

**2012 HARVARD CERTAMEN
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
ROUND ONE**

- 1) Welcome to the Harvard 2012 Invitational Certamen, level two, round one! We hope that you all have a good time in Cambridge. On that subject, please listen to the following passage, written by as if by a grumpy MIT student, and answer *in English* the questions that follow:

Quādam in urbe sunt plūrimae ūniversitatēs. Est magnum flūmen quod per urbem fluit. Sunt iuxtā duae scholae praeclārae, altera artibus liberālibus, altera physicae praestāns. In autumnō, saepe pluit, igitur ibi habitāre discīpulis nōn placet. Tamen cum ningat, discīpulī gaudeant.

Question: Why don't the students like to live in the city in the fall?

IT RAINS OFTEN

Bonus 1: Where within the city are these two schools located?

NEAR THE RIVER

Bonus 2: According to this hypothetical MIT student, what is the difference between these two well-known schools?

ONE EXCELS IN LIBERAL ARTS, THE OTHER IN PHYSICS

- 2) We all know that Rome is the city of seven hills. On which did Romulus first found it?

PALATINE

Bonus 1: On which hill had Remus tried to found *his* city?

AVENTINE

Bonus 2: What English word for a place political power might reside is derived from the word "Palatine"?

PALACE

- 3) Translate the following sentence into Latin using the adjective *tūtus*, *-a*, *-um* to mean "safe": "Do you believe that our soldiers are safe?"

CRĒDISNE NOSTRŌS MĪLITĒS TŪTŌS ESSE?

Bonus 1: Now translate this sentence: "We never heard that the entire legion had been captured."

NUMQUAM AUDĪVIMUS TŌTAM LEGIŌNEM CAPTAM ESSE.

Bonus 2: Translate this sentence using a deponent verb: "I think that the commander of the legion will escape soon."

ARBITOR DUCEM/IMPERATŌREM LEGIŌNIS MOX FUGITŪRUM ESSE.

- 4) From what Latin noun is the English adjective “voluble” derived?

VOX, VOCIS

Bonus 1: From what Latin noun, with what meaning, is the English noun “foyer” derived?

FOCUS, FOCI, HEARTH/ALTAR

Bonus 2: The dictionary tells me that Johannes Kepler was the first person to use “focus” with its modern meaning of “a point of convergence.” From what Latin verb, with what meaning, does the word “convergence” derive?

VERGO, VERGERE, TO BEND

- 5) In 494 BC, the plebeians fled *en masse* to the *Mons Sacer* and refused to leave until their demands were met. What is the Latin term for this action?

SECESSIO (PLEBIS)

Bonus 1: What magistracy was created as a result of this first plebeian secession?

THE TRIBUNATE

Bonus 2: What was erected at Rome to commemorate the successful resolution of this crisis?

THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

- 6) What deity did Meleager’s father neglect to honor in his annual sacrifice and thus bring about the curse of the Calydonian Boar?

ARTEMIS

Bonus 1: Who was Meleager’s father, the king of Calydon?

OENEUS

Bonus 2: What god did Oeneus convenience by making up an excuse to leave town when he realized his divine guest had eyes for his wife?

DIONYSUS

- 7) This year, the Olympics will be in London. The motto of the Olympics is *Citius, altius, fortius*. Please change the motto from the comparative form to the positive verb.

CITĒ, ALTĒ, FORTITER.

Bonus 1: Now please change the motto of the Olympics to the superlative form.

CITISSIMĒ, ALTISSIMĒ, FORTISSIMĒ

Bonus 2: Please translate “than me” in the following sentence: “All of the Olympic athletes are faster than me.”

MĒ / QUAM EGO

- 8) To whom was Tullus Hostilius sacrificing when he was killed for performing the rites incorrectly?

JUPITER (ELICIUS)

Bonus 1: Name the grandfather of Tullus who had fought with Romulus against the Sabines.

HOSTUS HOSTILIUS

Bonus 2: Name the Alban dictator whom Tullus had drawn and quartered after he betrayed the agreement made in the aftermath of the battle between the Horatii and the Curiatii.

METTIUS FUFETIUS

- 9) Translate the phrase "to the two cows" into Latin.

DUOBUS BOBUS

Bonus 1: Now, do the same for "to the three pigs."

TRIBUS SUIBUS (tribus subus)

Bonus 2: Now, translate the phrase, "by one she-cat" into Latin.

UNĀ FELI

- 10) For the verb *stringo, stringere*, give the third person plural, perfect active indicative.

STRINXERUNT

Bonus 1: Please make that form subjective.

STRINXERINT

Bonus 2: Please make that form passive.

STRICTI SINT

- 11) Please translate the following sentence into English: *Puer cantabat arte tantā ut lacrimarem.*

THE BOY SANG WITH SUCH SKILL THAT I WEPT.

Bonus 1: Please translate the following sentence into English: *Super undas miles currit quam celerrime ut cadit non in marem.*

THE SOLDIER RUNS SO QUICKLY OVER THE WAVES THAT HE DOES NOT FALL INTO THE SEA

Bonus 2: Please translate the following sentence into English: *Laboravit regina ut patriam suam seroaret.*

THE QUEEN WORKED IN ORDER THAT SHE MIGHT SAVE HER COUNTRY.

12) What emperor of the third century AD was a cavalryman under Diocletian, found diplomatic success against the Persians, and formed the Tetrarchy?
DIOCLETIAN

Bonus 1: Whom did Diocletian appoint as his Co-Augustus in the West?
MAXIMIAN

Bonus 2: What was the title of the immediate subordinate to each Co-Augustus?
(CO-)CAESAR

13) To return to the Calydonian Boar Hunt, what swift heroine drew the first blood?
ATALANTA

Bonus 1: What gift, consequently, did Meleager offer her after he killed the boar?
THE SPOILS (hide etc.)

