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- 6) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin term for an assembly of people brought together by a magistrate for the purpose of voting? COMITIA
BONUS: Which of the typical Roman *comitiae* in the Roman Republic was comprised of soldiers and organized in a military fashion? COMITIA CENTURIATA
- 7) TOSS-UP: Using an ablative absolute, say in Latin: "After the consul had been heard, we departed." CONSULE AUDITO, DISCESSIMUS
BONUS: Now, using a gerundive, say in Latin: "We must hear the consul." CONSUL NOBIS AUDIENDUS EST.
- 8) TOSS-UP: At the time of the eruption of Mt. Veuvius in AD 79, Pliny the Elder was in charge of the Roman fleet located at what port near the Bay of Naples? MISENUM
BONUS: This site was first established as a naval base by what right-hand man and administrator of Augustus? (MARCUS) AGRIPPA
- 9) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Allia River, Cannae, Caudine Forks, Lake Trasimene. SITES OF EMBARRASSING ROMAN MILITARY DEFEATS
BONUS: At which site listed above were the Romans caught in a trap, forced to surrender, and pass under the yoke? CAUDINE FORKS
- 10) TOSS-UP: What is the first person plural, perfect active subjunctive of the Latin verb at the root of the English word "desperation"? SPERAVERIMUS
BONUS: Change *speraverimus* to the pluperfect passive. SPERATI ESSEMUS
- 11) TOSS-UP: It is ironic that Brutus served willingly under Pompey the Great in 48 BC because Pompey had done what to Brutus' father? KILLED HIM TREACHEROUSLY
BONUS: Brutus and his friends had called Pompey a *carnifex adulescens*. What does this mean? YOUNG BUTCHER
- 12) TOSS-UP: Who am I? I believed that the laws of heaven were more important than the laws of man so I defied King Creon's orders and buried my brother, who had attacked Thebes. I was eventually buried alive for my crime and I committed suicide. ANTIGONE
BONUS: In what Greek tragedian's play by the same name is this story presented? SOPHOCLES
- 13) TOSS-UP: What muse was the mother of Orpheus? CALLIOPE
BONUS: Calliope was the muse of what art? EPIC POETRY
- 14) TOSS-UP: In ancient Greek myth, whose father left his son a sword and sandals under a large rock and instructed his mother Aethra to have her son, if worthy enough, to reclaim these items and present himself when he was of age? AEGEUS
BONUS: Whom did Aegeus marry after he had hidden the sandals and sword and returned to Athens? MEDEA

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- 15) TOSS-UP: In ancient Rome, what was the difference between a *pistor* and a *piscator*?
PISTOR = BAKER and PISCATOR = FISHERMAN
BONUS: What was the difference between *onus* and an *opus*?
ONUS = BURDEN/LOAD and OPUS = JOB/TASK.UNDERTAKING
- 16) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *novus ordo seclorum* on the United States one dollar bill?
A NEW ORDER OF THE AGES
BONUS: What about the Latin *annuit coeptis* on the same dollar?
HE HAS NODDED TO/SMILED UPON/AGREED UPON/etc. OUR BEGINNINGS
- 17) TOSS-UP: What monster was slain by Apollo at site which would become Delphi?
PYTHO/PYTHON
BONUS: Geographically speaking, what did the Greeks believe was significant about the location of Delphi?
IT WAS THE EXACT CENTER OF THE WORLD
- 18) TOSS-UP: What term was used by the Romans to refer to an uninvited guest at a dinner party? It was also the term for “a shadow” or “shade.”
UMBRA
BONUS: What was the term for the awning which gave shade over an amphitheater?
VELARIUM
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the present active participle and English translation for the Latin verb *duco, ducere*?
DUCENS = “LEADING/WHILE LEADING”
BONUS: Change *ducens* to the future active participle and translate.
DUCTURUS/-A/-UM = ABOUT TO LEAD, etc.
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What recent movie would the Romans have called *Non Potest Consisti*?
UNSTOPPABLE
BONUS: What about the movie *Implicata*?
TANGLED

END OF ROUND 1.

