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LEVEL III - 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, “Let it snow!” NINGAT
BONUS: Sometimes we can ask all we want, but we still don’t get what we want. Write in Latin, “If it will not snow, we will cry.” NISI NINGET, LACRIMABIMUS/FLEBIMUS
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What three deities comprised the Capitoline triad worshipped in a large temple on the Capitoline Hill in Rome? JUPITER, JUNO, and MINERVA
BONUS: The early Romans believed that spirits inhabited most objects and were present for most activities. What were these spirits called? NUMINA
- 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 river of woe or lamentation in the Underworld? ACHERON
BONUS: What was the name of the river of forgetfulness? LETHE

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the seated figure in this mosaic. EUROPA
BONUS: After her arrival in Europe, she would later give birth to three sons. Name them MINOS, RHADAMANTHUS, AND SARPEDON

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin term for calling out three times the name of the deceased?

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CONCLAMATIO

BONUS: What Latin phrase does the poet Catullus use to bid farewell to his deceased brother?

AVE ATQUE VALE

7) TOSS-UP: Change the verb *agebant* to the subjunctive. AGERENT
BONUS: Change *agerent* to the pluperfect passive. ACTI (-AE, -A) ESSENT

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: The emperor Tiberius spent much of his time away from Rome. Because he was so paranoid, from what island in the Bay of Naples did he rule? CAPRI/CAPREAE

BONUS: Tiberius was so unhappy during the reign of Augustus that he spent several years on this island in the eastern Mediterranean. RHODES

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: What Roman consul, in an effort to increase the size of the army, relaxed entrance requirements based upon wealth, recruited from among the poor, and promised the soldiers some conquered land upon their retirement? (GAIUS) MARIUS

BONUS: In an effort to increase his own status, into what patrician family did Marius marry?
THE CAESAR BRANCH OF THE IULIUS FAMILY (He was Julius Caesar’s uncle)

12) TOSS-UP: What Latin adjective, found in the uncommon, dual form in the nominative, dative, and ablative means “both”?

AMBO, AMBAE, AMBO

BONUS: What are the dative and ablative forms of this dual adjective?

AMBOBUS, AMBABUS, AMBOBUS

13) TOSS-UP: What was the name of the centaur who counted Achilles, Jason, and Hercules among his numerous students? CHIRON

BONUS: Upon his death Chiron became what constellation in the heavens?

SAGITTARIUS

14) 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

15) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin term for the father’s acceptance of a child by picking up a child laid at his feet? SUSCEPTIO

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BONUS: Several days after the baby was born, he or she would be given a praenomen. What was this day called? DIES LUSTRICUS

16) TOSS-UP: What Roman admiral bravely uttered the words: “*Fortes fortuna iuvat; Pompianum pete.*” PLINY THE ELDER

BONUS: Translate this famous quote. “FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE; SEEK POMPONIANUS”

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: The ancient Greeks and Romans are often called pagans for their religious beliefs, but what does the Latin term *paganus* literally mean? ONE WHO DWELLS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (or similar)

BONUS: What more modern term, originating from the Latin, is used to refer to those tribes or clans which are not related to or descended from the original tribes of Israel? GENTILE

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

BONUS: Give the superlative degree and English translation for the adjective *malus, mala, malum* meaning “bad”. PESSIMUS (-A, -UM) = WORST, VERY BAD

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movies would the Romans have called *Vigil Mercatus*? MALL COP

BONUS: What about the recent *Nondum Nati*? THE UNBORN

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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: At what Roman festival did a Roman boy of sixteen often put on the toga virilis for the first time?
LIBERALIA

BONUS: In what Roman deity's honor was the Liberalia celebrated?
BACCHUS/LIBER/LIBER PATER

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 figure of speech is illustrated by the poet Catullus when he asks his friends to give his girlfriend some *non bona dicta*?
LITOTES

BONUS: What about this figure of speech from Cicero, *cum tacent, clamant*?
OXYMORON/PARADOX

