

**2012 HARVARD CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION
ROUND ONE**

1. Who am I? I was born to Leda after she was seduced by Zeus in the form of a swan. After hundreds of suitors tried to win my hand in marriage, I eventually chose Menelaus as my husband. My abduction sparked the Trojan War and it is said that my face launched a thousand ships.

HELEN

Bonus 1: Name Helen's brothers who were often collectively known as the Dioscuri.

CASTOR AND POLLUX (Polydeuces)

Bonus 2: Name Helen's half-sister, the daughter of Tyndareus and Leda, who married Menelaus' brother Agamemnon.

CLYTEMNESTRA

2. Complete this analogy: *dō* is to *dedi* as *scribō* is to what?

SCRĪPSĪ

Bonus 1: Change *scripsi* to the corresponding imperfect form.

SCRĪBĒBAM

Bonus 2: Change *scribēbam* to the future tense.

SCRĪBAM

3. What patrician, with the help of Titus Labienus, was elected to the position of Pontifex Maximus in 63 B.C.?

(GAIUS) IULIUS CAESAR

Bonus 1: In 69 B.C., what office did Julius Caesar obtain?

QUAESTORSHIP

Bonus 2: Following his assassination in 44 B.C., who succeeded Caesar as Pontifex Maximus? He was also a member of the second triumvirate.

(M. AEMILIUS) LEPIDUS

4. Translate the motto of the state of Michigan: *Sī quaeris pēninsulam amoenam, circumspice.*

IF YOU SEEK A PLEASANT PENINSULA, LOOK AROUND (YOU)

Bonus 1: Translate the motto of the University of Michigan: *Artēs, scientia, vērītas.*

ARTS, KNOWLEDGE, TRUTH

Bonus 2: Translate the motto of Syracuse University: *Suōs cultōrēs scientia corōnat.*

**KNOWLEDGE CROWNS THOSE WHO SEEK HER
(Accept Literal: Knowledge crowns her cultivators)**

5. What young woman, the daughter of Evenus, was wooed by Apollo but carried off by the mortal Idas? When given the choice between the two suitors, she chose Idas.

MARPESSA

Bonus 1: Why did Marpessa choose Idas, a mortal, over the god Apollo?

**SHE FEARED THAT APOLLO WOULD LEAVE HER
WHEN SHE GREW OLD**

Bonus 2: Apollo, ever since his first attempt, did not have not had much luck with the ladies. What nymph, daughter of Peneus, was Apollo's first attempt at love?

DAPHNE

6. Translate "it" into Latin in this sentence, "I received your letter and read it with enthusiasm."

EAM/EĀS/QUAM/QUĀS

Bonus 1: Translate "it" into Latin in this sentence, "I did see statue, but part of it had been damaged."

EIUS (*huius, illius*)

Bonus 2: Translate "it" into Latin in this sentence. "I tried the wine. Where did you buy it?"

ID (*hoc, illud, quod*)

7. Livia, the third wife of Augustus, was the mother of what future Julio-Claudian Emperor?

TIBERIUS

Bonus 1: Who was the second wife of Augustus?

SCRIBONIA

Bonus 2: What wife of Augustus bore him his only blood offspring, a daughter, Julia?

SCRIBONIA

8. Translate this sentence into English: "*Taurī laetī in agrīs ambulāvērunt.*"

THE HAPPY BULLS WALKED IN THE FIELDS.

Bonus 1: How about this one? "*Cerōī sunt irātī quod dies calidus est.*"

THE DEER ARE ANGRY BECAUSE THE DAY IS HOT.

Bonus 2: Try this one: "*Necesse est tibi cum piscibus dormire.*"

IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SLEEP WITH THE FISHES

9. What derivative of a Latin verb meaning "to stand" means "still, immobile, or unchanging"?

STATIONARY / CONSTANT

Bonus 1: What are the principal parts of the Latin verb at the root of stationary?

STŌ, STĀRE, STETĪ, STĀTUM

Bonus 2: What derivative of the Latin verb *stō* means a sovereign polity, a political division retaining autonomy?