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LEVEL III - ROUND 2

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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 for “let it snow”? NINGAT
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What king of ancient Caria gave us the name for a large, lavish tomb, built above ground and meant to serve as a visible memorial? MAUSOLUS
BONUS: Mausolus’ tomb was designed and built by five architects, one for each side and the last who built this this type of structure on top, previously found only in Egypt? PYRAMID
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: Who is said to have been the last pagan emperor of Rome? JULIAN THE APOSTATE
BONUS: How was Julian related to Constantine? HE WAS CONSTANTINE’S NEPHEW
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: What villainous son of Poseidon who capture travellers and force them to lie down in his iron bed? PROKROUSTES/PROCRUSTES
BONUS: What would Procrustes do to a victim if he did not fit exactly onto his bed? STRETCH THEM TO FIT OR CUT OFF THE PARTS WHICH HUNG OVER

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What would the ancient Romans have found unusual, funny, or strange about this 5th century BC sculpture? THE BABIES (ADDED IN THE 16TH CENTURY)
BONUS: Of what material was this sculpture made? BRONZE

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- 6) TOSS-UP: In ancient Rome, what was the Latin term for the felt cap symbolizing freedom? PILLEUS
BONUS: What was a freed slave called in ancient Rome? LIBERTUS
- 7) TOSS-UP: Identify the use of the subjunctive mood in the following sentence: *Cicero processit in rostra ut orationem haberet.* PURPOSE CLAUSE
BONUS: Translate that Latin sentence into English. “CICERO STEPPED FORWARD/PROCEEDED ONTO THE ROSTRA IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A SPEECH/SO THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A SPEECH/TO MAKE A SPEECH, etc.

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- 8) TOSS-UP: What is the full Latin for the abbreviation of the degree J.D.?
JURIS DOCTOR
BONUS: What is the English translation of Juris Doctor? A TEACHER OF LAW
- 9) TOSS-UP: During the Second Punic War, what brother of Hannibal was killed by the Romans near the Metaurus River? HASDRUBAL
BONUS: How did the Romans notify Hannibal of his brother's death?
THEY THREE HIS HEAD OVER THE WALL INTO HANNIBAL'S CAMP
- 10) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Eunoë, Servilia, Cleopatra VII.
LOVERS OF JULIUS CAESAR
BONUS: Servilia was the mother of what later rival of Julius Caesar? BRUTUS
- 11) TOSS-UP: Identify with a single Latin word the following words: *Caucasus, Pyrenaei, Appennini*.
MONTES
BONUS: Identify with a single Latin word these words: *Arnus, Padus, Tiberis*.
FLUMEN/FLUMINA
- 12) TOSS-UP: What constellation in the night sky is called "The Hunter?" The Greeks believed he is hunting the constellation Lepus (The Hare) along with his hunting dogs Canis Maior and Canis Minor?
ORION
BONUS: Other myths have Zeus placing this group, called in English "The Seven Sisters" in order to keep them safe from Orion's amorous advances.
PLEIADES
- 13) TOSS-UP: What Roman poet of the 1st century BC wrote poems about life, pain, and love, particularly for a certain Lesbia?
(GAIUS VALERIUS) CATULLUS
BONUS: What Roman poet from the late 1st century to early 2nd century AD wrote witty, funny, and biting epigrams exposing the foibles of the Romans around him?
(MARCUS VALERIUS) MARTIAL(IS)
- 14) TOSS-UP: In what year, during the reign of Nero, did the Great Fire of Rome occur?
AD 64
BONUS: Another big fire occurred in AD 80. Who was emperor at that time?
TITUS
- 15) TOSS-UP: What English term, derived from the name of a Roman god, means "rational, harmonious, orderly, or restrained"?
APOLLONIAN
BONUS: What opposite term means "wild, unrestrained, or passionate"?
DIONYSIAN
- 16) TOSS-UP: Identify the use of the ablative case in the following sentence: *Caesar nos timore liberavit*.
ABLATIVE OF SEPARATION
BONUS: Identify the ablative use in this sentence: *Fugeramus timore*.
ABLATIVE OF CAUSE/REASON

