

## 2010 Riverbend Certamen

### LEVEL I - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Translate the following sentence into Latin: “The boys are running through the atrium.”  
PUERI PER ATRIUM CURRUNT.

BONUS: Translate this sentence into Latin: “Boys, walk in the atrium; don’t run!”  
AMBULATE, PUERI, IN ATRIO; NOLITE CURRERE!

2) WRITE-DOWN: Was the *hortus* in a Roman house located *in triclinio*, *in peristylia*, or *in atrio*?  
IN PERISTYLIO

BONUS: Was the *compluvium* in a Roman house located *in atrio*, *in culinā*, or *in cubiculo*?  
IN ATRIO

3) WRITE-DOWN: What advisory body was created by Romulus to aid him in ruling Rome?

THE SENATE  
BONUS: What is the meaning at the root of *senatus* or senate? OLD MAN (SENEX)

4) WRITE-DOWN: By what river in the Underworld would the gods swear unbreakable oaths?

STYX  
BONUS: How many times does the Styx circle the Underworld? NINE

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5) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Roman name for this character from mythology?

FAUNUS (Accept SATYR?)  
BONUS: What is the Greek name for this character? PAN

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6) TOSS-UP: What road was called the *Regina Viarum*? APPIAN WAY/VIA APPIA

BONUS: What general direction did the Appian Way run from Rome to Brundisium?  
SOUTHEAST

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- 7) TOSS-UP: What is the first person plural personal pronoun? The English translation is “we.”  
NOS  
BONUS: What is the correct form of the person pronoun in this sentence: “Show us the way.”  
NOBIS
- 8) TOSS-UP: In what region of Italy is Rome located? This region may refer to the low, flat plains neighboring the sea. LATIUM  
BONUS: What region of Italy derives its name from the term for shadow? UMBRIA
- 9) TOSS-UP: What Roman was known as “the philosopher-emperor”?  
MARCUS AURELIUS  
BONUS: During which emperor’s reign did Rome reach its greatest territorial extent?  
TRAJAN
- 10) TOSS-UP: Who was the Roman poet who wrote the *Aeneid*?  
(PUBLIUS) VERGIL(IUS MARO)  
BONUS: What Roman poet wrote the *Metamorphoses*? (PUBLIUS) OVID(IUS NASO)
- 11) TOSS-UP: Who was considered to be Rome’s greatest orator? He saved himself, the Senate, and Rome from a conspiracy led by Lucius Sergius Catilina (Catiline) in 63BC.  
(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO  
BONUS: What title did Cicero earn for exposing and removing Catiline’s threat?  
PATER PATRIAE
- 12) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin phrase for “In wine there is truth”? IN VINO VERITAS  
BONUS: What is the Latin for “Truth conquers all”? VERITAS OMNIA VINCIT
- 13) TOSS-UP: What would the Greeks have called the Roman god who lent his name to martial music?  
ARES  
BONUS: What would the Romans have called the Greek goddess who gave us the term aphrodisiac?  
VENUS
- 14) TOSS-UP: In what year did Mt. Vesuvius erupt, destroying the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae?  
AD 79  
BONUS: Who was emperor in Rome during this disaster? TITUS
- 15) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin word for “bread”? PANIS  
BONUS: What is the Latin word for “wine”? VINUM
- 16) TOSS-UP: Give the correct form of the prepositional phrase from this sentence into Latin: “The girls are running into the forest.”  
IN SILVAM  
BONUS: From your knowledge of Latin, what is the literal meaning of the place name “Transylvania”?  
THE PLACE ACROSS THE WOODS/FOREST

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- 17) TOSS-UP: What deity's name derives from the Greek for "born from the foam of the sea"?  
APHRODITE  
BONUS: Which deity was called the "twice-born" because he was rescued before he was born and sewn into the thigh of Zeus?  
DIONYSUS
- 18) TOSS-UP: Answer in English: What month originally marked the beginning of the Roman calendar?  
MARCH  
BONUS: Answer in English: Which two months were later named after famous Romans?  
JULY AND AUGUST
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural, active voice, present tense of the Latin verb "to be"?  
SUNT  
BONUS: Change *sunt* to the imperfect tense.  
ERANT
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What recent movie would the Romans have called *Modus Militis*?  
THE WARRIOR'S WAY  
BONUS: What about the flick *Gloria Matutina*?  
MORNING GLORY

