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LEVEL II ROUND 1

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Winter is a time of fun and excitement, especially if the weather cooperates. Well, around the Fredericksburg area, Old Man Winter has been absent without leave for several years now and folks want to see some snow. Using the third conjugation verb *ningo, ningere*, say in Latin, “Will it snow tomorrow?” NINGETNE CRAS
BONUS: Maybe Old Man Winter is not the one to pester -- Mother Nature may be the one to ask. Write in Latin, “Snow, Mother Nature!” NINGE, MATER NATURA!
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: A Roman *patronus* would be greeted by several of his *clientes* in the morning. What was this meeting called in Latin? SALUTATIO
BONUS: A *patronus* would often give a small gift to those *clientes* who greeted him. What is the Latin term for this gift? SPORTULA
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: Which Roman emperor ruled the longest before the empire was divided in AD 395? AUGUSTUS (41 years if you count 27 BC-AD14)
BONUS: Which of the Julio-Claudian emperors ruled the briefest amount of time? (GAIUS) CALIGULA (4 years, AD 37-41)
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of the centaur who counted Achilles, Jason, and Hercacles among his numerous students? CHIRON
BONUS: Upon his death Chiron became what constellation in the heavens? SAGITTARIUS

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the Greek hero standing on the right behind the dog.
HERACLES
BONUS: Who is the man in the large pot on the left side of this picture?
EURYSTHEUS

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6) TOSS-UP: At a Roman wedding, what was the *flammeum*?

THE BRIDE'S VEIL

BONUS: The *flammeum* was so named because it was orange, or flame-colored. What was the *flammeum* this bright color? TO WARD OF EVIL SPIRITS/BAD LUCK/ETC.

7) TOSS-UP: Welcome to Mathematica Latina! Responde Latine. Quot sunt octo et duodecim?

VIGINTI

BONUS: Responde Latine. Quot sunt decim et viginti? TRIGINTA

8) TOSS-UP: What region of Italy is probably named after the Latin word for "wide" or "spacious"?

LATIUM/LAZIO

BONUS: What region of Italy is named from the Latin meaning "the land of shadow"? UMBRIA

9) TOSS-UP: What animal proved to be a capable watch-dog and alerted Manlius Capitolinus that the Gauls were scaling the Capitoline Hill one night?

GEESE

BONUS: What treacherous Roman girl gave her name to the cliff on the Palatine Hill from which traitors and other undesirables would be thrown to their deaths?

TARPEIA

10) TOSS-UP: What Roman poet was the author of the much-quoted Latin phrase *carpe diem*?

HORACE

BONUS: What Roman satirist was the author of the Latin phrase *panem et circenses*? JUVENAL

11) TOSS-UP: Many people, even those who have never taken Latin, know the phrase *Veni, Vidi, Vici*. After what battle did Julius Caesar send this message back to the Roman Senate?

BATTLE OF ZELA

BONUS: In what year did this battle take place? 47 BC

12) TOSS-UP: What is the perfect passive participle in Latin and the English meaning for the verb *porto, portare*?

PORTATUS (-A, -UM) = "HAVING BEEN CARRIED, CARRIED"

BONUS: What is the present active participle and meaning for *porto, portare*?

PORTANS (PORTANTIS) = CARRYING, WHILE CARRYING

13) TOSS-UP: What Roman god was charged with conducting the souls of the dead to the Underworld?

MERCURIUS/MERCURY

BONUS: What was the name of the ferryman who shuttled the dead across the River Styx? CHARON

14) TOSS-UP: Which Roman emperor divided the empire into eastern and western halves?

DIOCLETIAN

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BONUS: Whom did appoint Diocletian appoint as co-emperor? MAXIMIAN

15) TOSS-UP: The typical Roman probably did not have a great variety of food. What was the Romans' favorite meat? PORK

BONUS: If you've ever tried to follow a Roman recipe, you invariably come across an ingredient derived from fermented fish parts. What was this pickled fish juice called? GARUM/LIQUAMEN

16) TOSS-UP: Using the verb "to be," translate into Latin the English phrase "I have a dog." MIHI EST CANIS

BONUS: Change the entire phrase *mihi est canis* to the plural. NOBIS SUNT CANES

17) TOSS-UP: We all know of Apollo's oracle at Delphi, but he had two others. Name the site of another oracle to this god. DELOS or CUMAE