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- 17) TOSS-UP: Who was the twin son of Heracles? IPHICLES
BONUS: Heracles' father was Zeus. Who was the father of Iphicles? AMPHITRYON
- 18) TOSS-UP: During the Roman Republic, the *aerarium* or state treasury was housed in what temple in the Roman Forum? TEMPLE OF SATURN
BONUS: The Temple of Saturn also held the state records until they were moved to what nearby structure, a significant portion of which can still be seen on the Capitoline Hill today? TABULARIUM
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin phrase describing an agreement between two opposing parties to mutually coexist? The literal translation is "a method of living." MODUS VIVENDI
BONUS: What is the meaning, not necessarily the translation, of the Latin phrase *in extremis*? NEAR/AT THE POINT OF DEATH
- 20) TOSS-UP: Let's say you have set your Facebook to display Latin. Let's also say that you click on *Sarah pungere*. What have you just done? POKED SARAH
BONUS: After you have poked Sarah, the screen reads *Sarah pupugisti*. What is the person, number, tense, voice and mood of *pupugisti*?

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the meaning of the satirical Latin expression *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes*? WHO WILL GUARD THE GUARDS THEMSELVES?
BONUS: Identify the Roman author of that phrase. JUVENAL/DECIMUS IUNIUS IUVENALIS
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: In ancient Rome, what was the Latin term used to describe "public games" usually lasting over a period of days? LUDI
BONUS: In ancient Rome, what was the term for a holiday? FERIA/FERIAE
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: What English phrase, associated with Julius Caesar, means "to make an irrevocable decision" or "to pass the point of no return"? TO CROSS THE RUBICON

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BONUS: What Latin phrase is attributed to Caesar as he crossed this river?

ALEA IACTA EST

- 4) WRITE-DOWN: The Disney character Jiminy Cricket and the phrase “By Jiminy” derive from what mythological pair? CASTOR AND POLLUX (Prompt, if given the answer “Gemini”)

BONUS: Most myths name Zeus and Tyndareus as the fathers of these half-brothers. Who was their mother? LEDA

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify this type of architectural structure found in the Roman Forum. BASILICA

BONUS: To what later structure found in Rome and around the world did this structure give rise? CHRISTIAN (BASILICA) CHURCH

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- 6) TOSS-UP: In ancient Rome, in what activity did a *saltator* or *saltatrix* engage?

DANCING

BONUS: What in ancient Rome was an *artifex*?

ARTIST/CRAFTSMAN

- 7) TOSS-UP: Translate into English the prepositional phrase in the following sentence:

Cenabimusne apud me?

AT MY HOUSE/WITH ME

BONUS: Translate this prepositional phrase: *Ambulabo Foro tenus.*

AS FAR AS THE FORUM/DOWN TO THE FORUM/UP TO THE FORUM

- 8) TOSS-UP: Using an ablative absolute, translate the following sentence into Latin: “After Caesar had been killed, Antony ruled.” CAESARE NECATO/INTERFECTO, etc.,

ANTONIUS REGNAVIT/REXIT.

BONUS: Let’s change up the sentence and translate it into Latin: “Caesar about to rule was killed by Antony.”

CAESAR REGNATURUS/RECTURUS AB ANTONIO NECATUS/INTERFECTUS EST

- 9) TOSS-UP: What Greek deity, the herdsman of the creatures of the sea, was given the gift of prophecy by Poseidon and the ability to change shape? PROTEUS

BONUS: Proteus would answer questions of prophecy only after someone was able to capture him. What Greek hero, upon his return from the Trojan War, fought him, captured him, and learned that his brother would be killed upon returning home? MENELAUS