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Some weather forecasters are predicting that this winter will be as bad as the last one. What is the Latin noun for "snow"?  
NIX  
BONUS: What is the Latin verb for "it is snowing"?  
NINGIT
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: Later in the Roman Empire, the Romans moved toward a seven-day week and began to name the days after their gods. What day of the week was *dies Mercurii*?  
WEDNESDAY  
BONUS: What day of the week was associated with Venus?  
FRIDAY
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of the shepherd who discovered the twins Romulus and Remus in the wild?  
FAUSTULUS  
BONUS: What was the name of Faustulus's wife?  
ACCA LAURENTIA

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- 4) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin term for a “horn of plenty”? CORNUCOPIA  
BONUS: According to mythology, the original *cornucopia* was a magical horn which was accidentally broken off the goat Almathea by this deity whom she was raising.  
ZEUS/JUPITER

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin term for this room in a Roman house?  
TRICLINIUM  
BONUS: On what type of decorated and functional artwork are the table and couches sitting?  
MOSAIC

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What was the term for the head of state during the Roman Republic?  
CONSUL  
BONUS: What job did a *proconsul* perform? GOVERNOR OF A ROMAN PROVINCE
- 7) TOSS-UP: Translate into English the prepositional phrase in the following sentence:  
*Natabam sub aquā.* UNDER THE WATER  
BONUS: Translate the prepositional phrase in this sentence: *Stabamus sub montem.*  
AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN
- 8) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin and the English for the abbreviation e.g.?  
EXEMPLI GRATIA = FOR THE SAKE OF AN EXAMPLE  
BONUS: What Latin abbreviation is translated into English as “that is”? It is used to rephrase or clarify a statement.  
I.E.
- 9) TOSS-UP: Julius Caesar had a relationship with what queen of Egypt? CLEOPATRA  
BONUS: What was the name of Caesar and Cleopatra’s son? CAESARION
- 10) TOSS-UP: Who is said to have fiddled while Rome burned? NERO  
BONUS: Nero took advantage after the fire and built an elaborate palace for himself in Rome. What was this palace called? DOMUS AUREA
- 11) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *ad astra per aspera*?  
TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES  
BONUS: In what case is *astra*? ACCUSATIVE

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- 12) TOSS-UP: What mythological allusion refers to your one weakness or vulnerability?  
ACHILLES' HEEL  
BONUS: In what body of water had Achilles' been dipped to protect him from harm?  
RIVER STYX
- 13) TOSS-UP: Oh no! I see a wolf! Command Marcus to run. CURRE, MARCE!  
BONUS: Command Marcus and Antonia to run. CURRITE, MARCE ET ANTONIA!
- 14) TOSS-UP: What river did Julius Caesar cross, thus essentially declaring civil war on Rome?  
RUBICON  
BONUS: What Latin phrase is attributed to Caesar as he crossed? ALEA IACTA EST
- 15) TOSS-UP: Who was the birth mother of Romulus and Remus? RHEA SILVIA  
BONUS: Who was the foster mother of Romulus and Remus after they had been recovered from the she-wolf? ACCA LAURENTIA
- 16) TOSS-UP: Who was considered to be Rome's greatest orator?  
(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO  
BONUS: What was the topic of Cicero's philosophical work *De Amicitia*?  
ABOUT FRIENDSHIP
- 17) TOSS-UP: What beautiful maiden did Zeus, in the form of a white bull, carry off?  
EUROPA  
BONUS: To what island did Zeus carry Europa? CRETE
- 18) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin praenomen for the abbreviation P.?  
PUBLIUS  
BONUS: What is the Latin praenomen for the abbreviation Q.?  
QUINTUS
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea? SICILY  
BONUS: What active volcano can be found on Sicily? (A)ETNA
- 20) TOSS-UP: Uh-oh! Sextus has gotten in trouble in class because he was caught listening to his iPodius. He was listening to the song *Quid Est Nomen Mihi*? What is this song in English?  
WHAT'S MY NAME?  
BONUS: He was also listening to *Tolle Poculum*. What recent song is that?  
RAISE YOUR GLASS

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Give the full declension of the Latin noun *nomen* meaning “name”?  
NOMEN, NOMINIS, NOMINI, NOMEN, NOMINE  
NOMINA, NOMINUM, NOMINIBUS, NOMINA, NOMINIBUS