BONUS: Name the other site of an oracle to Apollo. DELOS or CUMAE (whichever one was not used to answer the toss-up)

18) TOSS-UP: What type of wedding was typical for Roman patricians? CONFARREATIO

BONUS: What was the "common law" type marriage used among the lower class and slaves called? USUS

19) TOSS-UP: Give the superlative degree and English translation for the adjective *gratus, grata, gratum* meaning "pleasing". GRATISSIMUS (-A, -UM) = VERY PLEASING, MOST PLEASING

BONUS: Give the superlative degree and English translation for the adjective *acer, acris, acre* meaning "sharp". ACERRIMUS (-A, -UM) = VERY SHARP, SHARPEST, MOST SHARP

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What upcoming movie would the Romans have called *Panthera Punicea Secunda*? PINK PANTHER 2

BONUS: What about the recent release *Capti*? TAKEN

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Many Latin teachers are members of the American Classical League. The ACL's motto is *Vestra Causa Tota Nostra Est*. What is the English translation for this motto?
YOUR CAUSE IS OUR WHOLE (CAUSE) (or similar)
BONUS: Many Latin students are members of the Junior Classical League, whose theme this year, attributed to Aesop, is *Fortuna Nobis Vi Animi Tantum Frenabitur*. What is the English translation for this sententia?
THE LEVEL OF OUR SUCCESS IS LIMITED ONLY BY OUR IMAGINATION

- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What type of Roman gladiator would fight with a net and trident?
RETIARIUS
BONUS: What type of gladiator would fight with a small rectangular shield and a short curved sword?
THRACIAN/THRAX/THRAEX

- 3) WRITE-DOWN: Which Roman king attacked and destroyed Alba Longa?
TULLUS HOSTILIUS
BONUS: During this battle, the conflict came down to a fight between two groups of three brothers, each group representing a side. Name these two groups of brothers.
HORATII AND CURIATII

- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Who was told by the oracle at Delphi to found a city where a cow he was to follow lay down?
CADMUS
BONUS: What city did Cadmus found?
THEBES

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What type of sacrifice is being depicted in this picture?
SUOVETAURILIA
BONUS: To what Roman deity originally associated with fertility were these three animals being sacrificed?
MARS

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin term for a large farm or plantation? LATIFUNDIUM
BONUS: What was the Latin term for a slave who acted as the overseer or manager of the farm? VILICUS
7) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin verb *curo, curare*? TO CARE FOR

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BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin verb soleo, solēre?

TO BE
ACCUSTOMED

8) TOSS-UP: Question #8 is a Rhyme Time question. The answer must be a two-word, rhyming phrase. Here goes: The Roman who conquered Gaul is said to have had his body hair plucked. What would he have used? CAESAR'S TWEEZERS

BONUS: The bonus question is also a Rhyme Time question. The "fiddling" emperor who had his meddling mother put to death delegated the task to these trustworthy and courageous folks. NERO'S HEROES

9) TOSS-UP: What Roman slave, trained as a gladiator near Capua, led a slave revolt which terrified the Romans? SPARTACUS

BONUS: What Roman general marched in at the last battle which saw the end of the revolt and claimed the credit for defeating Spartacus? (GNAEUS) POMPEY (THE GREAT)

10) TOSS-UP: What powerful Latin city was supposedly founded by Aeneas' son Ascanius? It was probably located on a ridge overlooking a large lake. ALBA LONGA

BONUS: What king of Alba Longa was responsible for the imprisonment of Rhea Silvia and ordered her twin boys to be thrown into the Tiber River? AMULIUS

11) TOSS-UP: In what modern country would you find the ruins of ancient Alexandria? EGYPT

BONUS: In what modern country would you find the ruins of ancient Carthage? TUNISIA

12) TOSS-UP: Hector was the hero for the Trojans in the war against the Greeks. What was the name of his wife from whose arms he would leave for battle? ANDROMACHE

BONUS: What was the name of Andromache and Hector's son who would cry when he saw his father outfitted in his armor? ASTYANAX

13) TOSS-UP: What is the comparative degree, masculine, feminine and neuter, of the Latin adjective and English translation for *felix, felicitas* meaning "lucky"?

FELICIOR, FELICIUS = LUCKIER

BONUS: What is the superlative degree, masculine, feminine, and neuter and English translation for the same adjective?