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- 10) TOSS-UP: One of the phrases attributed to Julius Caesar is, “The wife of Caesar must be above suspicion.” Whom did he divorce because he suspected her of being unfaithful?
POMPEIA
BONUS: Who was Pompeia’s famous grandfather? (LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SULLA
- 11) TOSS-UP: How would you translate the following English preposition into Latin: “I saw many other people while traveling to Rome.”
ROMAM
BONUS: What about the prepositional phrase in this sentence: “I left my ship at Ostia.”
OSTIAE or OSTIIS
- 12) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: *soleo, gaudeo, confido*. SEMI-DEPONENT VERBS
BONUS: Give the principal parts and meaning for any one of those verbs listed above.
SOLEO, SOLERE, SOLITUS SUM = BE ACCUSTOMED
GAUDEO, GAUDERE, GAVISUS SUM = ENJOY, REJOICE
CONFIDO, CONFIDERE, CONFISUS SUM = ENTRUST
- 13) TOSS-UP: What bird, sacred to Apollo, was changed from white to black because it had brought him news that his lover was unfaithful?
RAVEN
BONUS: Who was Apollo’s unfaithful lover reported by the raven?
CORONIS
- 14) TOSS-UP: Which Roman emperor, who has an arch in the Roman Forum, was born at Lepcis Magna in northern Africa?
SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS
BONUS: Name one of his two sons who became emperor.
CARACALLA or GETA
- 15) TOSS-UP: What was the Roman name for a bride’s wedding dress?
TUNICA ALBA
BONUS: What Roman wedding ceremony was based upon the mock sale of the bride?
COEMPTIO
- 16) TOSS-UP: What is the difference in meaning between the adjectives *levis* and *lenis*?
LEVIS = LIGHT and LENIS = SOFT
BONUS: What is the difference in meaning between *laevus* and *laetus*?
LAEVUS = LEFT/LUCKY and LAETUS = HAPPY
- 17) TOSS-UP: Apollo always had a hard time with women. Who was his first love who fled from him and was turned into a laurel tree to escape his advances?
DAPHNE
BONUS: What nymph loved Apollo greatly but was rejected by him while he pined away for Daphne? She was changed into a sunflower, which still today turns its blossom to follow the sun across the sky?
CLYTIE
- 18) TOSS-UP: Before the Decemviri met in 450 BC, what month was the first on the Roman calendar?
MARCH
BONUS: What month was originally called *Quinctilis* by the Romans?
JULY
- 19) TOSS-UP: Which Roman emperor was the first to build a wall across northern Britain?
HADRIAN

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BONUS: Which emperor later built a wall further north of Hadrian's?

MARCUS AURELIUS

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

PAPERBACK WRITER

BONUS: What about the Beatles song *Semper agri fragorum*?

STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Translate the following English sentence into Latin: "If he should fall, we would be sad."

SI CADAT, (NOS) MISERI/MISERAE SIMUS

BONUS: Now translate this sentence into Latin: "If he had fallen, we would have been sad."

SI CECIDISSET, (NOS) MISERI/MISERAE FUISSEMUS

2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin word for the wax masks of a noble family's ancestors?

IMAGINES

BONUS: What minimum rank on the *cursus honorum* did one have to attain in order to have an *imago* made?

AEDILE

3) WRITE-DOWN: Who was denied burial by his uncle, the king of Thebes, because he had attacked the city?

POLYNEICES

BONUS: Who was Polyneices' sister who defied her uncle and buried her brother anyway?

ANTIGONE

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- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Springs and fountains were often thought to provide inspiration to ancient writers and poets. According to mythology, how was the Hippocrene spring created on Mt. Helicon in Greece?

PEGASUS STRUCK THE GROUND
FORCEFULLY WITH HIS FOOT

BONUS: Near this site Greek storytellers relate that the soothsayer Tiresias was blinded after gazing upon what naked goddess bathing in a spring?

ATHENA/MINERVA

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What is happening in this picture? Be specific. Notice the hunter is wearing a lion's skin.

HERACLES/HERCULES IS KILLING THE
STYMPHALIAN BIRDS

BONUS: Name one weapon these birds employed to cause death and destruction.

BRONZE BEAKS or SHARP METALLIC FEATHERS
THEY COULD SHOOT AT VICTIMS or TOXIC DUNG

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What rough and tumble region of Rome was home to Rome's poor population? It was also plagued by criminals and gangs.

