

## 2009 Riverbend Certamen

### LEVEL I - ROUND 1

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Welcome to the Fifth Annual Riverbend Certamen! Write in Latin, “fifth certamen.”  
QUINTUM CERTAMEN  
BONUS: Using the verb ludo, ludere, write in Latin, “We are playing in the fifth certamen.”  
(NOS) LUDIMUS IN QUINTO CERTAMINE
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: Scribe Latine: In what area of ancient Rome did the military train and voting would take place?  
IN CAMPO MARTIO  
BONUS: What domed temple dedicated to all the gods would be built in the Campus Martius during the early part of the Roman Empire?  
PANTHEON
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: Which Roman king is credited with bringing much religious ritual to Rome?  
NUMA POMPILIUS  
BONUS: Which Roman king was originally born as a slave in the royal household?  
SERVIUS TULLIUS
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: How did the infant Heracles demonstrate that he was more than the typical mortal child when he was in the crib?  
HE STRANGLER TWO SNAKES SENT TO KILL HIM  
BONUS: Who sent these snakes to kill Heracles?  
HERA

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What Greek deity is represented on this ancient coin? Hint: Make sure you look at both sides.  
ATHENA  
BONUS: What is the Latin term for owl, whose screech when heard at night was thought to bring bad luck?  
BUBO

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What room in a Roman house was used as the master’s study?

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### TABLINUM

BONUS: What room in a Roman house means “columns all around”?

PERISTYLIUM

7) TOSS-UP: Name the four irregular singular imperatives in Latin.

DIC, DUC, FAC, FER

BONUS: Make each of the irregular singular imperatives plural.

DICITE, DUCITE, FACITE, FERTE

8) TOSS-UP: On what island is the volcano Mt. Etna located?

SICILY

BONUS: In what sea is the volcano Thera located?

AEGEAN

9) TOSS-UP: What severe Roman senator reportedly ended every speech with the words

*Carthago delenda est?*

CATO THE ELDER

BONUS: What is the English translation of *Carthago delenda est?*

CARTHAGE MUST BE DESTROYED

10) TOSS-UP: Give the first two principal parts and meaning of the Latin verb from which the English word “legend” is derived.

LEGO, LEGERE = “CHOOSE/GATHER/READ”

BONUS: Give the first two principal parts and meaning of the base Latin verb from which the English word “transit” is derived.

EO, IRE = “GO”

11) TOSS-UP: *Quis erat primus rex Romanus?*

ROMULUS

BONUS: *Qui rex Sabinus cum Romulo breviter regnat?*

TITUS TATIUS

12) TOSS-UP: Responde Latine. How many legs does an arachnid have?

OCTO

BONUS: Responde Latine. How many legs does a Myrmidon have?

DUO

13) TOSS-UP: Who were the royal parents of Paris about whom there was a prophecy that he would bring about the destruction of Troy?

PRIAM AND HECUBA

BONUS: On what mountain was the infant Paris exposed in order to thwart this prophecy?

MT. IDA

14) TOSS-UP: Traditionally speaking, in what year was the Roman Republic founded?

510 BC or 509 BC

BONUS: The rape of what noblewoman prompted the revolt which overthrew Tarquinius Superbus?

LUCRETIA

15) TOSS-UP: What Latin title would be bestowed upon a victorious Roman general by his troops?

IMPERATOR

BONUS: What Latin title would be bestowed upon one who had saved his country?

PATER PATRIAE

16) TOSS-UP: What is the third person plural, present active indicative of the Latin verb from which we get the English word “action”?

AGUNT

BONUS: Keep everything else the same, change agunt to the imperfect tense.

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### AGEBANT

- 17) TOSS-UP: Apollo gave ass' ears to what king of Phrygia? MIDAS  
BONUS: Apollo punished Midas because the king had chosen what other deity the winner in a musical contest? PAN
- 18) TOSS-UP: What kind of toga would a victorious general wear during a triumphal procession? TOGA PICTA  
BONUS: What type of toga would a person in mourning wear? TOGA PULLA
- 19) TOSS-UP: Eric was informed by his teacher that he had received a *magna cum laude* on the National Latin Exam. What use of the ablative case is *magna cum laude*? MANNER  
BONUS: Eric was so excited that he ran outside and climbed up the nearest tree. Name the type of ablative his teacher would have used to say, "Descende, Erice, de arbore!" PLACE FROM WHICH
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! How would the Romans have represented the movie 2012 in Roman numerals? MMXII  
BONUS: What would be the Latin name of the movie "New Moon"? LUNA NOVA

END OF ROUND 1.

