Novice — Preliminary Round 1

Moderator should say: “I will now read one test question, so you can adjust to the actions of buzzing and conversing in person. This will not count for points and will only happen in round one.”

0. Please perform the following command: buzz second.

B1: Please perform the following command: please do not speak.

B2: Please perform the following command: do not talk amongst yourselves, and after you are prompted please all say the same color.

SEE IF THEY ALL SAY THE SAME COLOR!

Moderator should say: “Subsequent questions will count for points. Good luck and have fun!”

1. Welcome to the novice level of Yale Certamen! From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive “novice”?

NOVUS/A/UM = NEW

B1: Players in Level 2 of Latin compete at the intermediate level. From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive “intermediate”?

MEDIUS/A/UM = MIDDLE

B2: Players in Level 3 and above of Latin compete at the advanced level. Name either of the two prepositions from which “advanced” is derived.

AB [NOT AD] or ANTE

2. According to Livy, what man saved an army trapped near Mount Algidus while holding the dictatorship for a mere 16 days, then renounced command and returned to his farm?

(LUCIUS QUINCTIUS) CINCI NNATU S

B1: What tribe had trapped the Romans on Mount Algidus?

AEQUI(ANS)

B2: Another early dictator, Aulus Postumius Albinus, defeated the Latins at what battle in 496 B.C.?

(LAKE) REGILLUS

3. Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs dūcō and dīcō.

DŪCŌ = (TO / I) LEAD and DĪCŌ = (TO / I) {SAY / SPEAK}

B1: Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs capiō and cupiō.

CAPIŌ = (TO / I) {TAKE / SEIZE / CAPTURE} and CUPIŌ = (TO / I) {WISH / DESIRE}

B2: Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs timeō and terreō.

TIMEŌ = (TO / I) {FEAR / BE SCARED} and TERREŌ = (TO / I) {SCARE / FRIGHTEN / TERRIFY}
4. Which Greek god had the epithet *Psychopompos*, since he guided the souls of the dead down to Hades, though he was better known as the protector of thieves and travelers?  

**HERMES**

B1: Which god had the epithet *Dimetor*, meaning “twice-born,” since he sprang from Zeus’ thigh?  

**DIONYSUS**

B2: Which goddess had the epithet *Glaukopis*, meaning “gray-eyed”?  

**ATHENA**

5. What is the three-word Latin version of the quote attributed to Julius Caesar as his final words, even though it is not actually found in classical literature?  

**ET TŬ BRŬTE**

B1: What other Latin quote, commonly attributed to Augustus and meaning “make haste slowly,” is also not found in classical literature, although it is a direct translation of a real Greek quote?  

**FESTĬNĀ LENTĔ**

B2: What other Latin quote, commonly associated with Constantine and meaning “in this sign you shall conquer,” is also not found in classical literature, although it is a loose translation of a real Greek quote?  

**IN HŎC SIGNŎ VINCTĔS**

6. What emperor’s reign included a disaster at Teutoburg Forest, the annexation of Egypt as a province, and a victory at Actium that allowed him to reign as Rome’s first emperor?  

**AUGUSTUS / OCTAVIAN // (GAIUS) OCTAVIUS**

B1: What pharaoh led the Egyptian forces that attempted to aid Mark Antony at Actium?  

**CLEOPATRA (VII)**

B2: In what modern-day country did the Battle of Teutoburg Forest occur?  

**GERMANY / DEUTSCHLAND**

7. Identify the case and use of *toga* in the following sentence: *Vir ad tabernam ambulat et togam candidam emit.*  

**ACCUSATIVE, DIRECT OBJECT**

B1: What other use of the accusative is illustrated in that sentence?  

**PLACE TO WHICH**

B2: Translate that sentence into English.  

**THE MAN WALKS TO THE {SHOP / TAVERN} AND BUYS A {TOGA CANDIDA / WHITE TOGA}**

8. What man, whose feet were bound together as a baby to expose him on a mountain, brought grief to his parents Laius and Jocasta, the latter of whom he accidentally married?  

**OEDIPUS**

B1: Oedipus saved the city of Thebes by answering whose riddle?  

**SPHINX / PHIX**

B2: According to the Sphinx, what has four legs in the morning, two at midday, and three at night?  

**HUMAN(S) / MAN [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]**
9. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English: **Laetī virī in casā lūdunt.**
   THE HAPPY MEN ARE PLAYING IN THE HOUSE // THE MEN ARE PLAYING HAPPILY IN THE HOUSE
   **B1:** Now, paying attention to the tense of the verbs, translate this sentence from Latin into English:
   **Laetī virī in casā lūdent et fēminās vidēbunt.**
   THE HAPPY MEN WILL PLAY IN THE HOUSE AND (WILL) SEE THE WOMEN // THE MEN WILL PLAY HAPPILY IN THE HOUSE AND (WILL) SEE THE WOMEN
   **B2:** Now, please translate into English, keeping in mind that *sorōrēs* is a 3rd declension accusative plural: **Soror īrāta erit quod sorōrēs nōn habet.**
   THE SISTER WILL BE ANGRY BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT HAVE SISTERS

10. Since he was killed by a mob led by Scipio Nasica in 133 B.C., what man left the task of land reformation to his younger brother, Gaius Gracchus?
   **TIBERIUS GRACCHUS [PROMPT ON “TIBERIUS” OR “GRACCHUS”]**
   **B1:** Name Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus’ mother, who called them her “jewels.”
   CORNELIA
   **B2:** To stop the followers of Gaius Gracchus, the Senate passed a measure now known as a “**senātūs cōnsultum [blank]**.” Please fill in this blank, which denotes the fact that it was the Senate’s final option.
   ULTIMUM