SUBURA

BONUS: What famous Roman grew up in the Subura? Many credited his appeal to the common man from his experiences gained there.

JULIUS CAESAR

- 7) TOSS-UP: Using a gerund, say in Latin, "We came to win."

VENIMUS AD VINCENDUM/SUPERANDUM or
VENIMUS VINCENDI/SUPERANDI CAUSA/GRATIA

BONUS: Using a gerundive, say in Latin, "We must win."

VINCENDUM EST NOBIS/
SUPERANDUM EST NOBIS

- 8) TOSS-UP: What Roman general finally brought Greece under Roman control with the sack of Corinth in 146 BC?

(LUCIUS) MUMMIUS

BONUS: What honorary title did Mummius acquire after conquering Greece?

ACHAICUS

- 9) TOSS-UP: Based upon your knowledge of Latin vocabulary, what is the meaning of the modern name "Celeste"?

HEAVENLY

BONUS: What is the meaning of the name "Clement"?

KIND/GENTLE/MERCIFUL

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- 10) TOSS-UP: What Roman was given the command by the Lex Gabinia in 67 BC to defeat the pirates in the Mediterranean Sea? POMPEY (THE GREAT)
BONUS: Pompey was able to deal with the pirates so quickly that he was soon given the command against what eastern king of Pontus enemy? MITHRIDATES
- 11) TOSS-UP: What Greek playwright penned the Oedipus trilogy? SOPHOCLES
BONUS: What Greek playwright, called the father of comedy, wrote *The Birds*, *The Clouds*, and *The Frogs*? ARISTOPHANES
- 12) TOSS-UP: Who was pushed off the Acropolis in Athens because his uncle Daedalus was jealous of his creations? PERDIX/TALOS/CALOS
BONUS: Athena saw the boy falling off the Acropolis and changed him into what bird which to this day still avoids high places? PARTRIDGE
- 13) TOSS-UP: Give the Latin for the English phrase: "It seems to me." VIDETUR MIHI
BONUS: Give the Latin for: "It happens that pigs do fly." ACCIDIT UT PORCI VOLENT
- 14) TOSS-UP: To what emperor did Pliny the Younger often write for advice? TRAJAN
BONUS: What province was Pliny the Younger governing when he wrote to Trajan about how he should handle the Christians there? BITHYNIA
- 15) TOSS-UP: In ancient Rome, Chariot racing was a very popular sport. The different racing factions were represented by what four colors? RED, GREEN, BLUE, and WHITE
BONUS: In chariot races, what was the difference between *bigae* and *quadrigae*?
BIGAE = TWO-HORSE CHARIOT; QUADRIGAE = FOUR-HORSE CHARIOT
- 16) TOSS-UP: Julius Caesar was the first to bridge what river on the edge of the Roman territory in Gaul? RHINE
BONUS: Caesar could have easily crossed the Rhine in boats, but decided to build a bridge to illustrate the might and ingenuity of the Romans. Once across, besides skirmishing with some Germanic tribes, he gave support to what allied Germanic tribe who had aided him in Gaul? UBII
- 17) TOSS-UP: Who was the second wife of Hercules? She unwittingly killed him by giving him giving him a garment which poisoned him. DEIANIRA
BONUS: Deianira did not intend to kill Hercules, but she had been convinced that this garment would win him back to her. In whose poisonous blood had that deadly garment been soaked? (THE CENTAUR) NESSUS
- 18) TOSS-UP: What item did the Romans use to hold garments in place? They are essentially a large, sometimes elegant, version of the modern safety pin. FIBULA
BONUS: What were the purple stripes on a tunic worn by senators called? CLAVI

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19) TOSS-UP: What type of verbs do we call *odi, odisse* and *coepi, coepisse*? DEFECTIVE
BONUS: What do *odi* and *coepi* both mean? ODI = "I HATE" and COEPI = "I BEGIN"

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What recent movie would the Romans have called *Cygnus Niger*? BLACK SWAN

BONUS: What recent flick would the Romans have called *Amor Atque Alia Medicamina*?
LOVE AND OTHER DRUGS

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