BONUS: Give the full declension of the Latin noun *civis* meaning “citizen”?  
CIVIS, CIVIS, CIVI, CIVEM, CIVE  
CIVES, CIVIUM, CIVIBUS, CIVES, CIVIBUS

- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin name for the large sewer that drains the Roman Forum and empties into the Tiber River? CLOACA MAXIMA

BONUS: Strangely enough, the *Cloaca Maxima* is associated with what Roman goddess?  
VENUS

- 3) WRITE-DOWN: What Thracian slave led a revolt and formed an army of slaves in 73 BC? SPARTACUS

BONUS: What Roman general was finally able to defeat and capture Spartacus and his army of rebellious slaves?  
(MARCUS LICINIUS) CRASSUS

- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Who was the wife of Priam, king of Troy? HECUBA

BONUS: Who was the wife of Aeneas when he was living in Troy? CREUSA

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: In what city is this scene taking place? TROY

BONUS: Is Troy in Asia, Europe, or Africa? ASIA

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- 6) TOSS-UP: For how many years did a woman serve as a Vestal Virgin? 30

BONUS: What chief priest of Rome was in charge of the Vestal Virgins?  
PONTIFEX MAXIMUS

- 7) TOSS-UP: How many declension families exist for Latin nouns? FIVE

BONUS: What form of the noun identifies the declension? GENITIVE SINGULAR

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- 8) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin *Pater Noster*?      OUR FATHER  
BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin *Ave Maria*?      HAIL MARY
- 9) TOSS-UP: What monster did Hercules find particularly difficult to kill because every time he cut off a head, two more would grow in its place?      HYDRA  
BONUS: What was the name of the lake in Greece where the Hydra lived?      LERNA
- 10) TOSS-UP: Where in eastern Greece did the Greek fleet gather before it set sail for Troy?      AULIS  
BONUS: The Greeks were stuck at Aulis for a while because the winds would not blow. What goddess has Agamemnon offended to cause their delay?      ARTEMIS
- 11) TOSS-UP: What did the Romans call the modern city of London?      LONDINIUM  
BONUS: What did the Greeks call the modern city of Naples?      NEAPOLIS  
(accept PARTHENOPE)
- 12) TOSS-UP: What is the second person singular, present active indicative of the Latin verb from which we get the English word "mission"?      MITTIS  
BONUS: Change *mittis* to the 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural.      MITTUNT
- 13) TOSS-UP: Who was the Roman goddess of the moon and the hunt?      DIANA  
BONUS: Whom did Diana change into a stag to be torn apart by his own hunting dogs?      ACTAEON
- 14) TOSS-UP: During which of the Punic Wars did Hannibal invade Italy?      SECOND  
BONUS: At what battle in 216 BC did Hannibal soundly defeat the Romans?      CANNAE
- 15) TOSS-UP: What was the name of the formal garment worn by boys and magistrates in ancient Rome?      TOGA PRAETEXTA  
BONUS: What was the name of the toga worn by Romans in mourning?      TOGA PULLA
- 16) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin expression for "a slip of the tongue," meaning something mispoken or mistakenly revealed?      LAPSUS LINGUAE  
BONUS: Let's say you want to apologize for whatever you said. What is the Latin expression for saying "my fault" or "my bad"?      MEA CULPA
- 17) TOSS-UP: Which deity invented the lyre?      HERMES/MERCURY  
BONUS: Which deity invented pipes made out of reeds?      PAN
- 18) TOSS-UP: Which hill in ancient Rome gave us the name for the primary city of any country, usually its seat of government?      CAPITOLINE  
BONUS: Which hill in ancient Rome gave us the name for a large, extravagant dwelling, usually inhabited by kings or emperors?      PALATINE

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19) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin and the English meaning for the abbreviation *ca.*?

CIRCA = AROUND

BONUS: What is the Latin and the English for the abbreviation *no.*?

NUMERO = BY THE NUMBER

20) TOSS-UP: Cornelia wrote a letter to Flavia because she was so excited that music from The Beatles was now available on iTuni. She spent all the denarii she had saved to purchase these long awaited songs. What Beatles song would the Romans have titled *Volo tuam manum tenere*?

I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND

BONUS: What about the Beatles song *Non possum amorem mihi emere*?

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE

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1) WRITE-DOWN: In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Represent 1492 in Roman numerals.

