

2010 Riverbend Certamen

UPPER LEVEL - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Translate the following sentence into Latin: "Sextus is a boy who would annoy his teacher." SEXTUS PUER EST QUI MAGISTRUM/MAGISTRAM VEXET.
BONUS: Translate this sentence into Latin: "Publius, follow me to the nearest fountain."
SEQUERE, PUBLI, ME AD PROXIMUM FONTEM.

2) WRITE-DOWN: What three animals were sacrificed in a *suovetaurilia*?
PIG, SHEEP, and BULL
BONUS: What organ was typically examined by the haruspex to ascertain the will of the gods?
LIVER

3) WRITE-DOWN: What Persian king crossed the Hellespont on a pontoon bridge, dug a canal through the Mount Athos peninsula, and invaded Greece? He forced the pass at Thermopylae and occupied Athens. XERXES
BONUS: Xerxes prime motivation for his attempt to conquer Greece was to avenge his father's defeat at marathos. Who was his father? DARIUS (I)

4) WRITE-DOWN: What mythological phrase essentially means to be caught between a rock and a hard place, such as the very strong currents running between the tip of the toe of Italy and the island of Sicily? (TO BE CAUGHT BETWEEN) SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS
BONUS: Briefly describe each monster. SCYLLA - BEAST WITH TWELVE FEET AND SIX HEADS, USUALLY DOG HEADS, PERHAPS AROUND HER WAIST; CHARYBDIS - GIANT WHIRLPOOL

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Who is the mythological couple in this picture? She had been misled into believing that the winged youth was a monster. CUPID AND PSYCHE
BONUS: Whom had Psyche offended to be exiled to this palace? VENUS/APHRODITE

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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: What is the translation for this passage from *The Aeneid*?
“DUX FEMINA FACTI”
BONUS: What is the translation for this line from Vergil? *Varia et mutabile semper femina.*
“VARIED AND CHANGEABLE ALWAYS A WOMAN”
- 8) 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
- 9) 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 named after a companion of Aeneas, Misenus, who drowned there. What happened to cause Misenus to drown there?
AS A TRUMPETER, HE HAD CHALLENGED TRITON TO A CONTEST THERE AND LOST
- 10) TOSS-UP: On what mountain in Greece is the Oracle of Delphi located?
MT. PARNASSUS
BONUS: What mountain located nearby was sacred to the Muses and the springs there were thought to provide divine inspiration?
MT. HELICON
- 11) 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
- 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 was the name of the statue of Pallas Athena that was cast down by Zeus from Mt. Olympus to Troy when it was founded?
PALLADIUM

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BONUS: As long as the statue stayed within the walls of Troy, what benefit did it bring to the Trojans? TROY WOULD NEVER BE CAPTURED BY ITS ENEMIES

14) 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

15) 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

16) TOSS-UP: What is the 2nd person singular, future active imperative of the Latin verb *canto*, *cantare*? CANTATO

BONUS: Change *cantato* to the plural. CANTATOTE

17) TOSS-UP: What was the site of Apollo's famous oracle in Italy? CUMAE

BONUS: The site of Cumae is located next to what lake, thought to be an entrance into the Underworld? LAKE AVERNUS

18) 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

19) TOSS-UP: What is the syncopated form of *laudavisse*? LAUDASSE

BONUS: What is the English translation for *amavēre*? THEY LOVED/
THEY HAVE LOVED

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

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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 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: Who was the Greek god of the west wind? ZEPHYRUS
BONUS: What did the Romans call Zephyrus? FAVONIUS

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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: Which famous Roman poet fought under Brutus at the Battle of Philippi? This poet ended up throwing down his shield and running away. HORACE
BONUS: Even though Horace technically fought against Octavian, now called Augustus, he was introduced to and worked under what patron close to the emperor? MAECENAS
- 8) TOSS-UP: Identify the Roman author: *Non amo te, Sabidi, nec possum dicere quare; Hoc tantum possum dicere, non amo te.* (MARCUS VALERIUS) MARTIAL(IS)

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BONUS: Identify this Roman author: *Nil nimium studeo, Caesar, tibi velle placere, nec scire utrum sis albus an ater homo.* (GAIUS VALERIUS) CATULLUS

9) 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

10) TOSS-UP: Responde Latine. For what two reasons was the poet Ovid banished from Rome?
CARMEN ET ERROR

BONUS: To what back-water port on the Black Sea was Ovid banished?
TOMIS/TOMI

11) 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

12) TOSS-UP: 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

13) TOSS-UP: Is Alba Longa located north-east, south-east, south-west, or north-west of Rome?
SOUTH-EAST