Bonus 2: What Arcadian braggart, who had earlier shared an oar with Heracles on the voyage of the *Argo*, died after he was too certain he would kill the boar?
ANCAEUS

14) Today, the *Bibliotheca Romana* takes a trip to our northern neighbor, Canada (which is not really so far away from Boston). The title of what piece of Canadian children's literature might include the phrase *Tectorum Viridum*?
ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Bonus: What recent Canadian-authored dystopian fantasy might be called, in Latin, *Narratio Ancillae*?
THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Bonus: What movie, adapted from a Canadian sports novel, might be called, in Latin, *Praedium Somniorum*?
FIELD OF DREAMS

15) Make the adjective *saepe* comparative.
SAEPIUS

Bonus: Make the adjective *vetus* superlative.
VETERRIMUS

Bonus: Make the adjective *dexter* superlative.
DEXTIMUS

- 16) The Latin phrase “*ab oō usque ad māla*” refers to a formal Roman dinner.
What are the Latin names for the two courses suggested in this phrase?

GUSTATIO and SECUNDA MENSA

Bonus: Translate the phrase into English, and explain its idiomatic use.

**FROM THE EGG TO THE APPLES;
FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END**

Bonus: What did the Romans call breakfast and lunch, respectively?

breakfast was IENTĀCULUM; lunch was PRANDIUM

- 17) With what queen of Lemnos did Jason have children, helping to restore men to a female-only island?

HYPSIPYLE

Bonus: Hypsipyle did not get to live out the rest of her days on Lemnos, however. Her subjects expelled her from the island when they discovered that she had saved what father of hers from the violent fate of the other men?

THOAS

Bonus: What group of more than five heroes did Hypsipyle encounter while she was serving as a nursemaid to the baby Opheltes?

SEVEN AGAINST THEBES

- 18) What emperor, before being assassinated by Cassius Chaerea in 41 BC, had abolished the slave tax, forced Tiberius Gemellus and Macro to commit suicide, ordered his troops to gather seashells along the English Channel, and appointed his horse to the Senate?

CALIGULA

Bonus 1: What was the name of the horse?

INCITATUS

Bonus 2: Caligula, which means “little boot,” was not Caligula’s birth name. He had acquired that nickname he, as a toddler, accompanied what father of his to Germany in miniature soldiers’ clothes?

GERMANICUS (JULIUS CAESAR)

- 19) In the *Aeneid*, Juno has many reasons to be angry at the Trojans. What Trojan prince had replaced a daughter of Juno and Jupiter as cupbearer to the gods?

GANYMEDE

Bonus 1: What daughter of Juno and Jupiter did he replace?

HEBE

Bonus 2: What formerly mortal hero did Hebe marry after he was deified?

HERCULES

20) Provide the Latin verb that would be used to translate "love" in the following sentence: "If you go to Yale, I won't love you anymore."

AMEM

Bonus 1: Using the adjective *felix*, provide the Latin phrase that would be used to translate "You would be happier" in the following sentence: "If you hadn't gone to Yale, you would be happier."

FELICIOR ESSES

Bonus 2: Provide the Latin phrase that would be used to translate "was eaten" in the following sentence: "Did anyone know what animal was eaten by us for dinner?"

CONSUMPTUM ESSET (esum esset)

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ROUND TWO

- 1) Let's touch on the recent phenomenon whose title might be translated into Latin as *Ludorum Famis*! What is the name that a character in the *Ludorum Famis* shares with a poet who was killed by a mob after being mistaken for one of the assassins of Julius Caesar?

CINNA

Bonus: What is the name that a well-bearded character in the *Ludorum Famis* shares with a Roman philosopher who was forced to commit suicide after he was accused of collaborating in the Pisonian conspiracy against Nero?

SENECA

Bonus: What is the name that a less-well-bearded character in the *Ludorum Famis* shares with a legendary general who had great success against the Volscians, and then turned against Rome?

CORIOLANUS

- 2) Give the Latin dative singular for the English phrase "the tallest mountain."

MONTI ALTISSIMO

Bonus: Give the genitive singular for the phrase "the same day."

EIUSDEM DIEI

Bonus: Give the ablative singular for the phrase "a rather deep sea."

ALTIORE MARI

- 3) Complete the following analogy. *Compluvium* : *impluvium* :: ___ : *solum*.

TECTUM (or synonyms for roof)

Bonus: In what room in a Roman house could one usually find the impluvium?

ĀTRIUM

Bonus: The Latin noun *pluvia* is related to both *compluvium* and *impluvium*. What is a Latin synonym for *pluvia*?

IMBER

- 4) In the *Odyssey*, who gives Odysseus the divine herb *moly* that lets him escape Circe's witchcraft?

HERMES

Bonus: Into what animal would Circe's spell have transformed Odysseus, as it had transformed his crew members before him?

PIG

Bonus: When Telemachus, the son of Odysseus, visited Sparta for news of his father, what herb did Helen give him to help him relax?

NEPENTHE

- 5) What case, besides the ablative, could be properly used to translate the word "eyes" in the following sentence into Latin? "That hunk with the dark eyes glanced my way."

GENTIVE (OF DESCRIPTION)

Bonus 1: What case would be needed to translate the word "ground" into Latin in this sentence? "Stunned by the power of his gaze, I soon noticed myself lying motionless on the ground."