   **SCORE CHECK**

11. What son of Pasiphaë received seven boys and seven girls from Athens as food after he was hidden away in the Labyrinth due to being half-man, half-bull?
   **MINOTAUR / ASTERIUS / ASTERION**
   **B1:** When the hero Theseus embarked into the Labyrinth to kill the Minotaur, what woman supplied him with a thread so he could return safely?
   ARIADNE
   **B2:** After Theseus and Ariadne escaped Crete, Theseus abandoned Ariadne on what island?
   NAXOS / STRONGYLE / DIA

12. What modern-day country contains the ancient cities of Lugdunum, Burdigala, and Lutetia and is roughly equivalent to **Gallia** or Gaul?
   **FRANCE**
   **B1&2:** For five points each, give the modern-day names of two of Lugdunum, Burdigala, and Lutetia.
   ANY TWO OF: LUGDUNUM = LYON(S), BURDIGALA = BORDEAUX, LUTETIA = PARIS

13. Make the phrase **deus magnus** accusative singular.
   **DEUM MAGNUM**
   **B1:** Now make the phrase **deus sacer** accusative singular.
   **DEUM SACRUM**
   **B2:** Now make the phrase **dea sacra** dative plural.
   **DEĀBUS SACRĪS**
14. What tense in Latin, which is used to convey an ongoing action in the past and literally means “incomplete,” appears in the sentence “ad fōrum ambulābāmus”?

IMPERFECT

B1: In contrast to the imperfect tense, what tense signals that an action has been fully completed by the time of the present?

PERFECT

B2: What tense in Latin expresses that, relative to a point in the future, an action has already taken place?

FUTURE PERFECT

15. If you were mad that October is the tenth month rather than the eighth, you would probably blame what Roman, who added two months to the year while reigning as Rome’s second king?

NUMA (POMPILIUS) [NOT JULIUS CAESAR, WHO ONLY RENAMED MONTHS]

B1: Numa was the son-in-law of what Sabine king who had effectively co-ruled Rome with Romulus?

(TITUS) TATIUS

B2: While king of Rome, Numa established what priesthood of “leaping priests”?

SALIĪ // SALIAN (PRIESTS)

**SCORE CHECK**

16. After his father, Agenor, sent him on a hopeless search-and-rescue mission, who followed a cow not to find his sister, Europa, but to found the city of Thebes?

CADMUS

B1: Name Cadmus’ wife, a daughter of Ares and Aphrodite who received a cursed necklace as a wedding present.

HARMONIA

B2: What daughter of Cadmus and Harmonia was the mother of Pentheus, whom she tore apart while in a Bacchic frenzy?

AGAVE

17. Which of the following things is most associated with the verb scribō: epistula, silva, via, terra?

EPISTULA

B1: What is the meaning of the noun rēgīna?

QUEEN


CĒNA

18. Please translate the following sentence into Latin: The friends see a horse in a field.

{AMĪCĪ / AMĪCAE} EQUUM IN {AGRŌ / CAMPÕ} VIDENT [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

B1: Now, please translate into Latin: They run across the street away from the horse.

TRANS VIAM AB EQUŌ CURRUNT [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

B2: Finally, please translate into Latin: The horse does not run towards the friends, but watches.

EQUUS AD {AMĪCĀS / AMĪCŌS} NŌN CURRIT, SED SPECTAT [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
19. Which emperor dedicated a namesake column and forum after his conquest of Dacia, one of the many military campaigns that helped him bring the Roman empire to its greatest extent?

(MARCUS ULPIUS) TRAJAN(US)

B1: Who was the king of the Dacians at the time of Trajan’s conquest?  
DECEBALUS

B2: Trajan hailed from what modern-day country, the site of cities like Numantia and Carthāgō Nova?

SPAIN

**SCORE CHECK**

20. Visitors to what location included the following people: Psyche, who was there to fetch a beauty essence; Orpheus, who was there to fetch Eurydice; and Heracles, who was there to fetch Cerberus?

HADES // UNDERWORLD // DIS

B1: Name any of the five rivers of the Underworld.

[SEE BELOW]

B2: Name another.

ANY OF: STYX, LETHE, COCYTUS, ACHERON, (PYRI)PHLEGETHON
Novice — Preliminary Round 2

1. Make the phrase *mea familia* plural.
   MEAE FAMILIAE
   B1: Make *meae familiae* ablative.
   MEĪS FAMILIĪS
   B2: Give the nominative plural for the phrase meaning “my weapons.”
   MEA {ARMA / TĒLA}

2. At what battle were many Romans, including the consul Aemilius Paullus, killed by Hannibal’s forces in 216 B.C.?
   (BATTLE OF) CANNAE
   B1: What co-consul of Paullus managed to survive the battle and return to Rome, where he was thanked for not “despairing of the Republic”?
   (GAIUS TERENTIUS) VARRO
   B2: Cannae wasn’t the first defeat Hannibal inflicted on the Romans. At what battle in late 218 B.C. did Hannibal manage to rout the forces of the consul Sempronius Longus?
   (BATTLE OF) TREBIA RIVER

3. What crafty king, who managed to evade the god of death by tying him up, was punished in the Underworld by having to eternally push a boulder up a hill?
   SISYPHUS
   B1: Sisyphus is often said to have founded what city, where he established the Isthmian Games?
   CORINTH
   B2: What other unfortunate dweller of the Underworld spun on a fiery wheel for eternity?
   IXION

4. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English: *Fortūna victōriam in bellō dabit.*
   {FORTUNE / FORTUNA} WILL GIVE VICTORY IN WAR
   B1: Now translate this sentence from Latin into English: *Fortūna semper mē iuvat.*
   {FORTUNE / FORTUNA} ALWAYS {FAVORS / HELPS} ME
   B2: Now translate this sentence from Latin into English: *Fortūna nōbīs mīsit bona signa, sed inimīcīs mala signa.*
   {FORTUNE / FORTUNA} SENT US GOOD SIGNS, BUT OUR ENEMIES BAD SIGNS

