

2008 Riverbend Certamen

LEVEL I - 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 declension noun *nix, nivis*, write in Latin, “We want snow.” (NOS) CUPIMUS/VOLUMUS NIVEM
BONUS: The often-heard question around here is, “Is it snowing?” Write in Latin, “Is it snowing?” NINGITNE

2) WRITE-DOWN: What type of toga was worn by young children and Roman magistrates?
TOGA PRAETEXTA
BONUS: What type of toga was worn by men seeking to be elected to office?
TOGA CANDIDA

3) WRITE-DOWN: Who was the first Roman emperor? AUGUSTUS/OCTAVIAN
BONUS: Who was the last Roman emperor? ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: 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

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the deity in the picture. DIANA/ARTEMIS
BONUS: According to Greek myth, who were this goddess’ parents?
ZEUS AND LETO

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6) TOSS-UP: Where would an ancient Roman typically wear *soleae* and *calcei*?
ON HIS FEET

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BONUS: Where would an ancient Roman typically wear a *pilleus* and *petasus*?
ON HIS HEAD

7) TOSS-UP: One of the Emperor Augustus' favorite Latin mottoes was *festina lente*. What does that mean?
MAKE HASTE SLOWLY

BONUS: If someone chose not to make haste slowly, he might find himself between a rock and a hard place. What mythological phrase illustrates this modern maxim?
BETWEEN SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS

8) TOSS-UP: What is the name of the mountain range which runs down the length of Italy?
APPENNINES

BONUS: Spell "Appennines".
A-P-P-E-N-N-I-N-E-S

9) TOSS-UP: What Roman general was the first to lead an army into Britain?
JULIUS CAESAR

BONUS: Which Roman emperor commanded that troops be sent to Britain in order to gather sea-shells on the beach?
GAIUS/CALIGULA

10) TOSS-UP: On Christmas Day, Pope Benedict gave his annual message "*urbi et orbi*". In what case are these common Latin nouns?
DATIVE

BONUS: What does *urbi et orbi* mean?
TO THE CITY AND TO THE WORLD

11) TOSS-UP: The Olympic Games were held every four years in honor of the god Zeus. The games became so important that they were used to mark the passing of time. What were these four-year intervals called?
OLYMPIADS

BONUS: In what year were the ancient Olympic Games founded?
776 BC

12) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin for "Let the buyer beware"?
CAVEAT EMPTOR

BONUS: What is the Latin for "Make haste slowly"?
FESTINALENTE

13) TOSS-UP: What Trojan abducted Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world?
PARIS

BONUS: What Greek had first abducted Helen when she was young?
THESEUS (accept PIRITHOUS)

14) TOSS-UP: On which of the seven hills did Romulus found Rome?
PALATINE

BONUS: Which hill did Remus choose to start his settlement?
AVENTINE

15) TOSS-UP: Responde Latine: Would a Roman wear *soleae in capite*, *in pedibus*, or *in manibus*?
IN PEDIBUS

BONUS: Responde Latine: Would a Roman wear an *anulus in digito*, *in oculo*, or *in genu*?
IN DIGITO

16) TOSS-UP: What mood in the Latin language is used to give a direct command?
IMPERATIVE

BONUS: What is the singular and plural imperative of the verb *moveo*, *movēre*?

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MOVE and MOVETE

17) 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 writes describe as a satyr?

SILENUS

18) TOSS-UP: The Romans drank a lot of wine. What is the Latin word for "wine"?

VINUM

BONUS: Bread was also a staple for most Roman meals. What is the Latin word for "bread"?

PANIS

19) TOSS-UP: Welcome to Mathematica Latina! Responde Latine! Quot sunt tres et quinque?

OCTO

BONUS: Responde Latine! Quot sunt quattuor et octo?

DUODECIM

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What recent movie would the Romans have called *Taurinus Magnus*?

GRAN TORINO

BONUS: What about *Novus in Oppido*?

NEW IN TOWN

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Many Roman monuments and even signs and sewer covers in Rome today carry the abbreviation S.P.Q.R. What is the English meaning for this abbreviation?