BONUS: Is Cumae located north-east, south-east, south-west, or north-west of Rome?
SOUTH-EAST

14) TOSS-UP: In what year did the Roman Senate give Octavian the titles Princeps and Augustus?
27BC

BONUS: Later in Roman history the title Augustus would be given to the two highest officers of an empire ruled by a tetrarchy. What emperor divided the power of the emperor into a tetrarchy?
DIOCLETIAN

15) TOSS-UP: In Vergil's Aeneid, who is described as having the ability to run so quickly that she could run across water and not get her feet wet and run across a field of grain without bending a stalk?
CAMILLA

BONUS: Who killed Camilla in combat?
ARRUNS

16) 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)

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- 17) 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
- 18) 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
- 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

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- 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

- 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: What is the English translation of the Latin phrase *mirabile dictu?* WONDERFUL TO DAY
BONUS: What grammatical form is *dictu?* SUPINE
- 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: What Roman poet describes his accomplishments in his own poetry *exegi monumentum aere perennius*? QUINTUS HORATIUS FLACCUS/HORACE
BONUS: Translate that passage into English. “I HAVE BUILT A MONUMENT MORE LASTING THAN BRONZE”
- 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 were the individual names of the Atridae?
AGAMEMNON AND MENELAUS
BONUS: Who were the wives of Agamemnon and Menelaus?
CLYTEMNESTRA AND HELEN
- 14) TOSS-UP: 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
BONUS: What Latin phrase is attributed to Caesar as he crossed this river?
ALEA IACTA EST
- 15) 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
- 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: Into what lake in Greece did the Danaids throw the heads of their murdered husbands? Interestingly enough, this body of water was also the home of the Hydra.
LERNA
BONUS: It took a while for Heracles to figure out that he had to keep the heads of the Hydra from reduplicating and growing back. Whom did he order to burn the necks after he lopped off the Hydra’s heads?
IOLAUS
- 18) TOSS-UP: Before the Decemviri met in 450 BC, what month was the first on the Roman calendar?
MARCH

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BONUS: What month was originally called *Quinctilis* by the Romans? JULY

19) TOSS-UP: What island in the Mediterranean Sea was sacred to Venus?

CYPRUS or CYTHERA

BONUS: Name the other island sacred to Venus.

CYPRUS or CYTHERA

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 *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: What was Mark Antony's familial relationship to Octavian?

BROTHER-IN-LAW (MARRIED TO OCTAVIA)

BONUS: Mark Antony divorced Octavia for Cleopatra, but her political contributions won out when her son, Octavian's nephew, was selected by him to become emperor.

Unfortunately, he died before Augustus. Who was this son of Octavia and nephew of Augustus?

MARCELLUS

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4) WRITE-DOWN: What two giants piled Mt. Pelion on Mt. Ossa in an attempt to reach the Olympian gods? OTUS AND EPHEIALES

BONUS: Who was the father of this pair of giants? POSEIDON

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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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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

10) 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

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- 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: What king, famous for his treachery, refused to pay Apollo and Poseidon after they had built the walls of Troy? LAOMEDON
BONUS: As punishment, Apollo and Poseidon sent a sea monster to devour Laomedon's daughter, but she was rescued by Heracles. Who was this lucky girl? HESIONE
- 13) TOSS-UP: What advisor to Augustus and patron of the arts supported Vergil and other poets of the Augustan Age? (GAIUS) MAECENAS
BONUS: Who governor of Cisalpine Gaul and early patron of Vergil was able to have Vergil's family's farm returned to him after it was confiscated to resettle veterans? (GAIUS ASINIUS) POLLIO
- 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 Greek, who lived around 460-384 BC, is known as "the father of modern medicine"? Doctors today still take a version of an oath attributed to him. HIPPOCRATES
BONUS: The Hippocratic Oath traditionally began, "I swear by Apollo the Physician, Asclepius, Hygieia, and Panacea..." We've all probably heard about Apollo and Asclepius, but who are Hygieia and Panacea? HYGIEIA = GODDESS OF GOOD HEALTH/CLEANLINESS; PANACEA = GODDESS OF HEALING
- 16) TOSS-UP: As Aeneas wandered his way toward Latium, he encountered the cyclops Polyphemus who had been blinded by Odysseus. On what island did this encounter occur? SICILY
BONUS: On the other side of the island of Sicily from Polyphemus, the wandering Trojans received hospitality from what king? ACESTES
- 17) TOSS-UP: In Vergil's *Aeneid*, what harpy predicts that Aeneas and his men will become so hungry that they will be forced to eat their own tables? CELAENO
BONUS: Zeus sent harpies to plague what blind king for revealing secrets of the gods? PHINEUS
- 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
- 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"