FELICISSIMUS (-A, -UM) = VERY LUCKY,
MOST LUCKY, LUCKIEST

14) TOSS-UP: At what battle did the forces of Octavian defeat the forces of Antony and Cleopatra? ACTIUM

BONUS: In what year did this battle take place? 31 BC

15) TOSS-UP: Theseus was the forgetful sort. His own father flung himself off a cliff when Theseus forgot to replace the black sail on his ship with a white one when returning from killing the Minotaur. What was his father's name? AEGEUS

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BONUS: On the same trip, Theseus forgot about his girlfriend and left her behind on an island when he departed. What was the name of Theseus' lovely assistant who helped him kill the Minotaur?
ARIADNE

- 16) TOSS-UP: How old is a septuagenarian? IN HIS SEVENTIES or AT LEAST 70
BONUS: From your knowledge of Latin numbers, what is the term for someone in his or her nineties? NONAGENARIAN
- 17) TOSS-UP: Why mythological pair's ill-fated love for each other was responsible for turning the mulberry red? PYRAMUS AND THISBE
BONUS: The story of Pyramus and Thisbe took place in the Middle East. What fabled city provided the backdrop for this myth? BABYLON
- 18) TOSS-UP: One of the oldest buildings in the Roman Forum was used as the residence or office of the kings of Rome and was later used by the Pontifex Maximus to store sacred texts and objects. What was this building called? REGIA
BONUS: The official residence of the Pontifex Maximus was the Domus Publica which was situated between the Via Sacra and the house of what important priestesses under his supervision? VESTAL VIRGINS
- 19) TOSS-UP: Congratulations! You have studied hard, aced all your tests, written some brilliant papers and essays, and graduated from school *summa cum laude*. What is the literal translation for that Latin phrase? WITH HIGHEST PRAISE
BONUS: What is the comparative form meaning "higher" from the irregular Latin adjective *summus*? SUPERIOR
- 20) TOSS-UP: You stayed for a double-feature at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Non Fracti Facile*? NOT EASILY BROKEN
BONUS: What about *Cor Ex Atramento*? INKHEART

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Knowing stuff is good. Indeed, Sir Francis Bacon is credited with the quote *Ipsa scientia potestas est*. What is the English translation for this phrase?

KNOWLEDGE ITSELF IS POWER

BONUS: Horace gives us the encouragement *aude sapere*. What does this mean?

DARE TO BE WISE

2) WRITE-DOWN: What room in the Roman baths essentially served as the locker room, a place to change and store clothing? APODYTERIUM

BONUS: What room, hotter than the caldarium, was the place in which one would go to sweat, much like a modern sauna? LACONICUM/SUDATORIUM

3) WRITE-DOWN: Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian were the Roman Emperors who made up which dynasty? FLAVIAN

BONUS: Name the Five Good Emperors in the order in which they ruled.

NERVA, TRAJAN, HADRIAN, ANTONIUS PIUS, MARCUS AURELIUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: What mythological couple were the only ones to show hospitality to Jupiter and Mercury and were rewarded for their services by being saved from a great flood which destroyed the wicked? BAUCIS AND PHILEMON

BONUS: The aged couple also were granted the wish that they would die at the same time.

How did the gods grant this wish? THEY WERE TURNED INTO INTERTWINING TREES

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5) WRITE-DOWN: What formation is the Roman army employing in their attack upon the fort in this picture? TESTUDO

BONUS: This relief is from the Column of Trajan and represents Rome's victory over what people? DACIANS

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6) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin term for a less-than-respectable place where one could buy something to drink or a bite to eat? THERMOPOLIUM/POPINA

BONUS: Often found in thermopolia was a lararium depicting the god of commerce and the god of wine. Who were these two patrons deities for the Romans?

MERCURY AND BACCHUS

7) WRITE-DOWN: Sometimes people get it and sometimes people have to be led by the nose to understand. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *verbum sapienti sat est*?

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A WORD TO THE WISE IS ENOUGH (or similar)

BONUS: Sometimes people say more than they should or slip up when they speak. What is the Latin term for “a slip of the tongue”? LAPSUS LINGVAE

8) TOSS-UP: What is the third person singular, present passive indicative of the Latin verb from which we get the English word “docile”? DOCITUR

BONUS: Change *docitur* to the perfect passive. DOCTUS (-A, -UM) EST

9) TOSS-UP: What mythological creature was half-man, half-goat and usually had the tail of a horse? SATYR

BONUS: Who was Bacchus’ drunken attendant whom some writers describe as a satyr? SILENUS

10) TOSS-UP: Who were the first two Roman consuls of the Roman Republic?