THE SENATE AND THE PEOPLE OF ROME

BONUS: What is the Latin for this abbreviation? SENATUS POPULUSQUE ROMANUS

2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin term for the male head of the Roman family?

PATERFAMILIAS

BONUS: What is the Latin term for the power he ehld over his family?

PATRIAPOTESTAS

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3) WRITE-DOWN: Who was the founder and first king of Rome? ROMULUS
BONUS: What Sabine king co-ruled briefly with Romulus after that incident with the Sabine women? TITUS TATIUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: 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
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

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify this room of the Roman house. PERISTYLIUM
BONUS: What is the Latin term for the garden contained in this room? HORTUS

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6) TOSS-UP: Whose temple in the Roman Forum was circular and housed the sacred flame of Rome? VESTA
BONUS: Whose temple in the Roman Forum was built on the spot where he was cremated? JULIUS CAESAR

7) TOSS-UP: *Responde Latine:* How many tenses are there in the Latin language? SEX
BONUS: *Responde Latine:* How many declensions are there in Latin? QUINQUE

8) TOSS-UP: Give the correct Latin form of the noun *baculum, baculi* meaning stick for the following sentence: "Sextus hit Titus with a stick". BACULO
BONUS: Using the same noun, say in Latin, "Sextus is walking with a stick."
SEXTUS CUM BACULO AMBULAT

9) TOSS-UP: In what year was Julius Caesar assassinated? 44 BC
BONUS: In what year did Mt. Vesuvius erupt, destroying Pompeii and other places? AD 79

10) TOSS-UP: Which Roman king had been born as a slave? SERVIUS TULLIUS
BONUS: Which Roman king founded many of Rome's early religious rituals? NUMA POMPILIUS

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- 11) TOSS-UP: Question #11 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
- 12) TOSS-UP: What son of Priam was the greatest warrior for the Trojans in the Trojan War? HECTOR
BONUS: Who, the greatest warrior for the Greeks, killed Hector and then dragged his body three times around the walls of Troy, to horror of the Greeks, Trojans, and even the gods? ACHILLES
- 13) TOSS-UP: I will read the following Latin sentence twice: *Puella statuam in villam portat.* Make the that Latin sentence plural. PUELLAE STATUAS IN VILLAS PORTANT
BONUS: OK, make this sentence singular: *Aves in arboribus cantabant.* AVIS IN ARBORE CANTABAT
- 14) TOSS-UP: What Roman emperor spent much of his reign on the Isle of Capri in the Bay of Naples? TIBERIUS
BONUS: What emperor, whose reign began well-enough but turned bizarre after an illness, succeeded Tiberius? GAIUS/CALIGULA
- 15) TOSS-UP: Humans have long sought to challenge the gods. Who challenged Athena to a weaving contest? ARACHNE
BONUS: Who sought to ride Pegasus to Mt. Olympus? BELLEROPHON
- 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: What Greek Titan was tricked by his wife into swallowing a stone instead of eating his son Zeus? CRONUS
BONUS: Who was Cronus' wife? RHEA
- 18) TOSS-UP: 5,000; 10,000; 25,000; or 50,000... Which number is closest to the actual capacity of the Flavian Amphitheater, commonly known as the Colosseum? 50,000
BONUS: 100,000; 250,000; or 500,000... Which number is closest to the actual capacity of the Circus Maximus? 250,000
- 19) TOSS-UP: On what island would you find Mt. Etna? SICILY
BONUS: On what continent would you find the Atlas Mountains? AFRICA
- 20) TOSS-UP: You stayed for a double-feature at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Ego et Marleus*? MARLEY AND ME
BONUS: What about that trailer for *Panthera Punicea Secunda*? PINK PANTHER 2

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- 1) 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*?
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

- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin word for the room of a Roman house in which you would expect to find a table and three dining couches? TRICLINIUM
BONUS: What was the Latin word for the kitchen? CULINA

- 3) WRITE DOWN: 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

- 4) 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

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the Roman hero standing on the left of this picture.
CINCINNATUS
BONUS: Against what foe was Cincinnatus being called to fight? AEQUIANS

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15) TOSS-UP: In a Roman house, what was the difference between the *impluvium* and the *compluvium*?
IMPLUVIUM = POOL INTO WHICH RAINWATER COLLECTED and
COMPLUVIUM = OPENING IN CEILING OF ATRIUM THROUGH
WHICH RAIN FELL

BONUS: What room in the Roman house was named literally “columns all around”?
PERISTYLIUM

16) TOSS-UP: Oh no! Mt. Vesuvius is erupting! In Latin, tell Marcus to save himself.
SERVA TE, MARCE!

