

## 2009 Riverbend Certamen

### LEVEL II 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: Some terms from the ancient world can be easily confused. What were *mirmillones*? MIRMILLONES = GLADIATORS (with FISH EMBLEM ON HELMET)

BONUS: What were Myrmidons? MYRMIDONS = SOLDIERS OF ACHILLES (SOLDIERS DERIVED FROM ANTS)

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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: Using the verb *basio, basiare*, say in Latin, “The boy was kissing the girl.”  
PUER PUELLAM BASIABAT  
BONUS: Change the sentence *Puer puellam basiabat* to the passive voice.  
PUELLA A PUERO BASIABATUR
- 8) TOSS-UP: Jason was told that he would find the Golden Fleece in Colchis. On the shores of what sea was Colchis located? BLACK SEA/PONTUS EUXINUS  
BONUS: In what modern country today was Colchis located? GEORGIA
- 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: Back to passive voice. In the sentence *Puella a puero basiatur*, which use of the ablative case is *a puero*? ABLATIVE OF AGENT  
BONUS: If the sentence were, *Puella magnā cum curā basiatur*, what use of the ablative is shown there? ABLATIVE OF MANNER
- 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: 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
- 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: At what stage of the *cursus honorum* was a politician responsible for public works, such as slave sales, road building, and aqueduct construction? AEDILE  
BONUS: What is the term for an ex-consular governor of a foreign province?  
PROCONSUL
- 16) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *Dei gratiā*?

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BY THE GRACE OF GOD

BONUS: What is the Latin and English for the abbreviation D.V.?

DEO VOLENTE = GOD WILLING

17) TOSS-UP: What daughter of Zeus and Hera was the cupbearer of the gods?

HEBE

BONUS: Whom did Hebe marry after she dismissed because she accidentally exposed herself to the gods?

HERACLES (accept HERCULES?)

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: Everyone knows Julius Caesar's famous boast, Veni! Vidi! Vici! How would he have said, "I am going to come; I am going to see; and I am going to conquer"?

SUM VENTURUS, VISURUS, VICTURUS

BONUS: What is the construction of a form of the verb "to be" and the future active participle called?

ACTIVE PERIPHRASTIC

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: Give the correct form of the relative pronoun in Latin from the following sentence: "I saw three girls whose hair was black."

QUARUM

BONUS: Give the correct form of the relative pronoun in Latin for this sentence: "The girls to whom I sent the letters were very happy."

AD QUAS

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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: Name the members of the Second Triumvirate in the order in which they died.  
LEPIDUS, ANTONY, OCTAVIAN

BONUS: What was the period of peace ushered by Octavian called? PAX ROMANA

4) WRITE-DOWN: To which Roman deity were the Salii, the “leaping priests,” dedicated?  
MARS

BONUS: One of the responsibilities of the Salii were the protection of the twelve sacred *ancilia*, basically shaped like a figure-eight. What were *ancilia*?  
SHIELDS

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

FERO, FERRE, TULI, LATUM

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

TOLLO, TOLLERE, SUSTULI, SUBLATUM

8) TOSS-UP: *Marcus ab Valeriā vocabatur*. What is the use of the ablative case in that sentence?  
ABLATIVE OF (PERSONAL) AGENT

BONUS: Change *Marcus ab Valeriā vocabatur* to the active voice.

VALERIA MARCUM VOCABAT

9) TOSS-UP: Who was the first Roman to invade and conquer Britain? JULIUS CAESAR

BONUS: What Roman invaded and conquered Britain in AD54-55? CLAUDIUS

10) TOSS-UP: During the Roman Republic, what office would be held in times in emergency?  
DICTATOR

BONUS: How long was a dictator allowed to hold this special office? SIX MONTHS

11) TOSS-UP: In what ancient city did the story of Pyramus and Thisbe take place?

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### BABYLON

BONUS: In what modern country today are the ruins of ancient Babylon located?

IRAQ

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: Provide the correct form the of relative pronoun in Latin found in this sentence: I gave the money to Marcus whom I saw in the shop. QUEM

BONUS: Provide the correct form of the relative pronoun in Latin found in this sentence: The women, whose husbands were captured, were waiting in the Forum. QUARUM

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: 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

16) TOSS-UP: What is the complete Latin phrase and the English meaning for the abbreviation *q.v.*? QUOD VIDE = SEE WHICH

BONUS: What is the complete Latin phrase and the English meaning for the abbreviation *et seq.* (please spell after saying it)? ET SEQUENS or ET SEQUENTES or ET SEQUENTIA; meaning “AND FOLLOWING”

17) TOSS-UP: What beautiful maiden aided Theseus in killing her brother, the Minotaur? ARIADNE

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

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

19) 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)

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20) TOSS-UP: What is the English translation of Wyoming's state motto *Arma cedant togae*?

LET ARMS YIELD TO THE TOGA

BONUS: What is the English translation of Missouri's *Salus populi suprema lex esto*?

LET THE SAFETY/WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE  
BE THE SUPREME LAW

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Translate the following sentence into Latin using a present active participle: "We saw a bull running in the road."

VIDIMUS TAURUM IN VIA CURRENTEM

BONUS: Using the noun *timor, timoris*, write in Latin, "I have a fear of running bulls."

(EGO) HABEO TIMOREM TAURORUM CURRENTIUM

2) WRITE-DOWN: How was a Vestal Virgin punished if she was found to be unchaste?

BURIED ALIVE

BONUS: For how long did a Vestal Virgin serve as priestess of Vesta?