BRUTUS AND COLLATINUS

BONUS: What oracle told them that the next ruler of Rome would be the first to kiss their mother? (APOLLO’S ORACLE AT) DELPHI

11) TOSS-UP: What Latin preposition, taking the accusative case, means “at, among, at the house of”? APUD

BONUS: Using the preposition *apud*, say in Latin, “at my house”. APUD ME

12) TOSS-UP: What is the perfect active infinitive for the Latin verb from which we get the English word “current”? CUCURRISSE

BONUS: Change *cucurrisse* to the perfect passive. CURSUS (-A, -UM) ESSE

13) TOSS-UP: What boy persuaded his father Apollo to allow him to drive the chariot of the sun, a ride which ended in disaster? PHAETHON

BONUS: One of Apollo’s duties was his driving of the chariot of the sun across the heavens every day. What epithet is used to describe Apollo as “bright” or “shining”? PHOEBUS

14) TOSS-UP: What wealthy Roman general mounted a military campaign against the Parthians in 53 BC? He lost, was captured, and killed. (MARCUS LICINIUS) CRASSUS

BONUS: At what battle did Crassus lose, was captured, and killed? CARRHAE

15) TOSS-UP: What was the term for the gladiator who fought with a trident and net?

RETIARIUS

BONUS: What was the term for the gladiator who fought with his eyes covered by a visored helmet? ANDABATA

16) TOSS-UP: What part of speech is a combination of verb and adjective?

PARTICIPLE

BONUS: What is another name for the future passive participle?

GERUNDIVE

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17) WRITE-DOWN: What beautiful young maiden became the wife of Cupid after he was sent by his mother Venus, offended by her beauty, to cause her to fall in love with an unattractive husband?
PSYCHE

BONUS: What was the Roman name for the young maiden who was snatched away by Pluto to become his wife?
PROSERPINA

18) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin term for the four-sided dice, usually made from pigs' knuckles?
TALI

BONUS: What is the Latin term for the six-sided dice, similar to the ones we use today in gaming?
TESSERAE

19) TOSS-UP: If you were setting sail from Athens' port Piraeus, into which sea would you be dipping your oars?
AEGEAN

BONUS: What island serves as the southern boundary of the Aegean Sea?
CRETE

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Caupona Canibus*?
HOTEL FOR DOGS

BONUS: What about *Bella Inter Nuptas*?
BRIDE WARS

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Translate the following English sentence into Latin: "I see the girl whom you know."
VIDEO PUELLAM QUAM SCIO

BONUS: Translate this sentence into Latin: "I see the girl to whom you gave water."
VIDEO PUELLAM CUI AQUAM DEDISTI/
VIDEO PUELLAM CUI AQUAM DABAS

2) WRITE-DOWN: Roman monuments would often bear the inscription S.P.Q.R. What is the full Latin and English meaning for this abbreviation?

SENATUS POPULUSQUE ROMANUS =
THE SENATE AND THE PEOPLE OF ROME

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BONUS: The inscription of the Pantheon in Rome states that Marcus Agrippa built the monument when he was *cos. tertium*. What does this mean?

CONSUL FOR THE THIRD TIME

3) WRITE-DOWN: Since Rome fought a series of three wars against Carthage, there's no doubt that this powerful sea-faring nation was Rome's primary foe in the Mediterranean World. In what modern country today are the ruins of ancient Carthage located? TUNISIA

BONUS: After Rome gained possession of Sicily after the First Punic War, Carthage focused its activities in an area to the west which is now this modern country. SPAIN

4) WRITE-DOWN: List the Julio-Claudian Emperors in the order in which they ruled.

AUGUSTUS, TIBERIUS, GAIUS/CALIGULA, CLAUDIUS, NERO

BONUS: List the Flavian Emperors in the order in which they ruled.

VERSPASIAN, TITUS, DOMITIAN

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the bleeding figure on the right. PROMETHEUS

BONUS: Identify the figure on the left. He is holding a very large object.

