twins were produced from this union, however only one was the son of Zeus. Who was this child? **Heracles (Hercules is not acceptable)**

B2: Heracles, being a demi-god, received the finest instruction in various fields. What other son of Zeus tutored the young Heracles in the art of fencing? **Castor**

2. What Latin phrase essentially means "off one's rocker" or "not of sound mind"? **NON COMPOS MENTIS**

B1: ... essentially means "providential intervention" and is used in drama to change the course of events? **DEUS EX MACHINA**

B2: ... essentially means "make haste slowly"? **FESTINA LENTE**

3. Which Roman general received an ovation from the Greeks when he announced the liberation of Greece in 196 BC? (TL. QUINCTIUS) **FLAMININUS**

B1: Where did he receive this ovation? **CORINTH**

B2: During the celebration of which games did this take place? **ISTHMIAN**

4. Give a synonym of **gramen**. **HERBA, PLANTA**

B1: ... of **hospitium**. **CAUPONA**

B2: ... **potentia** **POTESTAS, VIS, IUS, IMPERIUM**

5. We all know that Helen was the face that launched a thousand ships. However not all of those Greek warriors went to war willingly. What Greek hero disguised as a woman at the court of Lycomedes in a vain attempt to avoid fighting in the Trojan War? **Achilles**

B1: Achilles was not the only draft dodger. What other Greek hero tried to avoid fighting by feigning madness and sowing his field with salt? **Odysseus**

B2: What cunning ploy by Palamedes forced Odysseus to drop his act and join the Greeks in their war effort? **Placed Odysseus' infant son Telemachus in front of his plow**

6. Translate: **Putasne Ciceronem Oratorem Romanum optimum fuisse?**

DO YOU THINK THAT CICERO WAS THE BEST ROMAN ORATOR?

B1: Translate: **Cicero putavit se virum eloquentiae maximae esse.**

CICERO THOUGHT THAT HE WAS A MAN OF THE GREATEST ELOQUENCE

B2: Translate: **Multi inimici sentiebant Ciceronem interfici debere.**

MANY ENEMIES FELT THAT CICERO SHOULD BE KILLED

7. Who became dictator in 458BC, after having been called away from his farm to save a trapped Roman army? **CINCINNATUS**

B1. Against what enemy of Rome did Cincinnatus fight at this time? **THE AEQUI**

B2. For how long did Cincinnatus hold the dictatorship? **16 DAYS**

8. Using only two words, say in Latin, "When Augustus was emperor."

AUGUSTO IMPERATORE / PRINCIPE

B1: Using only two words, say in Latin, "When Augustus had spoken."

AUGUSTO FATO / LOCUTO

B2: To which of the following types of clauses, if any, is the Ablative Absolute construction NOT an alternative: Concessive, Purpose, Temporal, Causal, Conditional?
PURPOSE

9. What do the following people have in common? Ancaeus, Lynceus, Zetes, Heracles

They all were members of the Argonauts (Took part in the voyage of the Argo)

B1: What fleet-footed Argonaut could run so quickly across waves that his feet would not get wet?

Euphemus

B2: Who was the blind soothsayer that the Argonauts saved from the harpies on the island Salmydessus?

Phineus

10. What form of the adjective **par** agrees with the noun form **copiam**? **PAREM**

B1: What form of the adjective **par** agrees with the noun form **itinere**? **PARI**

B2: What form of the adjective **par** agrees with the noun form **genera**? **PARIA**

11. What famous Roman was born in the year of Cicero's consulship, and later became emperor? **OCTAVIAN/AUGUSTUS**

B1: What was the year of his birth? **63BC**

B2: In what year did he become emperor? **27BC**

12. What derivative of the Latin verb **cerno** means "something which is concealed from knowledge"? **SECRET**

B1: ... means "to determine" or "to define by removing ambiguity"? **ASCERTAIN**

B2: What Latin noun related to the verb **cerno** means "charge" or "crime"? **CRIMEN**

13. What emissary of Demeter traveled the world on a chariot pulled by dragons spreading the rites of the goddess?

Triptolemus

B1: What Scythian King tried to kill Triptolemus because he feared his throne would be usurped?

Lyncus

B2: Into what did Demeter transform Lyncus as punishment for attempting to kill her messenger?

Lynx

14. What use of the ablative case is found in the following sentence:

Aestate moriente, necesse est iuvenibus ire ad scholam. ABSOLUTE

B1: ... **Summa celeritate fugit tempus. MANNER**

B2: ... **Faber stultitia vituperatus est. CAUSE**

15. What dynasty ruled Rome from 69-96AD? **THE FLAVIAN DYNASTY**

B1. What dynasty ruled from 27BC-68AD? **THE JULIO-CLAUDIAN DYNASTY**

B2. What emperor died in 235AD, ending the Severan Dynasty? **SEVERUS ALEXANDER**

16. Translate the following sentence into English: **Puni eum si discere non vult. PUNISH HIM IF HE DOES NOT WANT TO LEARN**

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Fratre occiso in silvam cucurrit. WITH (HIS) BROTHER KILLED, HE RAN INTO THE FOREST**

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Nuntius haec locutus abiit. THE MESSENGER, HAVING SAID THESE THINGS, LEFT**

17. In order to find Tiresias in the underworld, Odysseus was told to sacrifice a young ram and a black ewe. What sorceress had given Odysseus this advice after finally allowing him to leave her island of Aeaea? **Circe**

B1: Ironically the first shade to approach Odysseus was that of his youngest crew member who had fallen from Circe's roof to his death. Who was this wretched youth? **Elpenor**

B2: Odysseus would not allow Elpenor's shade to drink the blood. However he did agree to grant him a wish. What was this wish? **Proper burial**

18. What is the exact motto of the state of Oklahoma, which means "Work conquers all"? **LABOR OMNIA VINCIT**

B1: What is the exact motto of the state of Maine, which means, "I show the way"? **DIRIGO**

B2: What is the exact motto of the state of North Carolina, which means, "To be rather than to seem"? **ESSE QUAM VIDERI**

19. What emperor was also known as Marcus Annius Verus? **MARCUS AURELIUS**

B1. Who was his co-emperor for a time? (L.)**VERUS**

B2. What son of Marcus Aurelius followed him as emperor? **COMMODUS**

20. Which of the following Latin numerals answers the question "In which order": **secundus, bis, bini, duo, duplex? SECUNDUS**

B1: Which one of those answer the question "How many at a time"? **BINI**

B2: Which one answers the question "How often"? **BIS**