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- 8) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin title of Julius Caesar's exploits and military campaigns in Gaul?
(COMMENTARI) DE BELLO GALLICO
BONUS: Who wrote the final book of Caesar's *De Bello Gallico*? AULUS HIRTIUS
- 9) TOSS-UP: Which Roman emperor divided the empire into eastern and western halves?
DIOCLETIAN
BONUS: Whom did Diocletian appoint as co-emperor? MAXIMIAN
- 10) TOSS-UP: The collection of taxes is one of the easiest ways of procuring money for the treasury. What Roman emperor granted citizenship to all free males in the empire, probably in order to increase the tax rolls?
CARACALLA
BONUS: Caracalla is probably best known for arranging the murder of his brother so that he did not have to share the throne after the death of his father Septimius Severus. Who was Caracalla's unlucky brother?
GETA
- 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: Back to Caracalla's murder of his brother Geta. The Arch of Septimius Severus in the Roman Forum shows signs that Geta's name was erased from the inscription. What is the Latin phrase for the removal of any evidence that someone ever existed?
DAMNATIO MEMORIAE
BONUS: Together with Livilla, Tiberius allowed for the *damnatio memoriae* of this man who plotted to overthrow him and seize control of the empire. SEJANUS
- 14) TOSS-UP: Much of the history of the Roman Republic is a conflict between the haves and the have-nots in Rome. When the plebeians seceded from the city in 494 BC, what Roman patrician persuaded them to return to the city by telling them the story of the belly and the limbs?
MENENIUS AGRIPPA
BONUS: After the plebeians returned to the city, what political office was created to protect their interests?
TRIBUNUS PLEBIS/TRIBUNE OF THE PLEBS
- 15) TOSS-UP: Who was the Roman goddess of flowers and spring?
FLORA
BONUS: To what wind god, also in control of plants and flowers, was Flora married?
FAVONIUS
- 16) TOSS-UP: To whom does Cicero refer when he exclaims, "*O tempora, o mores! Senatus haec intellegit. consul videt; hic tamen vivit. Vivit? immo vero etiam in senatum venit, fit publici consilii particeps, notat et designat oculis ad caedem unum quemque nostrum*"?

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(LUCIUS SERGIUS) CATILINA/CATILINE

BONUS: What Greek poet, one of Cicero's teachers, did the orator successfully defend? His speech, among other things, is a praise of poetry and education.

(AULUS LICINAS) ARCHIAS

17) TOSS-UP: Heracles was the son of Zeus and the mortal Alcmene. It didn't matter to the king of the gods that Alcmene was already married to this man. What was his name?

AMPHITRYON

BONUS: Heracles would go on to live his eventful life and have three wives. Name them.

MEGARA, DEIANIRA, and HEBE

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 *Inferi: Ortus Lycanorum*?

UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS

BONUS: What about that trailer for *Ille Modo Non Est Tantum In Te*?

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Philosophy often advocates performing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. What is the Latin expression for “the greatest good”?

SUMMUM BONUM

BONUS: When the world gets to be a hectic place, we all like to retreat to our own private place. What is the Latin expression, related to the English word “sanctuary” for our own very private place?

SANCTUM SANCTORUM

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: What was the site of Rome’s first naval victory over the Carthaginians in 260 BC?

MYLAE

BONUS: Who was the Roman commander who had created Rome’s first navy and led them to their inaugural victory?

(GAIUS) DUILLIUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: Who was turned into a laurel tree by her father in order to escape from the clutches of an amorous Apollo?

DAPHNE

BONUS: Apollo was truly unlucky in love. Who rejected Apollo and chose a mortal husband instead so that she could grow old together with her husband?

MARPESSA

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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: Roman children would run out to the street to watch a wedding procession go by in order to catch what goodies being thrown to the crowd?

NUTS

BONUS: What was the Latin term for the wedding procession to the couple’s new home?

DEDUCTIO

7) TOSS-UP: The Emperor Caligula once said, “*Oderint dum metuant!*” Translate that Latin phrase into English.

LET THEM HATE (ME) PROVIDED THAT THEY
FEAR (ME) (or similar)

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BONUS: Explain how or why we are translating the perfect tense *Oderint* as “Let them hate.”
THE DEFECTIVE VERB *ODI* IS ONLY FOUND IN THE PERFECT SYSTEM

8) TOSS-UP: What is the comparative form of the adjective *magnus*? MAIOR
BONUS: What is the English meaning of the plural form of this adjective used substantively? ANCESTORS

9) TOSS-UP: One of the big events of the Summer of 2008 was the Olympic Games in Beijing, China. These games have certainly come a long way from a plain in the western Peloponessus. To what god were the original Olympic games dedicated?

ZEUS

BONUS: The Olympic Games were only one of four games held on a rotating basis in Greece. What deity did the Pythian Games held at Delphi honor?

APOLLO

10) TOSS-UP: 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

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 English translation of this passage from Cicero: *Legum servi sumus ut liberi esse possimus*? WE ARE THE SLAVES OF LAWS SO THAT WE CAN BE FREE

BONUS: What about the translation for *O, praeclarum custodem, ovium lupum!* ?

O EXCELLENT PROTECTOR OF SHEEP, THE WOLF!

13) TOSS-UP: When Dionysus was captured by pirates, he changed them into what animal?

DOLPHINS

BONUS: What Greek poet was saved by dolphins after jumping into the water to escape from pirates on his way home from a competition? ARION

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 is the meaning of the Latin impersonal verb *paenitet*?