STATE

10. Who am I? When my mother was pregnant, Hera banished her from the earth so I was born on the island of Delos. I have a twin brother who is the god of music and healing, but I prefer hunting to playing the lyre. Many men have tried to marry me, but I have decided to never take a husband.

ARTEMIS (DIANA)

Bonus 1: What was Artemis' (Diana's) other name?

DIANA (ARTEMIS)

Bonus 2: Who was the mother of Apollo and Artemis?

LETO

11. What man was chosen to be emperor by the Senate in 96 A.D. and began the era of the five good rulers?

NERVA

Bonus 1: What tyrannical emperor had Nerva succeeded?

DOMITIAN

Bonus 2: Domitian was the last emperor in what dynasty?

FLAVIAN

12. For the verb *mittō*, give the first person plural, imperfect, active, indicative.

MITTĒBĀMUS

Bonus 1: Make *mittĒbāmus* passive.

MITTĒBĀMUR

Bonus 2: Make *mittĒbāmur* future perfect.

MISSĪ ERIMUS

13. What Colchian sorceress, helped Jason on his quest to attain the Golden Fleece?

MEDEA

Bonus 1: Name the father of Medea, the king of Colchis.

AEETES

Bonus 2: What was the name of Medea's brother, whom she chopped up and threw into the sea to help Jason escape?

ABSYRTUS

14. According to Livy, five of the Roman kings died by murder or supernatural causes. Name one of the two kings who died simply of old age.

NUMA POMPILIUS or ANCUS MARCIUS

Bonus 1: Name the other.

SEE TOSS UP

Bonus 2: What Roman king died in the fire caused by lightning that hit his house?

TULLUS HOSTILIUS

15. Listen carefully to the following passage which I will read twice, then answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

Quintus et Sextus optimi amici erant. Olim Quintus ad casam Sexti iuit et cum Sexto amicam, nomine Iulia, vidit. Statim Quintus iratus erat quod diu Iuliam amabat et Sextus scivit hoc. Post hunc diem, Quintus cum Sexto non dicebat.

Question: How would you describe the initial relationship between Quintus and Sextus?

BEST FRIENDS

Bonus 1: What did Quintus see when he went to Sextus' house?

(SEXTUS WITH HIS FRIEND) JULIA (prompt on "friend")

Bonus 2: Why, specifically, was Quintus so mad upon seeing Sextus and Julia together?

**QUINTUS LOVED JULIA (had loved Julia for a long time)
AND SEXTUS KNEW IT (prompt on "Quintus loved Julia")**

16. In the course of his education, under which of the following would a Roman youth first study: *rhētor, litterātor, grammaticus*?

LITTERĀTOR

Bonus 1: After exiting the *lūdus litterārius*, under which instructor would a Roman youth study?

GRAMMATICUS

Bonus 2: What type of slave escorted young boys to school, the *palaestra*, and elsewhere?

PAEDAGŌGUS (pl. *paedagōgī*)

17. Euterpe, Terpsichore, Clio, and Calliope all belong to what mythological group of goddesses?

MUSES

Bonus 1: Who were the parents of the Muses?

ZEUS AND MNEMOSYNE (Memory)

Bonus 2: Name any two other Muses not listed in the tossup.

THALIA, ERATO, POLYHYMNIA, URANIA, MELPOMENE

18. Whose rape of Lucretia precipitated the fall of the Roman monarchy?

Bonus 1: Give the full name of the Roman consul who was forced to resign midway through 509 B.C.

Lūcius TARQUINIUS COLLATINUS

Bonus 2: Who replaced Collatinus as consul?

(P. VALERIUS) PUBLICOLA

19. Give all four principal parts of the Latin verb *agō*.

AGŌ, AGERE, ĒGĪ, ACTUS (ACTUM)

Bonus 1: Give all four principal parts of the Latin verb *laedō*.

LAEDŌ, LAEDERE, LAESĪ, LAESUS (LAESUM)

Bonus 2: Give all four principal parts of the Latin verb *cadō*.