MCDXCII/MDCCCCXCII/

MCDLXXXII/MDCCCCLXXXII

BONUS: What is 3343 in Roman numerals? MMMCCCXLIII/MMMCCCXXXIII

2) WRITE-DOWN: At what type of ceremony would you be in ancient Rome if you saw a *pronuba*, a *tunica alba*, and a *flammeum*?

WEDDING

BONUS: What was the Latin phrase spoken only by the bride in a wedding ceremony?

UBI/QUANDO TU GAIUS, EGO GAIA

3) WRITE-DOWN: Quis erat quartus rex Romanus?

ANCUS MARCIUS

BONUS: Quis erat quartus princeps Romanus?

CLAUDIUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: What son of Apollo was the god of medicine and healing?

ASCLEPIUS/AESCUPALIUS

BONUS: Who killed Asclepius because he had started bringing the dead back to life?

ZEUS

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the three goddesses in this picture.

HERA/JUNO and ATHENA/MINERVA and APHRODITE/VENUS

BONUS: Who is the god who is leaning over to talk to the judge Paris?

MERCURY/HERMES

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BONUS: What was the Latin term for the mail head-of-household who, among other things, worshipped at the *lararium*? PATERFAMILIAS

7) TOSS-UP: What is the common Latin phrase for “time is fleeing”? TEMPUS FUGIT

BONUS: What is the common Latin phrase for “pluck the day” or “enjoy life; make the most of your opportunities”? CARPE DIEM

8) TOSS-UP: Name in the order in which they ruled the first three kings of Rome.

ROMULUS, NUMA POMPILIUS, and TULLUS HOSTILIUS

BONUS: Stories tell us that Numa Pompilius counted among his advisors what Greek mathematician responsible for  $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$ ? PYTHAGORAS

9) TOSS-UP: Based upon your knowledge of Latin vocabulary, what is the meaning of the modern name “Amanda”? LOVEABLE/TO BE LOVED

BONUS: What is the meaning of the name “Patrick”? NOBLE/PATRICIAN

10) TOSS-UP: What was the progression of offices during the Roman Republic called?

CURSUS HONORUM

BONUS: Which office in the *cursus honorum* functioned essentially as a judge?

PRAETOR

11) TOSS-UP: *Responde Anglice: Quod flumen per urbem Romam currit?* TIBER

BONUS: *Responde Anglice: Quod flumen prope Alexandriam per ostia in Mare Mediterraneum currit?* NILE

12) TOSS-UP: What arrogant hero tried to ride Pegasus to Mt. Olympus? BELLEROPHON

BONUS: Before Bellerophon’s ride to Olympus, he was most famous for slaying what monster who had the head of a lion, the body of a goat, and the tail of a serpent?

CHIMAERA

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- 13) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the oral Latin expression *Quid agis?*  
HOW ARE YOU? (Accept “What are you doing”?)  
BONUS: How would you answer in Latin, “We are tired.” DEFESSI/DEFESSAE  
SUMUS
- 14) TOSS-UP: King Latinus promised his daughter in marriage to Aeneas when he arrived in Italy. What was her name? LAVINIA  
BONUS: Who was Lavinia’s mother, who was opposed to the marriage because she preferred to marry her daughter to a local prince named Turnus? AMATA
- 15) TOSS-UP: Where would you expect to find a *villa urbana*? IN A CITY  
BONUS: Where would you expect to find a *villa maritima*? BY THE SEA
- 16) TOSS-UP: What case is used in Latin to show possession? GENITIVE  
BONUS: Translate into Latin: “I hear Augustus’ mother.” AUDIO AUGUSTI MATREM
- 17) TOSS-UP: On what wandering island was the mother of Apollo and Artemis finally able to give birth to her twins? DELOS  
BONUS: Who is the Greek name of the mother of Apollo and Artemis? LETO
- 18) TOSS-UP: What was the name of the shrine to the household gods typically found in a Roman house? LARARIUM  
BONUS: What was the name applied to the gods of the pantry of a Roman house? later they became associated with protecting the entire household. PENATES
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin expression *mens sana in corpore sano*?  
A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY  
BONUS: What is the Latin for “Knowledge itself is power?”  
IPSA SCIENTIA POTESTAS EST
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What recent flick would the Romans have called *Omnia Bona*? ALL GOOD THINGS  
BONUS: What about the movie *Tres Dies Proxima*? THE NEXT THREE DAYS

END OF ROUND 4.

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