LOCATIVE (place where)

Bonus 2: What case would be used to translate the word "love" into Latin if the verb in this sentence were expressed by a passive periphrastic? "I must be saved by his love."

DATIVE (OF AGENT)

- 6) Give the Latin forms necessary to translate the pronouns "himself" and "who" in this sentence: "He himself will find the man who had stolen our money."

IPSE, QUI (do not accept *nostrum*, which is an adjective)

Bonus 1: Now translate the two pronouns in this sentence: "This is a man whom we should never trust again."

HIC/IS, CUI (*credo* takes dative)

Bonus 2: Finally, translate the three pronouns in this sentence: "A few of you knew that we wanted to kill that one."

VESTRUM/VESTRIS (*paucī* can take partitive genitive OR the ablative after a preposition *DE* or *E*), **NŌS** (acc. subject of the in indirect statement), **ILLUM/EUM/ISTUM**

- 7) At what battle in 9 AD did the Germans annihilate three Roman legions?

TEUTOBERGER FOREST

Bonuses 1 and 2: For five points each, name the opposing generals in that battle.

ROMANS -- (QUINCTILIUS) VARUS
GERMANS -- ARMINIUS

- 8) In Aeschylus's *Prometheus Bound*, what transformed maiden has a long conversation with Prometheus?

IO

Bonus 1: Although Hermes had killed her guard, Argus, Io's lot was still not a happy one. What animal had Hera set to pursue her and prevent her from resting?

GADFLY

Bonus 2: Near the banks of what very famous river did Io finally regain both peace and her human form?

THE NILE

- 9) The Roman Senate was much different than the Senate of the United States. In particular, it was not a legislative body. Name one of the bodies in Rome which did have the power to pass laws.

**any of COMITIA CURIĀTA, COMITIA CENTURIĀTA,
COMITIA TRIBŪTA (do not read other answer options)**

Bonus: Name the other two.

SEE ABOVE

Bonus: Now list them in the order in which they were established.

CURIĀTA, CENTURIĀTA, TRIBŪTA

- 10) Make the following four verb forms subjunctive: *amat, docet, dīcit, audit.*

AMET, DOCEAT, DĪCAT, AUDIAT

Bonus 1: Now give the subjunctive of the verbs *est* and *potest.*

SIT, POSSIT

Bonus 2: Give the third person singular imperfect active subjunctive of *volō, velle.*

VELLET

- 11) Over the course of classical mythology, Zeus took many forms to gain the confidence of many different women. To what nymph did he appear as the goddess she served, Artemis?

CALLISTO

Bonus 1: What woman became impregnated with Aeacus by Zeus in the form of a fire?

AEGINA

Bonus 2: From what animal did the Myrmidons, who repopulated Aeacus's island after a plague, originate?

ANTS

- 12) Translate the following Latin sentence into English: *Herī cucurrī quam celerrimē in culinam.*

YESTERDAY, I RAN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE INTO THE KITCHEN

Bonus: Translate the following sentence: *Nēmō potentior deīs est sed ego fortissimus omnium hominum mortālium.*

NOBODY IS MORE POWERFUL/STRONGER THAN THE GODS, BUT I AM THE STRONGEST/BRAVEST OF ALL MORTAL HUMANS.

Bonus: Translate the following sentence: *Laudāre deōs multō melius est.*

IT IS MUCH BETTER TO PRAISE THE GODS

- 13) Provide the Latin word that would be used to translate “Let’s jump” in the following sentence: “I love this music! Let’s jump and dance!”

SALIAMUS (also *insultemus*)

Bonus: Provide the Latin word that would be used to translate “to sing” in the following sentence: “I drank lots of tea to sing more beautifully”

CANEREM (also *cantarem*)

Bonus: Provide the Latin phrase that would be used to translate “you will sing” in the following sentence: “I am afraid that you will sing terribly, even though you drank lots of tea.”

NE CANAS (also *ne cantes*)

- 14) The treaty that ended the First Punic War used what natural feature as the dividing line between Roman and Carthaginian settlement in Spain?

THE EBRO RIVER

Bonus 1: What city did Hannibal besiege in 219 BC, thus triggering the Second Punic War?

SAGUNTUM

Bonus 2: In the late-second and early-first centuries BC, Saguntum served as a base of power for what Roman commander who eventually revolted against Rome in the early 70s and was finally defeated by Pompey?

Q. SERTORIUS

- 15) Listen to the following Latin passage and answer *in Latin* the questions that follow:

Ōlim erat vir stultus quī quotidiē nimis vīnī bibēbat. Pecūniam suam insumēbat tempusque perdēbat. Saepe vīnō ēbrius ille in viā clāmābat et lapidēs coniciēbat. Tandem aegrescēbat et plūs vīnī bibere nōn poterat. Eheu!

Question: *Quotiēns bibēbat vir vīnum?*

QUOTIDIĒ

Bonus: *Quae duo vir consūmēbat?*

PECŪNIAM ET TEMPUS

Bonus: *Vīnō bibitō vir quālis erat?*

AEGER (aegrotus, aegrotāns, infirmus)

- 16) From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive the English word "impulse"?

PELLO, PELLERE (PEPULI, PULSUM), TO PUSH

Bonus: Now, from what Latin noun, with what meaning, do we derive the noun "pelt"?

PELLIS, SKIN

Bonus: And to stay alliterative, from what Latin noun, with what meaning, is the English word "pen" derived?

PENNA, FEATHER

- 17) Quintus is a *puer molestus*. Please say in Latin, "Quintus, don't yell!"

QUINTE, NOLĪ CLAMARE!