CADŌ, CADERE, CECIDĪ, CĀSUS (CASUM)

20. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "That boy was reading a book."

ILLE PUER LIBRUM LEGĒBAT.

Bonus 1: Now translate this: "This boy gave a book to his friend."

HIC PUER AMĪCŌ (AMĪCAE) LIBRUM DEDIT.

Bonus 2: Change all the forms in the previous sentence to the plural.

HĪ PUERĪ AMĪCĪS LIBROS DEDERUNT.

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ROUND TWO**

1. Using a fifth-declension noun, translate “things” in the following sentence: “He was speaking about these things.”

REBUS

Bonus 1: Using a fourth-declension noun, translate “sounds” in the following sentence: “They heard very scary sounds in the haunted house.”

SONITŪS

Bonus 2: Using a fourth-declension noun, translate “arch” in the following sentence: “Because it was a hot day, they sat in the shade beneath the arch.”

ARCŪ

2. What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the root of vouch, evoke, equivocal, advocate, invocation?

VOCŌ - TO CALL

Bonus 1: What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the root of envy, vista, and evident?

VIDEŌ - TO SEE

Bonus 2: What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the root of convivial and vivacious?

VIVŌ - TO LIVE

3. What emperor had his brother and co-emperor Geta murdered at the hands of the Praetorian Guard in 211 A.D.?

CARACALLA

Bonus 1: After the assassination, Caracalla had Geta’s name erased from all public monuments and had all statues of him reworked to no longer bear a resemblance. What is the Latin term for this symbolic “unremembering?”

DAMNATIO MEMORIAE

Bonus 2: Besides Geta, name another emperor that suffered *damnatio memoriae*.

DOMITIAN, MAXIMIAN

4. Which of the gods served as a guide to mortal travelers and as a guide to the souls of the dead into the Underworld?

HERMES

Bonus 1: What was Hermes' epithet as leader of souls to Hades?

PSYCHOPOMPOS

Bonus 2: Hermes' principal occupation, however, was as Zeus' herald and he quite often aided Zeus in his various love affairs. What monster, which was sent by Hera to guard Zeus' mistress Io, did Hermes kill?

ARGUS (PANOPTES)

5. What is the meaning of the Latin word "*Quōmodo...*"?

HOW...?

Bonus 1: What is the meaning of the Latin word "*Quālis...*"?

WHAT SORT OF...?

Bonus 2: What is the meaning of the Latin word "*Unde...*"?

FROM WHERE...? (WHENCE...?)

6. What future Roman king, the son of a wealthy Etruscan nobleman named Demaratus, was migrating to Rome, when, according to legend, an eagle swooped down, took his cap, flew away and then replaced it upon his head.

TARQUINIUS PRISCUS (Lucumo)

Bonus 1: What wife of his interpreted these events as a divine indication of his royal destiny?

TANAQUIL

Bonus 2: What king's sons murdered Tarquinius Priscus?

ANCUS MARTIUS

7. When Oeneus foolishly forgot to include Artemis during his annual sacrifices, what animal did the goddess send to ravage the city of Calydon?

BOAR

Bonus 1: The Calydonian Boar Hunt finally ended when Meleager, son of Oeneus, killed the beast. Afterwards, to what woman did Meleager give the hide of the boar as a gift?

ATALANTA

Bonus 2: The fact that Meleager gave away the hide to someone else so angered his maternal uncles that it started a fatal altercation. Name Meleager's mother, whose brothers were killed in the ensuing fight.

ALTHAEA

8. What case would be used for the phrase "my friend" in the sentence "Come here, my friend"?

VOCATIVE

B1: Translate "my friend" in that same sentence.

MĪ AMĪCE

Bonus 2: What case would be used for "my friend" in the sentence "I lent my friend some money"?

DATIVE

9. Supposedly brought to Rome from Asia Minor by Lucullus, what fruit did the Romans call a *cerasus*?

CHERRY TREE

Bonus 1: What kind of fruit would the Romans have called a *malum persicum*?

