

2009 Riverbend Certamen

LEVEL IA - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Every Latin student in Virginia knows that the state motto is *Sic Semper Tyrannis*, but not everyone can spell it correctly. Please write out Virginia's motto, spelling it correctly, or course. S-I-C S-E-M-P-E-R T-Y-R-A-N-N-I-S

BONUS: The Marine Corps base Quantico is located not too far up the road from Fredericksburg. What is the full Latin motto, spelled correctly, of the United States Marine Corp? S-E-M-P-E-R F-I-D-E-L-I-S

2) WRITE-DOWN: Which one of the following food items did the Romans know about: chocolate, potatoes, coffee, pears, tomatoes. PEARS

BONUS: Tomatoes would be brought back from the new world, but what Italian explorer would bring pasta back from China? MARCO POLO

3) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of the first permanent bridge across the Tiber River? PONS SUBLICIUS

BONUS: Which king of Rome ordered this bridge to be built? ANCUS MARCIUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: What Titan stole fire from Mount Olympus and gave it to man? PROMETHEUS

BONUS: How was he severely punished by Zeus for helping to civilize mankind? HE WAS CHAINED TO A ROCK AND HAD AN EAGLE COME EVERYDAY TO EAT OUT HIS REGENERATING LIVER

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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 were the only words spoken by a Roman bride in her wedding ceremony?
UBI/QUANDO TU GAIUS, EGO GAIA
BONUS: At what ceremony would the bride and groom be officially engaged?
SPONSALIA
- 7) TOSS-UP: What is the first person plural, pluperfect active indicative of the Latin verb from which we derive the English word “science”?
SCIVERAMUS
BONUS: Keeping everything else the same, change *sciveramus* to the passive.
SCITI (-AE, -A) ERANT
- 8) TOSS-UP: Which word does not belong in the following list and why: *res, miles, dies, spes, acies*.
MILES, BECAUSE IT IS THIRD DECLENSION;
ALL THE OTHERS ARE FIFTH DECLENSION
BONUS: Fully decline the noun *dies*, meaning “day”.
DIES, DIEI, DIEI, DIEM, DIE, DIES, DIERUM,
DIEBUS, DIES, DIEBUS
- 9) TOSS-UP: Name the five Julio-Claudian emperors in the order of their rule.
AUGUSTUS, TIBERIUS, GAIUS/CALIGULA, CLAUDIUS, NERO
BONUS: Name the four emperors who ruled in AD 69.
GALBA, OTHO, VITELLIUS, VESPASIAN
- 10) 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
- 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

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- 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: Which of the following English nouns is not derived from the Latin word for year? millennium, anniversary, annuity, announcer, superannuation **ANNOUNCER**
BONUS: Give the first two principal parts and the meaning of the Latin word from which bankrupt, eruption, corruption, and abrupt are derived. **RUMPO, RUMPERE = BREAK**
- 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: Differentiate in meaning between the verbs *volo, volare, volo, velle, and volvo, volve.* **VOLO, VOLARE = FLY; VOLO, VELLE = WISH/WANT; AND VOLVO, VOLVERE = ROLL/TURN**
BONUS: The verb *volo, velle* is irregular. What is the conjugation in the present tense? **VOLO, VIS, VULT, VOLUMUS, VULTIS, VOLUNT**
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What current movie would the ancient Romans have called *Viri qui capros spectant*? **MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS**
BONUS: Using Roman numerals, how would a Roman having written 2012? **MMXII**

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: What are the four principal parts of the irregular verb *fero*?

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FERO, FERRE, TULI, LATUM

BONUS: What are the four principal parts of the irregular verb *tollo*?

TOLLO, TOLLERE, SUSTULI, SUBLATUM

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

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: 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

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: What is the Latin term for the opening in the top of the dome? OCULUS

BONUS: From what substance were the Romans able to mold this ceiling? CONCRETE

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6) 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

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 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

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- 10) 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
- 11) 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
- 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: On what island is the volcano Mt. Etna located? SICILY
BONUS: In what sea is the volcano Thera located? AEGEAN
- 17) TOSS-UP: According to Ovid, what beautiful young maiden was changed into a heifer by the amorous Jupiter in order to hide her from his wife Juno? IO
BONUS: Whom did Juno place as a never-sleeping guard over Io? ARGUS
- 18) TOSS-UP: What was the name of the felt cap worn by freed slaves in ancient Rome?
PILEUS/PILLEUS
BONUS: Slaves in ancient Rome received the pileus when they were set free by their masters. What was the Latin term for the act of freeing a slave? MANUMISSIO