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Is oxygen *ne plus ultra* or *sine qua non* or *quid pro quo* for life to exist on Earth? SINE QUA NON  
BONUS: Is a truly unique individual *sui generis* or *emeritus* or *sine ira et studio*? SUI GENERIS
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What was the Latin phrase for the slaves who lived and worked in a *villa rustica*? FAMILIA RUSTICA  
BONUS: What was the term for the overseer of slaves? VILICUS

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3) WRITE-DOWN: What were the Tities, Ramnes, and Lucernes?

THE ORIGINAL THREE TRIBES IN ROME

BONUS: By the beginning of the Roman Empire, into how many tribes were the citizens divided?

THIRTY

4) WRITE-DOWN: Whom did Heracles persuade to get the golden apples of the Hesperides while he held up the sky?

ATLAS

BONUS: What brother of Atlas had trouble with a visiting vulture every day?

PROMETHEUS

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify this item worn by Roman children. BULLA

BONUS: What was the purpose of the bulla? WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS

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6) TOSS-UP: What structures were built by the Romans to bring fresh water into the city?

AQUEDUCTS

BONUS: If an aqueduct carried water, what would a viaduct carry? A ROAD

7) TOSS-UP: *Responde Anglice: Quis erat rex deorum Romanorum?* JUPITER

BONUS: *Responde Anglice: Quis erat soror uxorque Iovis?* JUNO

8) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *mea culpa*?

MY FAULT/MY BAD

BONUS: After admitting your faulty, you may exclaim *O me miseram!* What does that mean in English?

O WRETCHED ME! (or similar)

9) TOSS-UP: What Roman claimed that he was able to close the doors of the Temple of Janus after a century of civil wars, thus bringing about a period of peace and prosperity at the beginning of the Roman Empire?

AUGUSTUS

BONUS: What was this period of peace and prosperity called?

PAX ROMANA/PAX AUGUSTA

10) TOSS-UP: What three Roman emperors comprised the Flavian dynasty?

VESPASIAN, TITUS, and DOMITIAN

BONUS: Name the so-called Five Good Emperors.

NERVA, TRAJAN, HADRIAN, ANTONINUS PIUS, and  
MARCUS AURELIUS

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- 11) TOSS-UP: What did it mean when Rome was called the *caput mundi*?  
CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE/HEAD OF THE WORLD  
BONUS: When would it be appropriate to use the Latin phrase *Sic transit gloria mundi*?  
WHEN SOMEONE FAMOUS/GREAT HAS DIED
- 12) TOSS-UP: What Greek deity, in order to cause havoc, threw a golden apple inscribed “to the fairest” into a wedding to which she was not invited? ERIS/ATE  
BONUS: What three Greek goddesses ended up vying for possession of this apple in a beauty contest and who won?  
HERA, ATHENA, AND APHRODITE  
AND APHRODITE WON
- 13) TOSS-UP: Since Eris was a troublemaker everywhere she went, she was an unwelcome person. What is the common Latin phrase which describes this type of individual?  
PERSONA NON GRATA  
BONUS: Say in Latin, “Thank you!” GRATIAS (or GRATES) TIBI (or VOBIS) AGO
- 14) TOSS-UP: Which Roman emperor built the Domus Aurea on public land cleared after the Great Fire in AD 64? NERO  
BONUS: When the emperor Vespasian gained power, he order the destruction of the Domus Aurea to make room for what more famous structure?  
FLAVIAN AMPHITHEATER/COLOSSEUM
- 15) TOSS-UP: What woman waited patiently for twenty years for her husband to return home from the Trojan War? PENELOPE  
BONUS: What was the name of Odysseus’ dog who was the first to recognize his long-lost master?  
ARGOS
- 16) TOSS-UP: Using the verb *video, vidēre*, say in Latin, “Do you see?”  
VIDESNE or VIDETISNE (Moderators should decide among themselves whether to accept simply VIDES or VIDETIS)  
BONUS: Using the verb *video, vidēre*, say in Latin, “You don’t see, do you?”  
NUM VIDES or NUM VIDETIS
- 17) TOSS-UP: The mighty oak tree is a symbol of what Roman deity? JUPITER  
BONUS: Whose tree was the laurel? APOLLO
- 18) TOSS-UP: What is the modern equivalent of *subligaculum*? UNDERWEAR  
BONUS: What is the modern equivalent of a *forica*? TOILET/LATRINE
- 19) TOSS-UP: Where were the Pillars of Hercules located?  
ENTRANCE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA FROM THE ATLANTIC SEA  
BETWEEN SPAIN AND AFRICA/STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR  
BONUS: According to Greek mythology, on which labor of Hercules did the hero create this connection between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean? FETCHING THE CATTLE OF GERYON