ATLAS

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6) TOSS-UP: Wine in the ancient world was thick and needed to be mixed with water before drinking. What did the Romans call this thick, unmixed wine? MERUM

BONUS: Sometimes the Romans would mix honey into their wine in order to sweeten it. What was this sweetened wine called? MULSUM

7) TOSS-UP: Rome gained control of three large islands after the Punic Wars. Today, Sicily and Sardinia still belong to Italy, but what country possesses Corsica? FRANCE

BONUS: What island once sacred to Venus is claimed today by both Greece and Turkey? CYPRUS

8) TOSS-UP: What Roman aristocrat led a conspiracy to overthrow the consuls and gain control of the Roman government in 63 BC? (LUCIUS SERGIUS) CATILINA/CATILINE

BONUS: What eloquent consul and orator gave a series of speeches called the Catilinarians which exposed this conspiracy and forced Catiline to leave Rome?

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

9) TOSS-UP: What is the superlative form of the Latin adjective *bonus*? OPTIMUS

BONUS: What is the superlative form the Latin adjective *magnus*? MAXIMUS

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- 10) TOSS-UP: What Roman girl, along with other Roman children who had been given as hostages to Lars Porsena, escaped and led many of the hostages across the Tiber River and back home? CLOELIA
BONUS: Lars Porsena was very angry at this escape and demanded that the hostages be returned to him before he could finalize the peace treaty. Cloelia valiantly returned to Porsena's camp where he was very impressed with her bravery and sense of honor. What happened to her next? SHE WAS RELEASED BY PORSENA (AND PRAISED/HONORED BY HER FELLOW ROMANS)
- 11) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin for the state motto of Kansas: "to the stars through difficulties"? AD ASTRA PER ASPERA
BONUS: What is the meaning of Wyoming's motto, *Arma cedant togae*? LET/MAY ARMS YIELD TO THE TOGA
- 12) TOSS-UP: What was the name of the first ship which Jason used to fetch the golden fleece? ARGO
BONUS: In Greek mythology, there are several different people or things named Argus. Identify two of them. THE BUILDER OF THE ARGO, THE CREATURE WITH COUNTLESS EYES USED AS A GUARD, ODYSSEUS' DOG, FOUNDER OF THE CITY OF ARGOS, PERSON RESCUED BY THE ARGONAUTS
- 13) TOSS-UP: It has been said that the use of Roman numerals in the Roman Empire set back the development of higher-order mathematics by centuries because they were so clumsy to work with. Add these Roman numerals and give your answer in Roman numerals: XLIII + LXXIV = ? CXVII
BONUS: OK, math whizzes, try this one: CDL + MVI = ? MCDLVI
- 14) TOSS-UP: During the reign of which king of Rome was the Pons Sublicius built? ANCUS MARCIUS
BONUS: What Roman hero single-handedly fought off the advancing Etruscans at this bridge, an act that allowed his fellow countrymen to retreat and destroy the bridge so that the Etruscans could not cross? HORATIUS (COCLES)
- 15) TOSS-UP: What agriculturally-rich and pleasant Italian region surrounds Mt. Vesuvius and the Bay of Naples? CAMPANIA
BONUS: What Italian region originally was bounded by the Tiber River to the south and east, the Tyrrhenian Sea to the west and the Arno River to the north? ETRURIA/TUSCANY/TOSCANO
- 16) TOSS-UP: What use of the ablative case is illustrated by this Latin sentence: *Pecunia a servo dominae data est*? (ABLATIVE OF PERSONAL) AGENT
BONUS: Using an ablative of comparison, give the correct Latin form of the pronoun in the following sentence: "That boy is not taller than me". ME

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- 17) TOSS-UP: Who is the Roman goddess of the hunt and the moon? DIANA
BONUS: Whom did Diana turn into a stag to be torn up by his own hounds just because he saw her naked in the woods? ACTAEON
- 18) TOSS-UP: What did the Romans call the day which fell on the 13th or 15th of every month?
IDES
BONUS: If a Roman told you he would do something *ad Graecas Kalendas*, when would he do it?
NEVER (the Greeks did not have Kalends)
- 19) TOSS-UP: Spell the Latin abbreviation for the English phrase “and the rest”.
E-T-C
BONUS: What is the Latin for the abbreviation m.o., as in “That evidence doesn’t match the criminal’s m.o.”?
MODUS OPERANDI
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to our final visit to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Non Invitati*? THE UNINVITED
BONUS: What about *Canis Suburae Perdives*? SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

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