Bonus: Uh oh, Quintus seems to have found some friends and – what's that he's holding? Using *liquidus*, please say to Quintus and his friends in Latin, "Don't drink that liquid!"

NOLITE BIBERE LIQUIDUM ILLUM!

Bonus: Using the verb *abeo*, please say in Latin "He does not want to go away."

NON (IS) VULT ABIRE.

- 18) Please give the present passive infinitive of the Latin verb from which we derive the English word "audible."

AUDIRI

Bonus: 1 Please give the Latin verb form that would be used to translate the infinitive in the following sentence: "I hope that the games are finally about to begin."

COEPITUROS ESSE* is this right?

Bonus 2: Please give the Latin verb form that would be used to translate the infinitive in the following sentence: "I believe that Sherlock Holmes is alive."

VIVERE

- 19) Please name two of the three wives of the man who would go down in history as Augustus Caesar?

TWO OF: CLODIA PULCHRA, SCRIBONIA, LIVIA (DRUSILLA)

Bonus 1: Which of Augustus's wives did he divorce on the day she gave birth to their daughter, Julia?

SCRIBONIA

Bonus 2: Which of Augustus's wives was the step-daughter of Marc Antony?

CLODIA PULCHRA

20) Heracles performed many labors for Eurystheus, the king of Mycenae. From what king of Thrace did he have to steal a herd of man-eating mares who – oops! – then ate Heracles's squire Abderus?

DIOMEDES

Bonus 1: What did Heracles feed the horses to cure them of their taste for people?

(THE FLESH OF) THEIR MASTER (DIOMEDES)

Bonus 2: From what Erytheian giant, the grandson of Medusa, did Heracles later have to steal a herd of cattle?

GERYON

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ROUND THREE**

- 1) What use of the subjunctive is found in the following sentence? *O utinam des mihi opem!*

OPTATIVE

Bonus: What use of the subjunctive is found in the following sentence? *Scis qui dormiat in meo cubile?*

(SUBJUNCTIVE IN) INDIRECT QUESTION

Bonus: What use of the subjunctive is found in the following phrase: *Quid faciat?*

DELIBERATIVE

- 2) Distinguish in meaning between *faenum* and *fanum*.

HAY AND TEMPLE, RESPECTIVELY

Bonus: Distinguish in meaning between *perna* and *verna*.

HAM AND HOUSE-BORN SLAVE, RESPECTIVELY

Bonus: Distinguish in meaning between *byrsus* and *byrsa*.

PURSE AND LEATHER HIDE, RESPECTIVELY

- 3) A part of whose body, according to Ovid, led to the formation of the first coral reef, the population of snakes in Libya, and the petrification of Atlas?

MEDUSA'S

Bonus: Whose death, according to Ovid, led to the metamorphosis of Cygnus into a swan and the sisters Phaethusa and Lampetia into poplar trees?

PHAETHON'S

Bonus: Whose jealousy, according to Ovid, led to the transformation of a man, Picus, into a woodpecker?

CIRCE'S

- 4) During which late-4th-century BC war did the Romans suffer a devastating defeat at the Caudine Forks?

SECOND (GREAT) SAMNITE WAR

Bonus 1: A few years later, during that same war, Rome's first military road was constructed by what censor?

APPIUS CLAUDIUS (CAECUS)

Bonus 2: The ultimate defeat of the Samnites, which occurred only at the end of the Third Samnite War, took place at what battle?

SENTINUM

- 5) What use of the ablative may be found in the following alliterative sentence?
Culina caret cibō.

WITH SPECIAL VERBS

Bonus: What use of the ablative may be found in the following alliterative sentence? *Piscina pūrus erat pollutione.*

SEPARATION

Bonus: What use of the ablative may be found in the following alliterative sentence? *Leo laetior est lanistā.*

COMPARISON

- 6) At what late-2nd century BC battle were Roman troops massacred by the combined forces of the Cimbri and Teutones?

ARAUSIO

Bonus 1: After Arausio, Marius was chosen to replace Caepio and Mallius, who had led the Romans at that horrific defeat. A few years earlier, whom had Marius replaced in the war against Jugurtha?

Q. Caecilius METELLUS

Bonus 2: At what battle in 102 BC did Marius finally turn the tide of the war?

AQUAE SEXTIAE

- 7) Now the *Bibliotheca Romana* thinks it would be fitting to take a trip to Latin America! What magical realist work might be known in Latin as *Anni Centum Solitudinis*?

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE

Bonus: What book by Isabel Allende might be figuratively translated into Latin as *Domus Imaginum*?

HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS

Bonus: And how would you translate *Laude Novercae*?

IN (with) PRAISE OF THE STEPMOTHER

- 8) Identify one of the two mythological groups that included a character named Thalia.

GRACES (Charites) OR MUSES

Bonus: According to Homer's *Iliad*, which of the Graces was said to have been the wife of Hephaestus?

AGLAIA

Bonus: What daughter of Agamemnon shares a name with one of the Pleiades?

ELECTRA

9) Please give the dative singular of the phrase "his own pirate."

PIRATAE SUŌ

Bonus 1: Please change that to genitive plural.

PIRATARUM SUORUM

Bonus 2: Please translate the phrase "velum solvere" into idiomatic English.

TO SET SAIL

10) During the reign of Tiberius, Quintus Iunius Blaesus was a proconsul in Africa. If he had had a daughter, what would her name most likely have been?

IUNIA

Bonus 1: What is the specific term for the part of her father's name from which her name would have been taken?

NŌMEN (GENTĪLE)

Bonus 2: Suppose Iunia were to marry a man called Publius Sulpicius Rufus. What would her name be then?