PEACH

Bonus 2: What kind of fruit would the Romans have called either a *mālum grānātum* or a *mālum pūnicum*?

POMEGRANATE

10. Which of the following battles would not be considered a disaster in Roman history: Cannae, Caudine Forks, Cape Ecnomus, Lake Trasimene?

CAPE ECNOMUS

Bonus 1: In what year did Caudine Forks occur?

321 B.C.

Bonus 2: In what war, which lasted from 326 to 204 B.C., did the battle of Caudine Forks take place?

SECOND SAMNITE WAR

11. What Trojan prince, the son of Priam and Hecuba, judged a beauty contest between three goddesses and selected Aphrodite as the winner after she bribed him with "the most beautiful woman in the world?"

PARIS

Bonus 1: Name the other two goddesses between whom Paris had to judge?

ATHENA AND HERA

Bonus 2: What had Hera promised Paris in a futile attempt to win the contest?

HE WOULD BE RULER OVER THE WORLD (prompt on "power")

12. Give the ablative plural of the phrase "*duo dies*."

DUŌBUS DIĒBUS

Bonus 1: Change *duōbus diēbus* to the genitive.

DUŌRUM DIĒRUM

Bonus 2: Change *durōrum diērum* to the dative case.

DUŌBUS DIĒBUS

13. What monster, described by Hesiod as half nymph, half speckled snake is most famous for her children with Typhon?

ECHIDNA

Bonus 1: Name the offspring of Echidna and Typhon which was featured in Heracles' second labor.

(LERNAEAN) HYDRA

Bonus 2: Now name the offspring which Echidna bore to her own child Orthus and was the monster killed by Heracles for his first labor.

NEMEAN LION

14. At what military disaster of 9 AD did a group of Germanic tribes annihilate three Roman legions under the leadership of Publius Quinctilius Varus?

TEUTOBERG FOREST

Bonus 1: What chieftain of the Cherusci led the Germanic forces at this battle?

ARMINIUS

Bonus 2: What Roman commander, under the order of the emperor Tiberius, recovered two of three legions' standards in a 16 AD campaign in Germany?

GERMANICUS

15. Listen carefully to the following passage which I will read twice, then answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

Ōlim erat iuuenis intellegens, nōmine Claudius. In scholā, Claudius nullōs amīcōs habēbat sed multōs librōs dē linguā Latīnā habēbat. Post hōrās scholae Claudius sōlus erat et illōs librōs dē Latīnā legere amābat. Unō diē magister Latīnae Claudium lūdum, nōmine certāmen, monstrāvit. Post hōc, Claudius semper certāmen lūdere voluit.

Question: According to the passage, what did Claudius have?

NO FRIENDS / MANY BOOKS ABOUT LATIN

Bonus 1: What did Claudius love to do after school when he was lonely?

READ HIS LATIN BOOKS (prompt on "books")

Bonus 2: By the end of the passage, what did Claudius always want to do?

PLAY CERTAMEN (prompt on "game")

16. What battle, which took place at the same site of a famous Persian war battle, pinned the Romans under Glabrio against the Seleucid King Antiochus III?

THERMOPYLAE

Bonus 1: Speaking of Rome's domination of the east, where had Quinctius Flaminius defeated Phillip V of Greece six years prior to this?

CYNOSCEPHALAE

Bonus 2: What previous enemy of Rome may have allied himself with both Phillip V and Antiochus?

HANNIBAL

17. Differentiate in meaning between the adjectives *acer* and *aeger*.

ACER - SHARP

AEGER - SICK

Bonus 1: Differentiate in meaning between the adjectives *lentus* and *levis*.

LENTUS - SLOW, LINGERING

LEVIS - LIGHT

Bonus 2: Differentiate in meaning between the adjectives *anxius* and *audax*.

ANXIUS - EAGER, ANXIOUS

AUDAX - BOLD

18. What group of three mythical women, the children of Phorcys and Ceto, had golden wings, tusks, and hair made of live snakes, and could turn men to stone with a single look?