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20) TOSS-UP: When you you have been recognized, perform the following command: *Surge et Anglice canta carmen "Tres Mures Caeci"*. STUDENT SHOULD STAND AND SING THREE BLIND MICE

BONUS: Perform this command: *Surgite et nobis demonstrate fenestram*. EVERYONE SHOULD STAND AND POINT OUT TO THOSE IN THE ROOM THE WINDOW

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Answer the following question in Roman numerals: Take the number of kings of Rome and multiply that by the number of Julio-Claudian emperors. Add to that number the year in which Julius Caesar was assassinated. LXXIX or LXXVIII  
[(7 x 5) + 44 = 79]

BONUS: Answer this question in Roman numerals: Take the number of Punic Wars and multiply that by the number of pillars across the façade of a tetrastyle temple. Add to than number the year in which the Western Roman empire fell.  
CDLXXXVIII or CCCCLXXXVIII [(3 x 4) + 476 = 488]

2) WRITE-DOWN: During the Roman Republic, ten of these officials were elected annually to protect the rights of the plebeians. What were they called? TRIBUNES/TRIBUNI (PLEBIS)

BONUS: What one Latin word did the tribune have to utter to stop all legislation and what does that word mean in English? VETO = I FORBID

3) WRITE-DOWN: Name the Roman hero who single-handedly defended the Pons Sublicius against Lars Porsena. HORATIUS (COCLES)

BONUS: Horatius' nickname was Cocles. What does Cocles mean? ONE-EYED

4) WRITE-DOWN: Antaeus was a giant who remarkable strength as long as he was in contact with the ground. What hero was able to defeat him by picking him up and killing him with a bear hug? HERACLES/HERCULES

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BONUS: Antaeus wrestled and killed passersby for their skulls. He was trying to collect enough skulls to build a temple to his father. Who was his father? POSEIDON

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5) WRITE-DOWN: To what island in the Aegean Sea is Arrow A pointing? SICILY  
BONUS: To what island is Arrow B pointing? CRETE

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6) TOSS-UP: What was the Roman equivalent of the wedding dress? TUNICA RECTA  
BONUS: With what special object would a Roman girl have her hair parted as she prepared for her wedding day? POINT OF A SPEAR

7) TOSS-UP: Provide the correct form of the adjective *miser, misera, miserum* to agree with the dative singular of *poeta, poetae*. MISERO  
BONUS: What is the correct form of the demonstrative adjective *hic, haec, hoc* to agree with *misero poetae*? HUIC

8) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin for the common English phrase “to err is human”?  
ERRARE HUMANUM EST  
BONUS: Why is the adjective *humanum* neuter?  
INFINITIVES ARE NEUTER IN GENDER

9) TOSS-UP: The beautiful Helen had a face that launched a thousand ships. Part of this beauty came from having Zeus as a father. What was the name of her mother? LEDA  
BONUS: In what form did the amorous Zeus visit Leda, who later gave birth to Helen?  
SWAN

10) TOSS-UP: What nearby powerful city in Latium was destroyed by the Roman king Tullus Hostilius? Descendants from this city had founded Rome many years earlier.  
ALBA LONGA  
BONUS: What two sets of twins battled on each side to determine to outcome of the conflict?  
HORATII AND CURIATII

11) TOSS-UP: What possessive name did the Romans call the Mediterranean Sea?  
MARE NOSTRUM  
BONUS: What is the Latin name for the sea between Italia and what the Romans called Illyricum?  
MARE (H)ADRIATICUM

12) TOSS-UP: With a single Latin word, classify the following words: *leo, piscis, canis, vacca*.

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ANIMALIA (accept ANIMALIA?)

BONUS: Give the meaning of three of those animals.

LEO = LION; PISCIS = FISH; CANIS = DOG; VACCA = HEIFER/COW

13) TOSS-UP: What was the name of the cyclops who imprisoned Odysseus and his crew?

POLYPHEMUS

BONUS: As he escaped, Odysseus tricked Polyphemus into announcing to his fellow cyclopes that who had injured him? NO ONE

14) TOSS-UP: On what hill was Romulus standing when he was searching for a sign from the gods as to whether he or his brother should found a city? PALATINE

BONUS: On what hill was Remus standing? AVENTINE

15) TOSS-UP: The modern term “circus” comes from the Latin term for what structure?