IUNIA RUFĪ

11) There were several famous sieges in Roman history. What fortress, full of Jewish rebels against the Roman empire, was the location of a famous siege in 73 AD?

MASADA

Bonus 1: At what siege in Spain, two hundred years earlier, did Tiberius Gracchus negotiate a peace treaty that the Romans later found inconvenient and broke?

NUMANTIA

Bonus 2: Well, Rome might have fallen without even a siege, if it hadn't been for some lucky geese warning the Romans of the coming of the Gauls! In what temple did these felicitous avians live?

JUNO MONETA (if "Juno," prompt for specifics)

12) Listen to the following Latin passage and answer *in English* the questions that follow:

Lūgētē, ō discīpulī magistrīque, et quantum est parentum praesentium: lingua nostra mortua est, lingua, dēliciae meae amīcōrumque, quam plūs vōcibus suīs amābāmus.

Question: Who all consider their language to be their favorite?

THE SPEAKER AND HIS/HER FRIENDS

Bonus 1: What three groups of people should mourn the death of the language?

STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ALL THE PRESENT PARENTS (prompt for more specificity if "parents")

Bonus 2: The speaker and his/her friends loved their language so much that they even preferred it to what?

THEIR OWN VOICES

13) For the verb *facio, facere*, give the second person singular, pluperfect active subjunctive.

FECISSES

Bonus 1: Please make that form perfect.

FECERIS

Bonus 2: Now, please make that form passive.

FACTUS SIS

14) Who speaks the following lines in Book XVI of Homer's Iliad?

"No, deadly fate in league with Apollo killed me. From the ranks of men, Euphorbus. You came third, / and all you could do was finish off my life... / One more thing – take it to heart, I urge you – / you too, you won't live long yourself, I swear. / Already I see them looming up beside you – death / and the strong force of fate, to bring you down / at the hands of Aeacus' great royal son... Achilles!"

PATROCLUS

Bonus 1: What son of Nestor has the unpleasant task of actually informing Achilles of Patroclus' death?

ANTILOCHUS

Bonus 2: Who, with the help of Meriones, carried the body of Patroclus from the field while Ajax the Greater provided cover?

MENELAUS

15) Translate the following sentence into English: *Accidit ut Marcus classi praeesset.*

IT HAPPENED THAT MARCUS WAS IN COMMAND OF THE FLEET

Bonus 1: Now, translate this sentence: *Quidem, quaedam de puellis profiscitur.*

CERTAINLY, A CERTAIN ONE OF THOSE GIRLS IS SETTING OUT.

Bonus 2: Now, translate this sentence: *Consulo te tibi.*

I CONSULT YOU ABOUT YOURSELF.

16) Let's go bird-watching! If we were to spot an *anser*, what would we have found?

GOOSE

Bonus 1: What about an *anas*?

DUCK

Bonus 2: What if we went crazy and found a *phoenicopterus*? What bird would we be looking at?

FLAMINGO

17) How many lictors accompanied a consul?

TWELVE

Bonus 1: How many accompanied a dictator?

TWENTY-FOUR

Bonus 2: What power was an official required to have in order to receive the honor of being accompanied by a lictor?

IMPERIUM (*potestas cum imperiō; potestātem cum imperiō*)

18) What battle of the Second Samnite War was a legendary disaster for the Roman forces?

CAUDINE FORKS

Bonus: What unusual, symbolic punishment did the opposing general make the surviving Roman troops undergo?

HAD TO WALK UNDER YOKES

Bonus: Please give the name of either of the Roman consuls in charge of the defeated forces.

(SPURIUS) POSTUMIUS (ALBINUS) / (VETURIUS) CALVINUS

19) What first member of the Seven Against Thebes to know that the expedition was doomed to fail was forced by his wife to join the group anyway?

AMPHIARAUS

Bonus: What was the name of that wife, whom had Amphiaraus and Adrastus agreed would act as the arbiter of any future quarrels between them?

ERIPHYLE

Bonus: Eriphyle had an ulterior motive for forcing Amphiaraus to join the Seven Against Thebes: she had been bribed. Who had bribed her, with what piece of jewelry?

POLYNICES, NECKLACE OF HARMONIA

20) Let's take a trip to the *Cinema Romana*! What movie, opening this weekend, might be called *Ira Titanorum*?

WRATH OF THE TITANS

Bonus: What movie, also opening this weekend, might be called *Speculum, Speculum*?

MIRROR, MIRROR

Bonus: What May release might be called *Ulltores*?

THE AVENGERS

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SEMI-FINALS**

- 1) Name the category that unites these words: *dōs, far, camillus, pronuba*.

MARRIAGE (CONFARREĀTIO)

Bonus: Which type of marriage had only five witnesses and most likely included the phrase "*Ubi tu Gaius, ego Gaia*"?

COEMPTIO

Bonus: *Patria potestas* was the name for the power of a father over his household, especially his children. What was the name of the similar power that a husband had over his wife in early forms of Roman marriage?

MANUS

- 2) We know 69 AD as the year of the four emperors, but what year later in the Empire saw *six* different men sit on the Roman throne?

238 AD

Bonus 1: List the three men who both reigned during 238 and were not named Gordian.

BALBINUS, PUPIENUS, MAXIMINUS THRAX

Bonus 2: Gordian III managed to survive 238, but not for long. Who succeeded him six years later?

PHILIP THE ARAB

- 3) Listen to the following Latin passage and answer *in English* the questions that follow:

Eōdem diē Ariovistus castra prōmōvit et sex mīlibus passuum ā castrīs Caesāris sub monte posuit. Postrīdiē praeter castra Caesāris cōpiās suās trādūxit et duōbus mīlibus passuum ultrā eum castra fēcit, ut Caesārem frūmentō interclūderet.