5. What name is shared between a father with a nickname meaning “the elder” and a son with a nickname meaning “the proud,” who served respectively as the fifth and seventh kings of Rome?
   (LUCIUS) TARQUINIUS // (LŪCIĪ) TARQUINIĪ
   B1: Which king of Rome reigned between the two Tarquins?
   SERVIUS TULLIUS
   B2: What was the *praenōmen* of Tarquinius Superbus’s most famous son, whose deeds brought about the end of the monarchy?
   SEXTUS

**SCORE CHECK**

Novice — Round 2
6. Which of the following states, if any, does not have a Latin motto: Oklahoma, New York, New Hampshire, Alabama?
   NEW HAMPSHIRE

   B1: Give the English for the motto of New York, **excelsior**.
      (EVER / ALWAYS) HIGHER

   B2: Give the English for the motto of Oklahoma, **labor omnia vincit**.
      {LABOR / WORK} CONQUERS ALL (THINGS)

7. What modern-day country saw a revolt by a queen named Boudicca, the construction of Hadrian’s Wall, and the foundation of cities like **Londinium**?
   ENGLAND // U.K. // UNITED KINGDOM (OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND) // (GREAT) BRITAIN

   B1: What emperor, the third to rule, faked an invasion of Britain and commanded his soldiers to merely collect seashells along the southern shore of the English Channel?
      CALIGULA // GAIUS

   B2: During the reign of which Roman emperor did Aulus Plautius lead a successful invasion of Britain?
      CLAUDIUS

8. Defeating what monster required both Iolaüs and a burning brand, since Heracles needed to sear the necks of its nine regenerating, venomous heads?
   (LERNAEAN) HYDRA // HYDRA (OF LERNA)

   B1: What did Heracles do with the Hydra’s last head, which was immortal?
      BURIED IT UNDER A (HUGE) ROCK [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

   B2: What creatures did Heracles defeat in his sixth labor?
      STYMPHALIAN BIRDS [PROMPT ON “BIRDS”]

9. If your friend texts you, “let’s get dinner **crās**,” when are you getting dinner?
   TOMORROW

   B1: You and your friend get dinner. Sometime after the dinner, you text him, “dinner was fun **heri**”.
   What does **heri** mean?
   YESTERDAY

   B2: Your friend replies, “Yes! Let’s get dinner again.” What Latin word would you use to suggest getting dinner today, as in the sentence “let’s get dinner today”?
      **HODIĒ**

10. Of the prepositions **circum**, **per**, **sine**, and **prope**, which does not belong, because it governs a different case than the rest?
    SINE

    B1: What case does **sine** take?
       ABLATIVE

    B2: What case does the preposition **super** take when it is used in the context of motion?
       ACCUSATIVE

**SCORE CHECK**

Novice — Round 2
11. What man, who was granted extraordinary powers under the Lēx Gabīnia to clear the Mediterranean of pirates, died in 48 B.C. during the civil war that he fought against Julius Caesar?

POMPEY (THE GREAT) // (GNAEUS) POMPEIUS (MAGNUS)
B1: What man acted as the third man in the First Triumvirate, which also included Pompey and Caesar?
(MARCUS LICINIUS) CRASSUS
B2: After what defeat to Caesar did Pompey flee to Egypt, where he was treacherously killed?
(BATTLE OF) PHARSALUS

12. Who betrayed her homeland of Colchis and her father Aeëtes by helping Jason steal the golden fleece with her witchcraft?

MEDEA
B1: What usurper and king of Iolcus had sent Jason to retrieve the golden fleece?
PELIAS
B2: What was Jason missing when he stood before Pelias, fulfilling a prophecy that Pelias feared?
(HE WAS ONLY WEARING A SINGLE) SANDAL / SHOE

13. What is the meaning of the Latin adjective dīves, which means that someone has a lot of pecūnia?

RICH / MONEYED
B1: What is the meaning of the Latin adjective parvus?
SMALL
B2: Give a Latin adjective that has the meaning “beautiful.”
PULCHER / FÕRMÕSUS / BELLUS

14. What did the Romans call the meal consisting primarily of bread, salads, and cold meats that was eaten just before the midday rest and is the equivalent of our modern lunch?

PRANDIUM
B1: In which room of the house, consisting of three adjacent couches, did Romans eat most of their meals?
TRĪCLINIUM
B2: What did the Romans call the early morning meal usually consisting of bread, olives, and cheese?
IENTACULUM

15. Take note of the derivation of words in the following sentence: “Some competitors travel to Yale by bus, automobile, or train.” The word “bus” is derived from what Latin adjective meaning “all”?

OMNIS
B1: The word “train” is derived from what Latin verb meaning “to drag”?
TRAHŌ / TRAHERE
B2: How many words from the sentence in the tossup are derived from Latin words?
FIVE

**SCORE CHECK**
16. What Greek mythological figure vomited up a stone alongside his five children — including Demeter and Poseidon — after Zeus and Rhea tricked him into doing so?  

CRONUS  
B1: Rhea had fed Cronus a stone instead of Zeus, whom she hid on what island, home to Mount Ida?  
CRETE  
B2: The stone Cronus swallowed could later be found at what famous precinct of Apollo?  
DELPHI

17. When its walls were undermined, what city finally fell to Rome’s ten-year-long siege, whose completion had been masterminded by the general Marcus Furius Camillus?  

VEII  
B1: Veii was the richest city of what civilization that warred with the Romans for a number of centuries?  
ETRUSCAN(S) // ETRURIAN(S)  
B2: In what year B.C. did the Romans ultimately sack Veii?  
396 (B.C.)

18. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice. Then, using only the information from the passage, answer the question that follows in Latin: Daedalus erat Icarī pater et rēx Mīnos tenēbat eum in insulā. Volēbat effugere, itaque māchinam fēcit et eam filiō suō dēmonstrāvit.  

The question: Ubi rēx Mīnos tenēbat Daedalum?  