RACECOURSE

BONUS: The modern term “arena” comes from the Latin term for what substance?

SAND

16) TOSS-UP: In what case does Latin put the indirect object? DATIVE

BONUS: Translate the following English sentence into Latin: My father gave me money.

(MEUS) PATER MI/MIHI PECUNIAM DEDIT/DABAT

17) TOSS-UP: What is the name of the mythological creature that is half man and half horse?

CENTAUR

BONUS: What is the name of the mythological creature that is half man and half goat?

SATYR

18) TOSS-UP: With what object was a Roman bride’s hair parted? SPEARPOINT

BONUS: What was the name of a Roman bride’s orange-colored veil? FLAMMEUM

19) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *tempus fugit*? TIME FLIES

BONUS: Change this Latin phrase to the plural. TEMPORA FUGIUNT

20) TOSS-UP: When you have been recognized, perform the following command: *surge et fac sonitum similis equo*.

STUDENT SHOULD STAND UP AND MAKE A SOUND SIMILAR TO A HORSE

BONUS: Perform this command: *Surgite et cantate Anglice illum carmen de insectis qui lumina habent*.

STUDENTS SHOULD STAND AND SING THE “FIREFLY SONG” (Ask almost any student and they will most likely know it!)

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SUM, ESSE, FUI, FUTURUM(-US)

BONUS: What are the principal parts for the irregular verb *eo*, keeping in mind that it has two forms of the third principal part? EO, IRE, II AND IVI, ITUM/ITURUM

8) TOSS-UP: *Responde Latine: Quot consules in Re Publica Romana regebant?* DUO

BONUS: *Responde Latine: Quid Romani appellaverunt magistratus qui iudices erant?*  
PRAETOR/PRAETORES

9) TOSS-UP: What is the English meaning of the Latin phrase, *in vino veritas*?

IN WINE (THERE IS) TRUTH

BONUS: Change the Latin phrase, *in vino veritas*, to the plural in all forms.

IN VINIS VERITATES

10) TOSS-UP: Whom did Aeneas wed soon after arriving in Latium? LAVINIA

BONUS: To whom had Lavinia's parents promised in her marriage before Aeneas arrived?  
Aeneas had to fight a small war for her. TURNUS

11) TOSS-UP: What is the name of the mountain range which runs down the spine of Italy?

APENNINES

BONUS: What mountain range separated Gallia from Hispania?

PYRENEES

12) TOSS-UP: *Responde Latine: How many Muses were there?*

NOVEM

BONUS: Who was the mother of the Muses?

MNEMOSYNE

13) TOSS-UP: Translate the prepositional phrase from the following sentence into English:

*Puella in villa diu sedet.*

IN THE FARMHOUSE

BONUS: Make the sentence *Puella in villa diu sedet* plural.

PUELLAE IN VILLIS DIU SEDENT

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

BATTLE OF ACTIUM

BONUS: In what year did this battle take place?

31 BC

15) TOSS-UP: What type of Roman would wear the *toga candida*?

ONE RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICE

BONUS: What substance was used to make this garment bright white in color?

CHALK

16) TOSS-UP: Conjugate the Latin verb *eo, ire*, meaning "to go" in the present tense.

EO, IS, IT, IMUS, IT IS, EUNT

BONUS: Now conjugate the same verb in the imperfect tense.

IBAM, IBAS, IBAT, IBAMUS, IBATIS, IBANT

17) TOSS-UP: Mythology often tells stories of some unlikely pairs of individuals. What are the Roman names for the ugliest and most beautiful of the gods who were married?

VULCAN AND VENUS

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BONUS: Vulcan caught his wife, the goddess of love and beauty, in bed with what Roman god whose concerns seem completely opposite? MARS

18) TOSS-UP: What was the speaker's platform in the Roman Forum called? ROSTRA  
BONUS: The head and hands of what famous orator and statesman were nailed to the rostra after his death? Mark Antony's wife is said to have pulled out the tongue from the head and stabbed it with her knitting needles. (MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

19) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin motto of Virginia and its English meaning?  
SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS  
BONUS: What is the English meaning of the motto of Kansas, *Ad astra per aspera*?  
TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What upcoming movie would the Romans have called *Audivistine de Morganis*? DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?  
BONUS: What movie would the Romans have called *Canes Veteri*?  
OLD DOGS

END OF ROUND 4.

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