GORGONS

Bonus 1: Who was the only mortal gorgon?

MEDUSA

Bonus 2: Who killed Medusa?

PERSEUS

19. Translate this sentence into English: "*Miles ā hoste interficitur.*"

THE SOLDIER IS KILLED BY THE ENEMY.

Bonus 1: Try this one: "*Militēs ā duce hostem necāre iubentur.*"

THE SOLDIERS ARE ORDERED BY THE

GENERAL TO KILL THE ENEMY.

Bonus 2: How about this one? "*Omnēs hostēs heri necatī sunt.*"

ALL THE ENEMIES WERE KILLED YESTERDAY

20. What state has as its motto "*Ense petit placidam sub libertāte quiētem*"?

MASSACHUSETTS

Bonus 1: Translate that motto.

**WITH THE SWORD SHE SEEKS CALM
PEACE UNDER LIBERTY**

Bonus 2: Other than object of a preposition, what use of the Ablative can be found in the motto of Massachusetts?

MEANS / INSTRUMENT

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NOVICE DIVISION
ROUND THREE**

1. Gladiatorial combat in ancient Rome was the equivalent of modern day Monday night football. What type of gladiator wore a fish-shaped helmet?

MURMILLO (mirmillo, myrmillo)

Bonus 1: What type of Roman gladiator was equipped with a short sword and rectangular shield?

SAMNITE

Bonus 2: What type of gladiator, perhaps the most amusing for Roman citizens to watch, fought blindfolded?

ANDABATA

2. What war was sparked by the assassination of Marcus Livius Drusus, lasted from 91 to 88 B.C., and pitted the Romans against the non-citizen Italians?

SOCIAL/ITALIAN/MARSIC WAR

Bonus 1: What war, which began with a massacre at Cirta, featured both Marius and Sulla was fought against an African monarch from 111 to 106 B.C.?

JUGURTHINE WAR

Bonus 2: What war was sparked after an Italian tribe took the town of Naples in 327 B.C.?

SAMNITES

3. For the verb *sum*, give the second person singular, perfect, active, indicative.

FUISTĪ

Bonus 1: Change *fuisti* to the future perfect tense.

FUERIS

Bonus 2: Change *fuertis* to the passive.

THERE IS NO PASSIVE FOR SUM

4. Who am I? My father Icarius dreamed that I would stay with him in Sparta, but I chose to leave for Ithaca with my new husband. After my husband was sent to the Trojan War, I awaited his return for 20 years. Though I had many suitors, I deceived them until my husband finally came back and killed them all.

PENELOPE

Bonus 1: We all know that Penelope's husband was Odysseus but who was his father?

LAERTES

Bonus 2: What was the name of the son of Odysseus and Penelope?

TELEMACHUS

5. Translate the motto of the state of Virginia: "*Sic semper tyrannīs*"?

THUS ALWAYS TO TYRANTS

Bonus 1: One of Virginia's neighboring states, West Virginia, also contains the word *semper* in its state motto. Give the Latin for this motto.

MONTĀNĪ SEMPER LĪBERĪ

Bonus 2: Now translate that motto of West Virginia.

MOUNTANEERS ARE ALWAYS FREE

6. Translate this sentence into English: "*Agricola vaccās habet et gallōs habēre vult.*"

**THE FARMER HAS COWS AND
HE WANTS TO HAVE ROOSTERS.**

Bonus 1: How about this one? "*Pecuniam autem nōn habet. Igitur, gallōs nōn habēbit.*"

**HOWEVER HE DOESN'T HAVE MONEY.
THEREFORE, HE WILL NOT HAVE ROOSTERS.**

Bonus 2: Try this one: "*Agricola igitur pecuniam amīcī suī arripit.*"

THE FARMER THEREFORE STEALS HIS FRIEND'S MONEY.

7. What Emperor, the son of Marcus Aurelius, dressed as Hercules and fought in the Arena?

COMMODUS

Bonus 1: Of what "dynasty" was Marcus Aurelius' the last emperor?