BONUS: Marcus isn't listening to you. Try again and tell him not to run into the field.
NOLI, MARCE, CURRERE IN AGRUM/
NOLI, MARCE, CURRERE IN CAMPO

17) TOSS-UP: What Phrygian king could turn everything he touched into gold?
MIDAS

BONUS: Which god had bestowed this questionable gift upon Midas?
DIONYSUS/BACCHUS

18) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin word for the bundle of rods surrounding an ax? It represented a
symbol of authority for various magistrates. FASCES

BONUS: What were the bearers of the fasces called? LICTORS/LICTORES

19) TOSS-UP: What is the difference in meaning between the Latin adverbs *saepe* and *semper*?
SAEPE = OFTEN and SEMPER = ALWAYS

BONUS: What is the difference in meaning between *hodie* and *cotidie*?
HODIE = TODAY and COTIDIE = EVERY DAY

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: "Latin is a language, as dead as dead can be..." We've all heard this nonsense from those who just don't understand. Using the Latin word *lingua, linguae* for language, say in Latin, "We will always love the Latin language."

(NOS) SEMPER AMABIMUS LINGUAM LATINAM

BONUS: Now say in Latin, "We can never have enough of the Latin language."

(NOS) NUMQUAM POSSUMUS HABERE SATIS (LINGUAE) LATINAE

2) WRITE-DOWN: Evidence points to the Romans adopting a seven-day week in the 4th century AD. At some point they even began to name their days. What is the Latin for "Saturday"?

DIES SATURNI

BONUS: What day of the week would be *Dies Lunae*? MONDAY

3) WRITE-DOWN: Roman history gives us some great allusions. What English phrase is used to describe a victory won at such a great cost that another such victory would be impossible?

PYRRHIC VICTORY

BONUS: What historical allusion is used mean wasting time on unimportant or self-indulgent matters during a time of crisis?

TO FIDDLE WHILE ROME BURNS

4) WRITE-DOWN: As long as we are making allusions, what about some more mythological ones? Someone who is successful at everything he attempts is said to have his touch.

MIDAS

BONUS: What mythological allusion is used to represent something that is better avoided, lest by going there, or opening that box, we bring more troubles upon ourselves than we are able to handle.

A PANDORA'S BOX

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the Greek hero with the sword in the middle of this picture.

PERSEUS

BONUS: Why is the Gorgon holding a winged horse? HER DEATH/BLOOD GAVE BIRTH TO THE WINGED HORSE PEGASUS

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6) TOSS-UP: What term did the Romans use for "dinner"?

CENA

BONUS: What was the term the Romans used for "breakfast"?

ENTACULUM

7) TOSS-UP: What case is used in Latin to show possession?

GENITIVE or DATIVE

BONUS: What case in Latin is used for direct address?

VOCATIVE

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SEPTEM

- 17) TOSS-UP: Who was the Roman goddess of women, marriage, and childbirth? JUNO
BONUS: Who were Juno's mother and father? OPS/RHEA AND SATURN(US)
- 18) TOSS-UP: Which architectural order decorated the top of its columns with a scroll?
IONIC
BONUS: What order of columns was decorated with acanthus leaves and flowers?
CORINTHIAN
- 19) TOSS-UP: In one of his more famous speeches the orator Cicero shouted out *O tempora! O mores!* What does this mean in English? OH THE TIMES! OH THE CUSTOMS!
BONUS: What use of the accusative case is demonstrated by *tempora* and *mores* in this phrase? EXCLAMATION
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to our final visit to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *In Tribus Modis Meus Valentinus Sanguineus*?
MY BLOODY VALENTINE 3-D
BONUS: What about the upcoming flick *Ille Modo Non Est Tantum In Te*?
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU

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