(IN) INSULĀ  
B1: Quid fēcit Daedalus?  
MĀCHINAM (FĒCIT)  
B2: Cui Daedalus māchinam suam dēmonstrāvit?  
FILIŌ (SUŌ) // ICARŌ

19. What queen committed suicide by burning herself on a pyre when her Trojan lover left Carthage to found the city of Rome in Book 4 of the Aeneid?  

DIDO  
B1: What Roman goddess, the mother of Aeneas, helped him get into Dido’s good graces?  
VENUS  
B2: What sister of Dido encouraged her to marry Aeneas, telling her that it would protect her from neighboring city states?  
ANNA

**SCORE CHECK**

20. Please translate the following sentence into Latin: She sees a wolf.  

(EA / ILLA) LUPUM VIDET  
B1: Now translate into Latin: She runs away from the wolf.  
(EA / ILLA) Ā LUPŌ CURRIT  
B2: Now translate into Latin: She cannot flee.  
(EA / ILLA) (EF)FUGERE NŌN POTEST
Novice — Preliminary Round 3

1. Which of the following Latin words cannot describe a person: socius, filia, culina, captivus?
   
   **CULİNA**

   B1: What is the meaning of the Latin noun discipulus?
   
   **STUDENT / PUPIL**

   B2: What is the Latin word for “messenger”?
   
   **NÜNTIUS**

2. What man, whom Leucothaea saved from drowning after he left Calypso’s island, was punished for blinding Polyphemus and kept from Ithaca for ten more years?

   **ODYSSEUS**

   B1: Name Calypso’s island, which Odysseus inhabited for seven years.
   
   **OGYGIA**

   B2: Leucothea was the deified form of what Theban woman, who had jumped into the sea with her infant son Melicertes?
   
   **INO**

3. Note to players: There will be an extra clue after the sentence. Please translate this sentence, adapted from Vergil, into English: it clamor ad caelum. Know that “it” is from eō, īre and means “goes.”

   A {SHOUT / CLAMOR} GOES (UP) TO THE {SKY / HEAVEN(S)}

   B1: Now translate this sentence, adapted from Vergil, into English: Troiānī, equō nōlīte crēdere. Know that Troiānī means “Trojans.”

   TROJANS, DO NOT {TRUST / BELIEVE} THE (TROJAN) HORSE

   B2: Now translate the opening words of Vergil’s Aeneid into English: arma virumque canō.

   I SING (OF) ARMS AND {A / THE} MAN

4. Which of the following cities was not destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius: Neapolis, Herculaneum, Stabiae, Pompeii?

   **NEAPOLIS**

   B1: Give the modern-day name for Neapolis, which suffered only minor damage, despite being on the same bay as the other three cities.

   **NAPLES / NAPOLI**

   B2: In what month and year A.D. did Vesuvius erupt and destroy Herculaneum, Stabiae, and Pompeii?

   {AUGUST / OCTOBER}, 79 (A.D.)

5. Which of the following hills, if any, is not a hill of Rome? Caelian, Esquiline, Capitoline, Viminal.

   **NONE // THEY ALL ARE**

   B1: What sort of celebratory event ended at the temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus?

   (MILITARY) TRIUMPH

   B2: What location — home to the Ara Pacis and Pantheon — is where a triumph would start and has a name meaning “field of Mars”?

   **CAMPUΣ MĀRTIUS**

**SCORE CHECK**

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6. What woman, the only mortal among her sisters, had her head chopped off after Perseus used the surface of a reflective shield to avoid being turned into stone? MEDUSA

B1: What was the collective name of Medusa and her sisters? GORGONS

B2: Name either of the children of Medusa who sprung out from her severed neck. PEGASUS or CHRYSAOR

7. Please provide a Latin verb synonymous with habitō, which means “to live.” VĪVŌ / (IN)COLŌ / INHABITŌ

B1: Please give a Latin synonym of the noun astrum, meaning star. STELLA / SĪDUS / ASTĒR

B2: Please give a Latin antonym of numquam. SEMPER / UMQUAM

8. During a period between 494 B.C. and 287 B.C., what group of Romans undertook a series of five secessions in an attempt to extract concessions from the ruling patrician class? PLEBEIAN(S) // PLEB(S) // PLEBEIAN CLASS

B1: In one instance, the plebeians seceded in 449 B.C. because they were dissatisfied with certain omissions from what codification of law? (LAW OF THE) TWELVE TABLES

B2: What Roman used a parable of the body and limbs to convince the plebeians to return from their first secession? AGRIPPA MENENIUS (LANATUS) // MENENIUS AGRIPPA (LANATUS)

9. What creatures, some of whose members helped Hephaestus forge weapons for the gods, have a name meaning “wheel-eyed,” since they all have one eye? CYCLOP(E)S

B1: Name one of the divine weapons the Cyclopes forged and identify the god to whom it belonged. ZEUS’ THUNDERBOLT(S) or POSEIDON’S TRIDENT or HADES’ CAP OF DARKNESS

B2: Under what mountain in Sicily were the Cyclopes said to have forged Zeus’ thunderbolts? (MOUNT) (A)ETNA

10. Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt duo et trēs? QUĪNQUE

B1: Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt sex et trēs? NOVEM

B2: Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt sēdecim et trēs? ÜNDĒVĪGINTĪ

**SCORE CHECK**

11. Adherents of what religion led a series of revolts in the early empire, causing a son of Vespasian to carry off the seven-branched Temple menorah during his sack of Jerusalem? JUDAISM / JEWISH / JUDAIC
B1: Name that son of Vespasian. He also led an extended affair with the Jewish princess Berenice.

    TITUS

B2: The Romans led an extended siege of what Judaic mountaintop fortress, which fell in 74 A.D.?