Question: How far from Caesar's camp did Ariovistus make camp beneath the mountain?

SIX MILES

Bonus 1: The next day, where in relation to Caesar's camp did Ariovistus make camp?

TWO MILES BEYOND IT

Bonus 2: What did Ariovistus hope to do by setting up camp there?

TO CUT OFF CAESAR FROM GRAIN/FOOD

- 4) Please translate the following question into English: *Licetne nobīs conarī loquī?*
IS IT ALLOWED FOR US TO TRY TO SPEAK?

Bonus 1: Please translate the following sentence into English: *“O fēlēs!” clamat mūs, “Mereris terreri!”*

“O CAT!” EXCLAIMS THE MOUSE, “YOU DESERVE TO BE FEARED!”

Bonus 2: Please translate the following sentence into English: *Congressī sumus loqui inter sē.*

WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO SPEAK AMONGST OURSELVES

- 5) In book 3 of the *Aeneid*, to what new husband of Andromache did Aeneas pay a visit?

HELENUS

Bonus 1: What city had Andromache and Helenus founded in an attempt to perfectly recreate the fallen Troy?

BUTHROTUM

Bonus 2: Before even setting out from Troy, Aeneas and his followers had had to gather somewhere after escaping the looting of the city (even if not all of their wives made it with them). By what mountain did they congregate?

MT. IDA

- 6) Please give the first person singular, present active subjunctive of *fero, ferre*.

FERAR

Bonus: Please change that form to the perfect.

LATUS SIM

Bonus: Now please make that form pluperfect indicative.

TULISSEM

- 7) What mortal maiden, daughter of King Phlegyas, was killed after Apollo discovered that she had been cheating on him with a mortal?

CORONIS

Bonus 1: With what mortal man had she been cheating on him?

ISCHYS

Bonus 2: As Coronis was burning on her funeral pyre, what future divinity did Apollo, feeling the pangs of remorse, save from her womb?

ASCLEPIUS

- 8) Which of the Five Good Emperors was taught by Fronto and Junius Rusticus, wrote philosophy in Greek while fighting the Marcommanic Wars, and ended

Rome's good streak of emperors by appointing his son Commodus as his heir?

MARCUS AURELIUS

Bonus 1: Which of the Five Good Emperors completed the Athenian temple to Olympian Zeus that Peisistratus had begun seven centuries earlier, was infatuated with a young Greek man named Antinous, and expelled the Jews from Jerusalem?

HADRIAN

Bonus 2: Which of the Five Good Emperors had to deal with revolts in Egypt, Seleucia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Assyria, defeated king Decebalus of Dacia, and was the first emperor of provincial origin?

TRAJAN

9) Please translate the following sentence into English: *Cum videret discipulum dormientem, magister iussit eum statim surgere.*
WHEN HE SAW THE SLEEPING STUDENT, THE TEACHER ORDERED HIM TO GET UP IMMEDIATELY.

Bonus: Please translate the following sentence into English: *Cum infirmior sum quam decem vires, cor meus purus est.*

ALTHOUGH I AM WEAKER THAN TEN MEN, MY HEART IS PURE.

Bonus: Please translate the following sentence into English: *Cum magister irascitur, cum dormio, laetus sum.*

ALTHOUGH THE TEACHER IS ANGRY, WHEN I SLEEP, I AM HAPPY.

10) Let's talk politics. From what Latin noun do we derive the English word "campaign"?

CAMPUS, CAMPI

Bonus: Many politicians are ambitious. From what Latin adjective and verb do we derive the English word "ambitious"?

AMBO AND EO, IRE

Bonus: It takes more than ambition to govern. The English word "govern" is derived from the Latin *gubernator*. On a ship, what was a *gubernator*?

HELMSMAN (pilot)

11) How many Flavian emperors died of natural causes?

TWO

Bonus 1: Name the third, and explain how he died.

DOMITIAN; HE WAS STABBED.

Bonus 2: Some ancient writers suggested that Domitian's wife was involved, but this view is not favored by modern scholarship. Name this wife of Domitian, who outlived him by over three decads.

DOMITIA LONGINA

12) What was the Latin term for a trainer of gladiators?

LANISTA

Bonus 1: Gladiators fought in amphitheaters. The most famous amphitheater is now called the Colosseum, but what would a Roman have called it?

AMPHITHEĀTRUM FLĀVIUM (FLAVIAN AMPHITHEATER)

Bonus 2: What emperor began the construction of the Colosseum?

VESPASIAN

13) *Quis sum? Filius sum Daunique Veniliae. Latinus prōmīsīt mihi, "Duces filiam meam in matrimonium, O dux Rutulōrum." Sed non eam dūxi.*

TURNUS

Bonus 1: *Quis sum? Incensa unā Dirarum, nomine Alecto, speravī bellam accidere inter Troianōsque Latinōs.*

AMATA

Bonus 2: *Quis sum? Filia sum Amataque Latinus, et ero uxorem Aenēae.*

LAVINIA

14) Give a synonym of the Latin adverb *repente*.

SUBITO, CONFESTIM, PROTINUS, or EXTEMPLO

Bonus 1: Identify the meaning of the idiom *novissimum agmen*.

THE REAR

Bonus 2: Quid Anglice significat *omnino*?

ALTOGETHER or IN ALL

15) What hero's successful escape from his enemies depended on the murder of Apsyrtyus and the scattering of his body into the waves of the Black Sea?

JASON'S

Bonus 1: What royal couple agreed to marry Jason and Medea in a cave on the island of Drepane in order to prevent the Colchians from returning Medea to her father?