THIRTY YEARS

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

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: To what island in the Aegean Sea is Arrow A pointing? CRETE  
BONUS: To what island is Arrow B pointing? RHODES

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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: 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: *Responde Latine: Quot sunt octo et undeviginti?* VIGINTI (ET) SEX  
BONUS: *Responde Latine: Quot sunt triginta et sex minus viginti?* SEDECIM

- 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: Identify this animal: *sus, aper, porcus*. PIG (accept BOAR)  
BONUS: Identify: *gallus, gallina, pullus*. CHICKEN (accept HEN/ROOSTER)

- 12) TOSS-UP: Which of the following words does not belong in this list: *teneri, arbitrari, sequi, polliceri, proficisci*? TENERI (It is not a deponent verb)  
BONUS: Which of the following verbs does not belong in this list: *fruor, utor, fungor, potior, vescor, sequor*? SEQUOR (All the others take their object in the ablative case)

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- 13) TOSS-UP: In the very scary story of Oedipus, in which he attempts to avoid fate and ends up killing his father and marrying his mother, what is the name of the mythological creature who stops him on the road and asks him a riddle? SPHINX  
BONUS: What is the name of Oedipus' mother-wife? JOCASTA
- 14) TOSS-UP: During which war was the Battle of Cannae fought?  
SECOND PUNIC WAR  
BONUS: Which battle ended the Second Punic War? ZAMA
- 15) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin term for knucklebones taken from sheep and goats? They were used in games? TALI  
BONUS: What was the Latin term for dice made from ivory, stone, or wood? TESSERAE
- 16) TOSS-UP: Give the correct form of the participle in Latin for the following sentence: "Titus, while sleeping, dreamed of a far-away land." DORMIENS  
BONUS: Change *dormiens* to the future passive participle. DORMIENDUS (-A, -UM)
- 17) TOSS-UP: What English adjective, taken from a river in mythology, means "dark, gloomy"?  
STYX  
BONUS: The adjective stygian also means "inviolable." Why is this?  
GODS SWORE UNBREAKABLE OATHS BY THE WATER OF THE STYX
- 18) TOSS-UP: 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)
- 19) TOSS-UP: Most Latin students know that Britannia was the Roman name for the province we know as Britain. What did the Romans call Ireland? HIBERNIA  
BONUS: What did the Romans call Scotland? CALEDONIA
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana, of sorts. What character from American cinematic lore would have taken his leave with the Latin phrase *Vive diu et prospera*?  
(MR.) SPOCK (not DR.) (from STAR TREK)  
BONUS: Spock's greeting for Captain Kirk as the years rolled on and they no longer worked together became "I have been and will always be your friend." How would he have said that in Latin?  
(EGO) FUI ET SEMPER ERO AMICUS TUUS

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin phrase which describes an attack on a individual rather than a debate or discussion on the issues? AD HOMINEM  
BONUS: Talking about people has always been a no-no. What is the English meaning of the Latin phrase *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*? (SAY) NOTHING BUT GOOD ABOUT THE DEAD
  
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the modern equivalent of a *forica*? TOILET/LATRINE  
BONUS: What is the modern equivalent of a *vomitorium*?  
GATE OR ENTRANCE-WAY INTO AN AMPHITHEATER OR THEATER
  
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: What shameful daughter of a Roman king ran over the body of the father on the way to welcome her husband as the new king? TULLIA  
BONUS: On what street did this wicked event take place? VIA SCelerATA or THE WICKED WAY
  
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Identify this pair of unlucky lovers. They lived in Babylon and were forbidden by their parents to see each other because their families were feuding. They did manage to communicate through a crack in the wall that separated their houses.  
PYRAMUS AND THISBE  
BONUS: When the pair decided that they would sneak out at night and meet in the woods, Pyramus ends up killing himself when he believes that Thisbe was killed by this animal.  
LION

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What is the name for the mantle or shield worn by Athena in this picture. It is depicted with scales and fringed with snakes. AEGIS  
BONUS: Usually there is the face of what creature from Greek mythology on the aegis? GORGON

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BONUS: To what trait did Cincinnatus refer? CURLY HAIR

7) 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

8) TOSS-UP: In what year was Octavian named Augustus by the Roman Senate?

27 BC

BONUS: What does "Augustus" mean? HALLOWED, VENERATED

9) TOSS-UP: 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 = 7<sup>th</sup> AND IDES = 15<sup>th</sup>

10) TOSS-UP: At the end of the Roman monarchy, what noble Roman woman committed suicide after revealing that she had been raped by a member of the royal household?

LUCRETIA

BONUS: What member of the royal household had raped Lucretia?

SEXTUS TARQUINIUS

11) TOSS-UP: What is the second person plural, future passive of the Latin verb from which we get the English word "legend"?

LEGEMINI

BONUS: Keeping everything else the same, change legemini to the future perfect tense.

LECTI (-AE, -A) ERITIS

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 received jewelry?

LETO

13) 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

14) TOSS-UP: What general was the first to introduce elephants in battle against the Romans?

PYRRHUS

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

15) TOSS-UP: Which of the following items does not belong in the list and why: *confarreatio*, *comissatio*, *usus*, *coemptio*.

COMISSATIO, BECAUSE IT IS A DRINKING PARTY;

ALL THE OTHERS ARE TYPES OF WEDDINGS

BONUS: Which of the weddings (*confarreatio*, *usus*, *coemptio*) is the equivalent of the common law marriage recognized today?

USUS

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16) TOSS-UP: What is the feminine accusative plural of the demonstrative adjective *hic, haec, hoc*? HAS

BONUS: Using this demonstrative pronoun, say in Latin “We are teaching these girls.” HAS DOCEMUS

17) TOSS-UP: Which of the Muses was the mother of Orpheus? CALLIOPE

BONUS: With what group of heroes did Orpheus sail. His services as musician were most helpful in avoiding the Sirens. ARGONAUTS

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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