THE FIVE GOOD EMPERORS

Bonus 2: What was unusual Commodus' succession to the throne?

HE WAS THE SON OF THE PREVIOUS EMPEROR

8. What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the root of aqueduct, deduct, and induce?

DŪCŌ - TO LEAD

Bonus 1: What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the root of prohibit, cohabitation, and habitat?

HABEŌ - TO HAVE

Bonus 2: What Latin verb with what meaning lies at the ultimate root of deciduous and case?

CADŌ - TO FALL

9. What King of Thebes, failing to produce a child with his wife, went to Delphi where he was told not to have a child because, if he did, that child would one day kill him and marry his wife?

LAIUS

Bonus 1: Name this wife of Laius who eventually did bear a son, Oedipus.

JOCASTA (Epicasta)

Bonus 2: What did Laius do in an attempt to prevent the oracle's prophecy from coming true?

EXPOSED OEDIPUS (ON A MOUNTAIN)

10. The story of young Claudius continues! Listen carefully to the following passage which I will read twice, then answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

Post multōs annōs, Claudius omnia dē līnguā Latīnā et dē mŷthologiā et dē historiā Rōmānā discere temptābat. Tandem Claudius ad NJCL conventiōnem iit quod cēterōs puerōs et puellās quī dē Rōmā discere amāvērunt vidēre voluit. Post conventiōnem, Claudius tristissimus erat quod ūnicōs amīcōs reliquit.

Question: Name two things about which Claudius tried to learn everything?

LATIN (LANGUAGE), MYTHOLOGY, OR ROMAN HISTORY

Bonus 1: Why did Claudius finally go to the NJCL convention?

**BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SEE/MEET OTHERS (boys and girls)
WHO LOVED TO LEARN/STUDY ABOUT ROME**

Bonus 2: After convention, how did Claudius feel and why?

VERY SAD BECAUSE HE LEFT BEHIND HIS (ONLY) FRIENDS

11. What Roman emperor, with the aid of his general Lusius Quietus, led a Roman campaign into Dacia that ultimately resulted in the successful sack of its capital city, Sarmizegethusa, in 102 AD?

TRAJAN

Bonus 1: What king of the Dacians did Trajan and the Romans defeat there?

DECEBALUS

Bonus 2: The sight of Tapae witnessed two battles between the Romans and the Dacians. In 101 A.D., the Romans, under Trajan, defeated the Dacians at Tapae. Less than twenty years earlier, however, what emperor unsuccessfully led the Romans?

DOMITIAN

12. Odysseus' journey back home took him ten years partly because of the wrath of various deities that he had offended. How, specifically, did Odysseus offend the god Poseidon?

**HE BLINDED POLYPHEMUS, A SON OF POSEIDON
(prompt on "son of Poseidon")**

Bonus 1: How did Odysseus, or rather, Odysseus' crew, anger the god Helios?
THEY SLAUGHTERED HIS CATTLE

Bonus 2: Which goddess, however, was actually fond of Odysseus at helped him along his journey home?

ATHENA

13. *Quot sunt quinque et sex?*

UNDECIM

Bonus 1: *Quot sunt octo et octo?*

SĒDECIM

Bonus 2: *Quot sunt octo et decem?*

DUODĒVĪGINTI

14. What god, son of Hyperion and Theia, drove his four-horse chariot through the sky during the day and returned at night, from west to east, riding in a huge golden cup through the rive Oceanus?

HELIUS

Bonus 1: Name the two sisters of Helius, one the goddess of the moon and the other of the dawn.

SELENE AND EOS/AURORA

Bonus 2: In the contest between Helius and Apollo for the patronage of Corinth, Briareus was called in as arbiter. To what mythological group does Briareus belong?

HECHATONCHIRES (hundred-handed ones)

15. In what location did the final battle between Constantine and Maxentius take place?

MILVIAN BRIDGE

Bonus 1: In what date did the battle of the Milvian Bridge take place?