    MASADA

12. From what Latin verb do we derive “fertile,” “preference,” “suffer,” and “infer”?

    FERÔ (MEANING “{(I / TO) CARRY / BEAR}”)

B1: What derivative of ferô refers to “someone who observes a game to ensure rules are followed and to offer solutions to disputes”?

    REFEREE

B2: The first bonus contained two additional derivatives of ferô within the text of the question. What were they?

    REFER(S), OFFER

13. What type of animal was sent as a punishment by Artemis when improper sacrifices were conducted by Oeneus, whose son Meleager killed it to save their city of Calydon?

    (CALYDONIAN) BOAR

B1: Heracles captured a boar from Mt. Erymanthus as part of his labors. What number labor was this?

    FOUR(TH)

B2: Another labor of Heracles was centered around what golden-horned animal sacred to Artemis?

    {CERYNITIAN / CERYNEIAN} HIND / DEER / DOE

14. Please translate the following command into Latin: Come, we have much food.

    {VENĪ / VENĪTE}, {MULTUM CIBUM HABĒMUS // MULTUS CIBUS NŌBĪS EST}

B1: Now, translate into Latin using a form of the verb sum and a dative: The men had much food.

    VIRĪS CIBUS MULTUS {ERAT / FUIT}

B2: Finally, please translate the following command into Latin: Y’all, bring us the food.

    (VŌS) CIBUM {NŌBĪS / AD NŌS} {PORTĀTE / FERTE}

15. What man, whose discovery of a conspiracy against the Roman state in 63 B.C. led to the arrest of Catiline, was considered the greatest Roman orator due to his famous speeches?

    (MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

B1: What Roman did Cicero attack in a series of speeches that were known as the Philippics?

    (MARK) ANTONY // (MARCUS) ANTONIUS

B2: Cicero was ultimately killed through the machinations of Antony in what year B.C., when the Second Triumvirate formed?

    43 (B.C.)

**SCORE CHECK**

16. On his way from Troezen, what hero killed Sinis — a man who tore people apart with pine trees — and Procrustes — a man who stretched and cut people on a bed — before he finally reached Athens?

    THESEUS

B1: Name one other brigand Theseus killed on his way to Athens.

    CERCYON, {CROMMYONIAN SOW // PHAEA}, {PERIPHETES / CORYNETES}, or SC(E)IRON

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B2: What were the two objects Aegeus left under a rock for Theseus to take when he was old enough to come to Athens?

SWORD and (PAIR OF) SANDALS

17. Give the English for the motto of Brown University, in deō spērāmus.

IN GOD WE {HOPE / TRUST}

B1: Give the English for the motto of Johns Hopkins University, vēritās vōs līberābit.

(THE) TRUTH {WILL / SHALL} {SET YOU (ALL) FREE // FREE YOU (ALL)}

B2: Give the English for the motto of Florida State University, vīrēs, artēs, mōrēs.

{STRENGTH / MIGHT / FORCE / POWER}, {ART(S) / SKILL(S)}, {CUSTOMS / PRINCIPLES / MORALS} [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

18. What case in Latin is used in the second half of the phrase pars virōrum and is most commonly used to show possession?

GENITIVE

B1: What use of the genitive case in Latin is used to show a larger group from which something is taken, as exemplified by the phrase pars virōrum?

PARTITIVE // (OF THE) WHOLE

B2: Sometimes, Latin prefers an ablative instead of a partitive genitive, such as with numbers. As an example of this, say in Latin “ten of the horses.”

DECEM {EX / DĒ} EQUĪS [PREPOSITION MUST BE INCLUDED]

19. Acting at the behest of the city of Tarentum, what king beat the Romans at the battles of Asculum and Heraclea but suffered such heavy casualties that he could not afford to continue the war?

PYRRHUS (OF EPIRUS)

B1: What Roman, whose identically-named father and grandfather had committed dēvōtiō to inspire troops, led the defeated Roman forces at Asculum?

(PUBLIUS) DECIUS MUS

B2: At what battle of 275 B.C. did the Romans under Curius Dentatus decisively defeat Pyrrhus?

(BATTLE OF) {BENEVENTUM / MALEVENTUM}

**SCORE CHECK**

20. Keeping all else the same, make the verb appropinquō second person. Note that it is first conjugation.

APPROPINQUĀS

B1: Make that form plural, keeping everything else the same.

APPROPINQUĀTIS

B2: What is the plural imperative of appropinquō?

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Into what sort of object were a young man who ignored the warnings of Venus and hunted a boar — Adonis — and a young man who saw his own reflection — Narcissus — transformed?

FLOWER(S)

B1: What girl only repeated the words of Narcissus and was rejected?

**ECHO**

B2: What Spartan youth was transformed into an eponymous flower after Apollo’s discus killed him?

HYACINTH(US)

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Please translate the following sentence in Latin using the adverb **sōlum**: I only read good poets.

(EGO) SŌLUM POĒTĀS BONŌS LEGŌ

B1: Hearing your declaration, a friend may be curious and ask, “Do you only listen to good music as well?” Please translate your friend’s question into Latin, using the feminine noun **mūsica, mūsicae** to render music.

AUDĪSNE {QUOQUE / ETIAM} SŌLUM MŪSICAM BONAM?

[ -NE CAN BE ON WHICHEVER WORD THEY SAY FIRST]

B2: When you answer yes, your friends may press you, asking, “Do you not often hear bad music just walking around?” Please translate into Latin: “Do you not often hear bad music”?

NŌNNE MŪSICAM MALAM SAEPE AUDĪS?

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Who is said to have returned as the god Quirinus after disappearing in a whirlwind around 716 B.C., ending a reign as Rome’s king that included the capture of the Sabine women?

**ROMULUS**

B1: Nearer the start of Romulus’ life, he was said to have been raised by what shepherd?

**FAUSTULUS**

B2: According to Plutarch, Romulus appeared to what Roman to announce his deification as Quirinus?