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- 19) 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
- 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: Identify the common bond: *fores, ostium, ianua*. DOOR/DOORWAY
BONUS: What was the name for the short hallway located between the doorway and the atrium?
VESTIBULUM (accept FAUCES)
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of Alexander the Great's horse? Hint: It is said to have had a large head. BUCEPHALUS
BONUS: What was said to be unusual about Julius Caesar's horse?
HE HAD TOES INSTEAD OF HOOVES

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- 4) WRITE-DOWN: What beautiful maiden aided Theseus in killing her brother, the Minotaur?
ARIADNE

BONUS: What beautiful maiden instructed Jason to chop up her brother and throw his pieces into the sea in order to prevent her father from following them as they escaped?
MEDEA

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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: Identify the common bond: *fas, nefas, satis, nihil*.
INDECLINABLE NOUNS (Prompt for specific answer)
BONUS: What is the English meaning of *fas, nefas, satis, nihil* ?
FAS = RIGHT; NEFAS = NOT RIGHT; SATIS = ENOUGH; NIHIL = NOTHING

- 8) 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

- 9) TOSS-UP: Helen, whose beautiful face launched a thousand ships, had twin brothers who became a constellation in the heavens. What were her brothers' names?
CASTOR AND POLLUX/POLYDEUCES
BONUS: The twins were placed in the heavens as a constellation so that they both could share immortality and remain together forever. Which one of the brothers was mortal?
POLLUX/POLYDEUCES

- 10) TOSS-UP: What Roman emperor was the first to build a wall across central Britain to draw a limit to the Roman Empire? HADRIAN
BONUS: What Roman emperor built a wall further north twenty years later to separate what would become Scotland from Britain? ANTONINUS PIUS

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

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1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the English translation of Vergil's quote, *Audentes fortuna iuvat*?
FORTUNE FAVORS/HELPS THE BRAVE

BONUS: What is the meaning of *Dulce bellum inexpertis*?
WAR IS SWEET TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT TRIED/EXPERIENCED IT (or similar)

2) WRITE-DOWN: On what four months did the nones and ides fall on a day different from all the others?
MARCH, MAY, JULY, OCTOBER

BONUS: When do the nones and ides fall on these four months?
NONES = 7th AND IDES = 15th

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: Who were the biological parents of Romulus and Remus?
MARS AND RHEA SILVIA

BONUS: Who were the human foster parents of Romulus and Remus?
FAUSTULUS AND ACCA LAURENTIA

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify this self-absorbed youth from mythology. NARCISSUS

BONUS: What nymph pined away for Narcissus until she wasted away? Only her voice remained. ECHO

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What is the name of the tasty condiment made from fermented fish parts?
GARUM/LIQUAMEN
BONUS: What was *mulsum*? WINE SWEETENED WITH HONEY
- 7) 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
- 8) 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
- 9) TOSS-UP: With a single Latin word, classify the following words: *leo, piscis, canis, vacca*.
ANIMALIA (accept ANIMALIA?)
BONUS: Give the meaning of three of those animals.
LEO = LION; PISCIS = FISH; CANIS = DOG; VACCA = HEIFER/COW
- 10) 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
- 11) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin phrase which describes land on a map which has not been
explored? It can also refer to anything which someone has not experienced.
TERRA INCOGNITA
BONUS: What is the Latin phrase for a map? CHARTA GEOGRAPHICA
- 12) TOSS-UP: Who was the goddess of the rainbow who carried messages for Hera? IRIS
BONUS: Hera did not permit what mother of Apollo and Artemis to give birth until she had r
received jewelry? LETO
- 13) TOSS-UP: What was the name of Rome’s port located at the mouth of the Tiber River?
OSTIA
BONUS: On what sea, a part of the Mediterranean, was Ostia situated?
TYRRHENIAN SEA
- 14) TOSS-UP: What general was the first to introduce elephants in battle against the Romans?
PYRRHUS

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BONUS: What does a “Pyrrhic victory” mean? ONE IN WHICH YOU ARE VICTORIOUS
BUT AT A VERY GREAT COST

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

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: In times of mourning, the Romans would hang the branches of what tree above the entrance of their house? CYPRESS

BONUS: During the funeral procession, the death masks of deceased ancestors would be displayed. What were these death masks called? IMAGINES

19) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin maxim: *Non est ad astra mollis e terra via*?
THERE IS NO EASY WAY FROM THE EARTH TO THE STARS

BONUS: What Roman author wrote these words? SENECA THE YOUNGER

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What recent movie would the Romans have called *Latus Caecum*? THE BLIND SIDE

BONUS: What highly anticipated upcoming movie would the Romans have called *Loca Sancta Mortua*? THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

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