ALCINOUS AND ARETE

Bonus 2: Medea eventually had to run from Jason as well because she killed their children Mermerus and Pheres. To which king's hospitality did she flee?

THAT OF AEGEUS

- 16) Distinguish in meaning between the idioms *quam primum* and *cum primum*.
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and AS SOON AS, respectively

Bonus 1: Identify the meaning of the idiom *aes alienum*.

A DEBT

Bonus 2: Identify the meaning of the idiom *certiorem facere*.

TO INFORM

- 17) What use of the subjunctive is found in the following sentence? *Aurelia non habuit munera quae daret amico*.

RELATIVE CLAUSE OF CHARACTERISTIC

Bonus 1: What use of the subjunctive is found in the following sentence? *Pinxi picturam tam mirabilem, putares esse eam veram*.

RESULT

Bonus 2: What use of the subjunctive is found in the following sentence? *Ne ludas tuam matrem!*

JUSSIVE

- 18) Which of the following does not belong according to gender? *Alvus, vannus, carbasus, pelagus, humus*.

PELAGUS

Bonus 1: Which of the following does not belong according to meaning? *Nuper, modo, mox, recenter, novissime*.

MOX

Bonus 2: Which of the following does not belong according to meaning? *Ferio, tundo, verbero, spargo, pulso*.

SPARGO

- 19) What Roman king built the Temple of Janus, created the divisions between the priestly colleges, reformed the calendar, and often received advice from a nymph named Egeria?

NUMA POMPILIUS

Bonus 1: What Roman king fought the Sabines under Titus Tatius, ruled while Tarpeia was bribed into opening the gates of the city, and created the Senate?

ROMULUS

Bonus 2: What Roman king had his ascension to the throne predicted by a crown of fire, built the Servian wall, and took the first census of the Roman people?

SERVIUS TULLIUS

20) From what Latin verb, with what meaning, is the English word "convey" derived?

VEHO, VEHERE (VEXI, VECTUM), TO CARRY

Bonus 1: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, is the English word "convenient" derived?

VENIO, VENIRE, TO COME

Bonus 2: What English word, meaning "a place where an event may be held," also derives from *venio, venire*?

VENUE

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FINALS**

- 1) What use of the ablative is shown by the phrase *mirabile dictu*?

RESPECT

Bonus 1: What two cases are used to show direction?

ACCUSATIVE AND DATIVE

Bonus 2: What two cases are used to show separation?

ABLATIVE AND DATIVE

- 2) The sorceress Circe often fell in love with mortals. You know how her affair with Odysseus turned out (it didn't), but what king of Latium did she turn into a woodpecker for refusing her love?

PICUS

Bonus 1: What was the name of the woman for whom Picus scorned her?

CANENS

Bonus 2: What son of Picus and Canens became a source of oracular advice in the *Aeneid*, instructing that Lavinia must not marry a Latin?

FAUNUS

- 3) Now let's take a journey to the city Lavinia's descendants would found in Latium, Rome. In what cardinal direction would we have to travel if we began our journey in the modern country where the Roman cities of Caesaraugusta, Salamantica, Gades, Carthago Nova, and Toletum were located?

EAST

Bonus 1: Now that we're in Rome, let's go on a bit of a tourist trip. Let's take the *Via Appia* down to Brundisium. In what two cardinal directions would we have to catch a ship if we wanted to go first to Salamis and then, from there, to Alexandria?

EAST AND THEN SOUTH

Bonus 2: What ancient Roman province had regions which the Romans called *Cisalpina*, *Narbonensis*, and *Comata*?

GALLIA

- 4) Give a synonym of the Latin word *sodalis*.

AMICUS, SOCIUS, COMES, CONVICTOR, or AMATOR

Bonus 1: Now, give another.

ANOTHER OF THE ABOVE LIST

Bonus 2: Give a synonym of the Latin word *ianua*.

PORTA, VOLVAE, FORIS, CLAVIS, CLAUSTRUM, or CLOSTRUM

- 5) Listen to the following Latin passage and answer *in Latin* the questions that follow:

*Fame coacta vulpēs cibum petēbat. Altā in arbore ūvās conspexit.
Identidem saliēns ad ūvās attingere temptābat, sed altiōrēs erant.
Canis mussāvit, "ūvae illae malae sunt", et cibum meliōrem petitum
abiit.*

Question: *Ubi erant ūvae?*

(ALTĀ) IN ARBORE

Bonus 1: *Cūr dixit ūvās malās esse?*

ŪVĀS ATTINGERE NŌN POSSUIT.

Bonus 2: *Cūr vulpēs petēbat cibum?*

FAME (COACTA EST)

- 6) In *The Return of the King*, Aragorn says "A day may come when the courage of Men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship, but it is not this day." Please say in Latin, "on this day."

HĀC DIĒ

Bonus 1: Please make that phrase plural.

HĪS DIĒBUS

Bonus 2: Aragorn then continues, "An hour of wolves and shattered shields when the Age of Men comes crashing down, but it is not this day! This day we fight!" How would you translate "of wolves and shields" into Latin?

LUPORUMQUE / LUPORUM ET CLIPEORUM / SCUTORUM

- 7) During a war between Rome and Alba Longa, what triplets defended Rome in a duel with a set of Alba Longa triplets, the Curiatii?

HORATII

Bonus 1: During the reign of what Roman king did this occur?

TULLUS HOSTILIUS

Bonus 2: What was the praenomen of the one survivor, a Horatius, of the battle?

PUBLIUS

- 8) What is the second person singular, future active indicative of the Latin verb "to prefer"?