**PROCULUS (JULIUS) // (JULIUS) PROCULUS**

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Which of the following Latin words does not belong due to meaning: **oculus, aurum, pēs, caput**?

**AURUM**

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin noun **cor**?

**HEART**
B1: Which of the following Latin words does not belong due to gender: gēns, custōs, spēs, salūs? **CUSTŌS**

6. Hera pretended that Heracles was going to abduct what woman, making his ninth labor much harder, since the Amazonian women tried to stop him from taking her and her girdle away? **HIPPOLYTA / ANTIOPE**

B1: What god was the father of Hippolyta, along with several of the other Amazons? **ARES**

B2: What woman led the Amazons at Troy and was so pretty that Achilles fell in love with her corpse? **PENTHESILE(I)A**

7. The phrase mī ānxie amīce exemplifies what case in Latin that is used for direct address? **VOCATIVE**

B1: Now, translate this English sentence into Latin using a vocative of direct address: Why are you running, my anxious friends? **CŪR CURRITIS, MEĪ {ĀNXIĪ AMĪCĪ // ĀNXIAE AMĪCAE}?**

B2: In the sentence “My anxious friend asked me for advice,” how would you translate “my anxious friend” into Latin? **MEUS ANXIOUS AMĪCUS**

8. What emperor, who sought to limit goods’ maximum prices with an edict, split the rule of the Empire between four men when he initiated the system of tetrarchy? **DIOCLETIAN**

B1: Diocletian initiated the tetrarchy at the end of what century A.D.? **FOURTH CENTURY (A.D.) // 300s (A.D.)**

B2: One of these rulers was Galerius, who was the last Roman leader to sack the city of Ctesiphon. Ctesiphon was ruled by the Sassanids, who had seized control of Persia from what empire in 224 A.D.? **PARTHIA(NS) // PARTHIA(N EMPIRE)**

9. Which of the following mountain ranges, if any, runs through Italy? Pyrenees, Apennines, Taurus, Atlas. **APENNINES**

B1: What mountain range runs through modern Italy but only reached as far as Cisalpine Gaul in the time of the Romans? **ALPS**

B2: Which of the mountain ranges in the toss-up separates Spain from France? **PYRENEES**

10. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice. Then, using only the information from the passage, answer the question that follows in English: Postquam Daedalus māchinam fēcit, in caelum volāvit et dīxit: “curre in mediō, Icare. Nōlī aut undās tangere aut solem spectāre.” Timōre tremit et filium iubet sēcum īre.

The question: After doing what did Daedalus fly into the sky? **{MAKING / BUILDING / FINISHING} HIS MACHINE [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]**

Novice — Semifinals
B1: What two things does Daedalus directly tell Icarus not to do?

(NOT TO) TOUCH THE WAVES [PROMPT ON “WATER / SEA”]
AND (NOT TO) {LOOK AT / WATCH} THE SUN [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

B2: After speaking to Icarus, what does Daedalus order him to do?

TO {GO / COME} WITH HIM [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

**SCORE CHECK**

11. What couple sacrificed to Themis in fear of perpetual loneliness, although they were relieved when the stones they threw over their shoulders turned into people to repopulate the earth from a flood?

DEUCALION and PYRRHA

B1: What daughter of Deucalion and Pyrrha shares a name with Greek mythology’s first human woman?

PANDORA

B2: Themis also prophesied that what woman’s son was fated to surpass his father, causing Zeus and Poseidon to quickly marry her to a mortal?

THETIS

12. What Roman marched on the city twice, including an instance when he won the Battle of the Colline Gate in 82 B.C. and defeated the son of his great enemy, Marius?

(LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SULLA (FELIX)

B1: Sulla and Marius first began their feud during a war against what Roman enemy, a man who resisted defeat for seven years between 112 B.C. and 105 B.C.?

JUGURTHA

B2: Sulla was famous for what practice, in which he posted lists of Romans whom he declared enemies of the state and effectively condemned to death?

PROSCRIPTION(S) / PROSCRIBING / PRÓSCRĪPTIŌ(NĒS)

13. Complete the following analogy: mittō is to mittere as interficiō is to [blank].

INTERFICERE

B1: Complete the following analogy: mittō is to mittere as necō is to [blank].

NECĀRE

B2: Complete the following analogy: pugnō is to pugnāvī as cadō is to [blank].

CĒCIDĪ

14. What “breaker of horses” said a tearful farewell to his son, Astyanax, and his wife, Andromach, before going to battle outside his city’s walls, around which his corpse would later be dragged three times?

HECTOR

B1: Name Hector’s mother, who breaks down after his death.

HECUBA / HECABE

B2: Late in the Iliad, what god guides Priam to Achilles’ tent so that Hector’s body can be ransomed?

HERMES

15. Which of the following words, if any, is not derived from the same Latin verb as the others: suitable, dignified, coefficient, office?

SUITABLE

Novice — Semifinals
B1: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive “dignified,” “coefficient,” and “office”?

**FACIŪ — (TO / I) {MAKE / DO}**

B2: What derivative of faciō and the Latin adjective for good refers to “someone who gives money or other help to a person or cause”?

**BENEFACCTOR**

**SCORE CHECK**

16. What city — initially ruled by a half-snake king named Cecrops — received gifts of a salt-water well and an olive tree from two deities who wished to be its patron?

**ATHENS**

B1: Another king of Athens, Pandion, had two daughters with tragic stories. Name the elder of the two, who discovered that her sister, Philomela, had been raped by her husband.

**PROCNE**

B2: Name Procne’s loathsome husband, a Thracian king who once helped Athens in a war.

**TEREUS**

17. At what battle did the confines of a mountain pass allow Gavius Pontius to trap the Romans, who were shamefully sent under the yoke by the jubilant Samnites?

**(BATTLE OF) CAUDINE FORKS**

B1: In what year B.C. did the Battle of Caudine Forks occur?

321 (B.C.)