IT REGRETS/IT REPENTS/IT IS SORRY/etc.

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BONUS: What is the meaning of *piquet*?

IT DISGUSTS/IT CAUSES
ANNOYANCE/IT CAUSES REGRET/IT
CAUSES SHAME

17) TOSS-UP: Who was the father of Odysseus?

LAERTES

BONUS: Some versions of the myth claim that Sisyphus was the father of Odysseus before his mother married Laertes. Who was Odysseus' mother?

ANTICLEIA

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: To what city did Jason and the Argonauts have to sail in order to find the Golden Fleece?

COLCHIS

BONUS: In what country today would ancient Colchis be located?

GEORGIA

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Canis Suburae Perdives*?

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

BONUS: What about *Fabulae Ante Tempus Dormiendi Narratae*?

BEDTIME STORIES

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Who was Marcus Tullius Cicero's closest friend to whom he often wrote and to whom even dedicated his work *De Amicitia*?

(TITUS POMONIUS) ATTICUS

BONUS: What was the name of Cicero's slave who took his dictation and developed a version of Latin shorthand to speed up the process?

(M.TULLIUS) TIRO

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: The Roman emperors Galba, Otho, Vitellius, and Vespasian all ruled in the same year, known as the Year of the Four Emperors. What years was this? AD 69

BONUS: History has always been known to repeat itself. What later year also saw the rule of Commodus, Pertinax, Didius Julianus, and Septimius Severus? AD 193

4) WRITE-DOWN: The goddess Eos so loved the mortal Tithonus that she gained for him eternal life. Unfortunately, she was not very careful in her request. What essential thing did she not request? ETERNAL YOUTH

BONUS: The immortal Tithonus continued to age and wither away until he became what insect? GRASSHOPPER

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the two people in this picture. PHRIXUS AND HELLE

BONUS: Whom were Phrixus and Helle fleeing in this picture? INO

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6) TOSS-UP: According to Roman tradition, what was the name of the pit which served as the entrance into the Underworld? MUNDUS

BONUS: What else does *mundus* mean in Latin? WORLD/HEAVENS/UNIVERSE

7) TOSS-UP: What is the third person plural, perfect passive indicative of the Latin verb from which we get the English “agent”?

ACTI (-AE, -A) SUNT

BONUS: Keeping everything else the same, change *acti sunt* to the pluperfect subjunctive.

ACTI ESSENT

8) TOSS-UP: At what battle in 321 BC did the Samnites defeat the Romans and force them “under the yoke”?

CAUDINE FORKS

BONUS: What Roman general insured a victory against the Samnites at Sentinum in 295 BC after performing a *devotio*, or self-sacrifice to the gods? (P.) DECIUS MUS

9) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin motto, meaning “Higher,” of the State of New York?

EXCELSIOR

BONUS: What is the International Olympic Committee’s Latin motto which also contains comparatives?

CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS

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- 10) TOSS-UP: After his expulsion from Rome, Tarquinius Priscus sought the aid of what Etruscan king in order to regain his throne? LARS PORSENA
BONUS: Lars Porsena was king of what Etruscan city? CLUSIUM
- 11) TOSS-UP: What is the correct English translation of the infinitive in the context of the following sentence: *Scio te amavisse eum* ? LOVED/WERE LOVING
BONUS: What would be the correct form of the infinitive in Latin for this sentence: “Everyone knew that you loved him”? AMARE
- 12) TOSS-UP: What aged couple were told to throw the bones of their mother over their shoulders to repopulate the Earth after a great flood? DEUCALION AND PYRRHA
BONUS: Who was Deucalion and Pyrrha’s son who became the founder of the Greeks? HELLEN
- 13) TOSS-UP: What use of the subjunctive mood is illustrated by the following Latin sentence: *Magister eum rogavit ut librum aperiret* ? INDIRECT COMMAND
BONUS: What about this use of the subjunctive: *Magister servum misit qui librum aperiret*? RELATIVE CLAUSE OF PURPOSE
- 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 in ancient Rome was a *vomitorium*? AN ENTRANCEWAY INTO A THEATER OR AMPHITHEATER (NOT A ROOM IN WHICH TO VOMIT)
BONUS: What author of *The Satyricon* may have inspired the story that Romans would overeat and then regurgitate in order to continue bingeing? PETRONIUS
- 16) 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
- 17) TOSS-UP: *Quem Perseus, Medusā interfectā, a monstro eripuit et in matrimonium duxit*? ANDROMEDA
BONUS: *Quod nomen erat monstro a quo Andromeda erepta est*? CETO
- 18) 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 patron deities for the Romans?

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MERCURY AND BACCHUS

19) 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 do not have Kalends)

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to our final visit to 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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