MĀLĒS

Bonus 1: Please change that form to the present tense.

MĀVĪS

Bonus 2: Now, given that *malum* is Latin for “apple,” please say in Latin, “We prefer apples to evil things.”

MĀLUMUS MALA MALĪS (RĒBUS)

- 9) What seer was able to: secure the hand of a princess named Pero for his brother, Bias; cure the impotence of a young man named Iphiclus; and avoid being crushed by a jail roof rotten through because of termites because he was able to speak to animals?

MELAMPUS

Bonus 1: What special physical power did Iphiclus have?

HE WAS FAST (SO FAST HE DIDN'T BEND WHEAT WHEN HE RAN OVER A FIELD)

Bonus 2: What sort of animal had first taught Melampus to understand their language?

SNAKE

- 10) What use of the subjunctive is found in the following sentence? *Cum 'certaminatores' simus, nos linguam Latinam odimus.*

(SUBJUNCTIVE IN) CONCESSIVE CLAUSE

Bonus 1: What use of the subjunctive is found in this sentence? *Crederes universitatem Yaliensem esse horribilissimum.*

POTENTIAL

Bonus 2: What use of the subjunctive is found in this sentence? *Nobis aegris, ne illum malum.*

HORTATORY

- 11) My *Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology* sometimes gets a little sarcastic. What region of Greece, the setting of the stories of Lycaon and Callisto and the subject of many a pastoral ode, does the author remark was idealized by “writers whose romantic imaginations were uninhibited by firsthand knowledge of the country”?

ARCADIA

Bonus 1: Into what wild beast was Lycaon transformed for his wickedness?

A WOLF

Bonus 2: What son of his had he tried to serve the gods as the main course at a feast?

NYCTIMUS

- 12) Which of the following English words, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others? League, oblige, liaison, ligament, delegate.

DELEGATE

Bonus 1: From what Latin word, with what meaning, are the other four derived?

LIGO, LIGARE, TO BIND

Bonus 2: From what Latin word, with what meaning, is "delegate" derived?

LEGO, LEGARE, TO COMMISSION (to appoint, to dispatch)

- 13) What is said to have been the original name of Tarquinius Priscus, the fifth king of Rome?

LUCUMO

Bonus 1: His successor, Servius Tullius, counted among his main innovations the development of what quinquennial practice, which we still employ in somewhat different form?

THE CENSUS

Bonus 2: What was the relationship between Servius Tullius and his successor, Tarquinius Superbus?

FATHER-IN-LAW/SON-IN-LAW

- 14) A Roman letter typically began with a name followed by the letters "S.D." What do the letters stand for, and what do they mean in English?

SALŪTEM DĪCIT; "SENDS GREETINGS"

Bonus 1: What abbreviation is commonly translated in English as "sends fondest greetings"?

S.P.D.

Bonus 2: The "S" and the "D" stand for the same words as in the toss-up. What does the "P" stand for?

PLŪRIMAM

- 15) Give a synonym of the Latin verb *trucido*.

CAEDO, NECO, or INTERFICIO

Bonus 1: Give a synonym of the Latin verb *opto*.

CUPIO, DESIDERO, or VOLO

Bonus 2: Give a synonym of the Latin verb *advenio*.

INCEDO, ACCEDO, ADEO, APPROPINQUO, or AGGREDIOR

- 16) Please translate the ablative clause of the following sentence into Latin: "With an animal as leader, we crossed the mountains and found our way back home."

ANIMALĪ DUCE

Bonus 1: Please translate the phrase "seven seas" in the following sentence: "The waves of the seven seas are our home, my friend."

SEPTEM MARIUM

Bonus 2: Please translate the phrase "Spanish rains," in the following sentence, using *Hispanus* for Spanish: "I am composing an ode to the Spanish rains, Eliza."

IMBRIBUS HISPANĪS

- 17) Under the terms of what law was command against the Mediterranean pirates transferred to Pompey in 67 BC?

LEX GABINIA

Bonus 1: What law of 66 BC transferred command against Mithridates to Pompey?

LEX MANILIA

Bonus 2: Whom did Pompey replace as the Roman general fighting Mithridates?

LUCULLUS

- 18) Of what large son of Poseidon and Thoosa did Odysseus run afoul while trying to make his way home to Ithaca?

POLYPHEMUS

Bonus 1: In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Polyphemus is a bumbling, comic shepherd in love with a beautiful sea nymph. What was her name?

GALATEA

Bonus 2: The survival rate of Odysseus's crew was low. Many drowned or were killed in battle, normal fates for a Greek warrior, but many others were eaten. What king of the Laestrygonians, like Polyphemus, ate some of Odysseus's men?

ANTIPHATES

- 19) Name the holiday described by the following characteristics. Animal skins were used as tools of purification on this day. They gave their name to the month in which it was celebrated. A goat and a dog were sacrificed on this holiday. Young men had a footrace around the Palatine Hill. This was a festival to Faunus, whose other name is Lupercus.

LUPERCALIA

Bonus 1: What was the name for the strips of goat hide with which the young men struck onlookers?

FĒBRUA (one was a fēbruum)

Bonus 2: On what date was Lupercalia celebrated?

FEBRUARY 15 (OR 13 OR 14)

20) Please use two Latin words to translate the phrase “the city that must be warned.”

URBS MONENDA

Bonus 1: Please say in Latin, “We love the city because it must be loved.”

AMAMUS URBEM QUOD AMANDAM.

Bonus 2: Using two Latin words, please translate the sentence, “Let us rejoice by singing.”

GAUDEAMUS CANENDO.