B2: At what disaster six years later were the Romans under Fabius Maximus Rullianus crushed by the Samnites?

**(BATTLE OF) LAUTULAE**

18. Give the form of sum with the same person, number, and tense as the verb form faciam — that is, the first person singular, future active indicative form.

**ERŌ**

B1: Make erō perfect and third person, keeping all else the same.

**FUIT**

B2: Please give the form of possum corresponding to fuit.

**POTUIT**

19. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English, knowing that Sirēnēs means “the Sirens”:

Sirēnēs terrent nautās in aquā.

**(THE) SIRENS FRIGHTEN (THE) SAILORS {IN / ON} THE WATER(S)**

B1: Now translate this sentence from Latin into English: Nautae navigant trans domum malōrum monstrōrum.

**THE SAILORS SAIL ACROSS THE HOME OF THE {BAD / EVIL} MONSTERS**

B2: Now translate this sentence from Latin into English: Sirēnēs volunt delphīnōs terrēre, sed non possunt.

**THE SIRENS WANT TO FRIGHTEN DOLPHINS, BUT {CANNOT // ARE NOT ABLE (TO)}**

**SCORE CHECK**

Novice — Semifinals
20. Since rule of the Empire’s two halves posthumously passed to his two sons — Arcadius and Honorius — what Christian emperor was the last to rule over a united whole?

THEODOSIUS {I // THE GREAT} [PROMPT ON “THEODOSIUS”]

B1: On one occasion, Theodosius was forced to repent for a massacre by Ambrose, the bishop of what city, from which Constantine had issued an edict that promised to improve treatment of Christians?

MILAN / MEDIOLANUM

B2: At what battle in 394 A.D. did Theodosius defeat the two usurpers Eugenius and Arbogast?

FRIGIDUS (RIVER) // FRIGID (RIVER)
Novice — Finals

1. What two foods are used in the Latin version of a phrase that idiomatically means “from start to finish,” ab ōvō usque ad māla?

   EGG(S) & APPLE(S)

   B1: In what context would you reply to someone “dē mortuīs nil nisi bonum”?
      IF THEY INSULT A DEAD PERSON // IF THEY ASK YOU TO INSULT A DEAD PERSON
      [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

   B2: What Latin motto of Canada is similarly structured to the Latin expression from the tossup?
      Ā MARĪ USQUE AD MARE

2. The only male member of the “Capitoline Triad,” worshiped under the name Ėlicius, and revered as Optimus Maximus, what god headed the pantheon of deities in early Rome?

   JUPITER / JOVE / IUPPITER

   B1: What king of Rome was killed after improperly performing sacrifices to Jupiter Elicius?
      TULLUS (HOSTILIUS)

   B2: Romulus vowed a temple to Jupiter Feretrius after defeating what king of Caenina in single combat?
      ACRON (OF CAENINA)

3. Note to players: There will be an extra clue after the command is read. When recognized by the spotter, perform the following command: Aperi ōs et linguam tange. Know that tangere means “to touch”.

   STUDENT SHOULD OPEN THEIR MOUTH AND TOUCH THEIR TONGUE

   B1: Please perform the following command: Surgite et supercilia tollite, deinde sedēte.
      MULTIPLE TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD RISE, RAISE THEIR EYEBROWS, THEN SIT

   B2: Please perform the following command: Accipe vestem ā mē et spectātoribus monstrā.
      ONE MEMBER OF THE TEAM SHOULD TAKE THE YALE CERTAMEN 2022 SHIRT AND SHOW IT TO THE AUDIENCE

4. Although some sources claim that she became a priestess in Tauria, what woman was lured by a promise of marriage to Achilles to Aulis, where her father Agamemnon sacrificed her to please Artemis?

   IPHIGEN(E)IA

   B1: The loss of her daughter Iphigeneia was one of the straws that broke the camel’s back for Clytemnestra, who later finally snapped and murdered Agamemnon with the help of what lover?
      AEGISTHUS

   B2: The sacrifice happened after what seer predicted that only Iphigeneia’s sacrifice would please the angered Artemis?
      CALCHAS

5. Identify the use of the ablative case in the following sentence: Currus mē ignāvum ad scholam magnā celeritāte portāvit.

   (ABLATIVE OF) MANNER

   B1: Translate that sentence into English.
      THE {CAR / CHARIOT} CARRIED ME, LAZY, TO SCHOOL WITH GREAT SPEED
B2: What Latin preposition can be omitted from ablatives of manner when an adjective modifies the noun in the ablative, as in “magnā celeritāte”?

**SCORE CHECK**

6. What group of sisters provided the location of a cap of invisibility and a pair of winged sandals to Perseus, who had effectively demanded ransom to return their shared eye and shared tooth?
   
   **GRAEAE // GRAY (SISTERS)**

B1: What sibling of the Graeae was a ferocious snake that guarded the apples of the Hesperides?

**LADON**

B2: According to Aeschylus, Perseus threw the eye and tooth of the Graeae into a river named after what god, famous for his conch-shell horn that he used to calm the seas?

**TRITON**

7. Command against what foreign ruler was transferred by the **Lēx Mānīlia** from Lucullus to Pompey, who was able to finally take control of his kingdom of Pontus?

**MITHRIDATES (VI // THE GREAT // EUPATOR [DIONYSIUS] // OF PONTUS)**

B1: How many wars did the Romans fight against Mithridates?

**THREE**

B2: The **Lēx Mānīlia** came in the wake of Mithridates’s victory over a subordinate of Lucullus at what site, where Mithridates’s son Pharnaces II would later be defeated in a proverbially fast campaign?

**ZELA**

8. Of the professions **agricola**, **nauta**, **mīles**, and **aurīga**, which is being described in this sentence: *In multīs proeliīs contrā hostem pugnō et cīvitātem fortiter dēfendō.*

**MĪLES**

B1: Of the professions **agricola**, **nauta**, **iūdex**, and **aurīga**, which is being described in this sentence: *Cotīdiē in fundō laborō et vaccīs bōbusque cibum dō.*

**AGRICOLA**

B2: Of the professions **coquus**, **nauta**, **iūdex**, and **aurīga**, which is being described in this sentence: *In lūdīs magnīs carcerēs relinquō et ad mētam vertō et ad victōriam currum agō.*

**AURĪGA**

9. During what war did the Romans develop a boarding technique that relied on devices called **corvī**, whose use at battles like Mylae allowed them to defeat the Carthaginians for the first time?

**FIRST PUNIC (WAR) [PROMPT ON “PUNIC WAR”]**

B1: The First Punic War began with a revolt by the Mamertines in a city on what island?

**SICILY**

B2: What admiral led Rome’s victorious forces at Mylae, winning the city’s first naval battle?

**(GAIUS) DUILIUS**

10. Differentiate in derivation between “equestrian” and “equality.”

**EQUESTRIAN = EQUUS (HORSE)**

**EQUALITY = AEQUUS (EQUAL)**

Novice — Finals
11. What Rutulian chieftain, who had originally been promised Lavinia’s hand in marriage by Latinus, took arms against her eventual spouse, Aeneas?

**TURNUS**

B1: In Book 11 of the *Aeneid*, Turnus loses what ally, a female follower of Diana who led the Volsci?

**CAMILLA**

B2: Aeneas’ enemies in the war against Turnus included what exiled Etruscan king, who came to fight alongside his son, Lausus?

**MEZENTIUS**

12. What emperor from the *Coccēius* family was elevated by the senators at an advanced age to serve as successor to Domitian, establishing a precedent of succession for the other four “good emperors”?

**(MARCUS COCCEIUS) NERVA**

B1: In what year A.D. did Domitian die and Nerva begin his reign?

96 (A.D.)

B2: Due to his unpopularity, Domitian was stricken from the public record and depictions. What two-word Latin phrase meaning “condemnation of memory” do historians use to refer to this erasure?

**DAMNĀTIŌ MEMORIAE**

13. Translate the following sentence, which utilizes a dative of possession, from Latin into English: *Mihi sunt decem ferōcēs magnīque canēs.*

I HAVE TEN FIERCE AND GREAT DOGS.

B1: Now translate this sentence, which utilizes a dative of indirect object, from Latin into English: *Meī amīcī saepe dōna et praemia meīs canibus dant.*

MY FRIENDS OFTEN GIVE GIFTS AND REWARDS TO MY DOGS

B2: Now translate this sentence, which utilizes a dative of special verb, from Latin into English: *Canēs sordidī mihi placent, sed nōn aliīs.*

DIRTY DOGS ARE PLEASING TO ME, BUT NOT TO OTHERS.

14. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice. Then, using only the information from the passage, answer the question that follows in Latin: *Volābant sicut avēs, et omnēs in terrā putābant eōs esse deōs. Icarus, autem, ducem relīquit et, cupīdine caelī tractus, malum iter agēbat. Pater dīxit, “Icare, ubi es? Quā regiōne tē inveniam?” Plūmās conspexit in undīs.*

The question: *Quibus animālibus similēs erant Daedalus et Icarus?*

**AVIBUS**

B1: *Quid credidērunt omnēs in terrā eōs esse?*

**DEŌS**
15. What city — whose inhabitants tried to placate a sea-monster by exposing Hesione to be eaten — was home to the abducted cupbearer Ganymede and a seer whose accurate prophecies were never believed?

B1: Hesione was placed in this predicament after what Trojan king, her father, refused to pay Poseidon his deserved wages for building the city’s walls?

LAOMEDON

B2: Heracles saved Hesione from the sea-monster, but he gave Hesione as a prize to what king of Salamis, who fathered Teucer with her?

TELAMON

**SCORE CHECK**

16. What type of event was begun by fetiālēs hurling a spear into the Temple of Bellona before the legiōnēs were directed by the consuls?

WAR

B1: Before consuls, which Roman officials assumed the military responsibilities of the kings, and were attended by 6 lictors while leading an army?

PRAETOR

B2: Name any of the subunits of a Roman legion.

COHORT(S), MANIPLE(S), or {CENTURY / CENTURIES}

17. Give the form of the adjective pulcher that agrees with the noun form hominī, a masculine dative form.

PULCHRŌ

B1: Change pulchrō hominī to the plural.

PULCHRĪS HOMINIBUS

B2: Change pulchrīs hominibus to the genitive.

PULCHRŌRUM HOMINUM

18. Using a form of the verb dicō, please say in Latin: Lucius, tell me your name.

DĪC, LŪCĪ, MIHI NŌMEN (TUUM)

B1: Now, please translate the following sentence into Latin using an irregular verb: Aulus and Publius, bring me the long letter.

FERTE, AULE ET PŪBLĪ, {LONGAM EPISTULAM // LONGĀS LITTERĀS}

B2: Now, please translate the following sentence into Latin using indirect statement: Why does Quintus always think that Marcus is good?

CŪR QUĪNTUS SEMPER PUTAT MARCUM BONUM ESSE?

19. During a party on Circe’s island, what young and unlucky companion of Odysseus got so drunk that he fell to his death off Circe’s roof?

ELPENOR


{BURY / CREMATE} HIM (AND BUILD A BARROW FOR HIM WITH AN OAR TO MARK IT) [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
B2: What was the name of Circe’s island?

**SCORE CHECK**

20. What people — who sacked Rome for the first time in 800 years when they attacked in 410 A.D. under the command of Alaric — were divided into two groups that included a Western “Visi-” branch?

(VISI)GOTH(S)

B1: What other Germanic people sacked Rome in 455 A.D. after stealing control of North Africa?

VANDAL(S)

B2: What Vandalic king led their sack of Rome in 455 A.D.?

GAISSERIC / GENSERIC