312 A.D.

Bonus 2: How did Maxentius die?

HE DROWNED (IN THE TIBER)

16. I seem to have an affection for alliteration. Differentiate in meaning between the noun *vīta* and the verb *vīto*.

VĪTA - LIFE; VĪTO - AVOID

Bonus 1: Now differentiate between *capio* and *cupio*.

CAPIO - I SEIZE, TAKE; CUPPIO - I DESIRE, WANT

Bonus 2: Lastly, differentiate among *tamen*, *tandem*, and *tum*.

TAMEN - NEVERTHELESS, HOWEVER;

TANDEM - AT LAST, AT LENGTH;

TUM - THEN

17. Using two irregular verbs, translate this sentence into Latin: "The girls will want to go to the Forum."

PUELLAE AD FORUM ĪRE VOLENT.

Bonus 1: Using an irregular verb, try this one: "He does not wish to defeat the enemy"

HOSTEM VINCERE NŌN VULT.

Bonus 2: Again using an irregular verb, try this sentence: "Why are you carrying a lion?!"

CUR LEŌNEM FERS?

18. Make the phrase "*caedes gravis*" accusative singular.

CAEDEM GRAVEM

Bonus 1: Make "*caedem gravem*" ablative.

CAEDE GRAVĪ

Bonus 2: Make "*caede gravī*" plural.

CAEDIBUS GRAVIBUS

19. Heracles, for his seventh labor, had to capture the Cretan bull and, after showing it to Eurystheus, he let it go. What other hero, according to some traditions, encountered this same bull near Marathon?

THESEUS

Bonus 1: What son of Minos was sent by King Aegeus to capture the bull but was fatally wounded by it?

ANDROGEUS

Bonus 2: What tribute did Minos demand from Athens in compensation for the death of Androgeus?

7 YOUTHS AND 7 MAIDENS ANNUALLY TO BE OFFERED TO THE MINOTAUR

20. Place the following battles of the Second Punic War in chronological order: Metaurus River, Ticinus River, Cannae, Lake Trasimene.

TICINUS RIVER, LAKE TRASIMENE, CANNAE, METAURUS RIVER

Bonus 1: At what battle in 207 B.C. did C. Livius Salinator and M. Livius Drusus defeat and slay Hasdrubal Barca, who had been on his way to aid his brother Hannibal?

METAURUS RIVER

Bonus 2: After the battle of Metaurus River, how did the Romans inform Hannibal of his brother's death?

CATAPULTED HASDRUBAL'S HEAD INTO HANNIBAL'S TENT

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SEMI-FINALS**

1. Which of the following is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: cordial, concord, courteous, core.

COURTEOUS

Bonus 1: From what Latin noun is courteous derived?

COHORS

Bonus 2: From what Latin noun are the rest of the words derived?

COR

2. Lūcius Aelius Sejanus and Naevius Sutorius Macro were Praetorian Prefects under what Roman emperor?

TIBERIUS

Bonus 1: Perrenis, Cleander, and Aemilius Laetus were all Praetorian Prefects under what emperor?

COMMODUS

Bonus 2: Lūcius Faenius Rufus and Gaius Nymphidius Sabinus were Praetorian Prefects under what emperor?

NERO

3. What Corinthian King, the son of Aeolus and Enarate, was punished in the underworld by perpetually having to roll a rock uphill?

SISYPHUS

Bonus 1: What man was punished by being stretched upon a burning wheel?

IXION

Bonus 2: Who were punished by being forced to perpetually refill leaking jars?

THE DANAIDS

4. *Quid Anglicē significat tumultus?*

UPROAR

Bonus 1: *Quid Anglicē significat scelus?*

CRIME, EVIL DEED

Bonus 2: *Quid Anglicē significat vēr?*

SPRING

5. For the verb *pōnō*, give the second person plural, perfect passive indicative.

POSITĪ ESTIS

Bonus 1: Change *positi estis* to the present tense.

PŌNIMINI

Bonus 2: Keeping all else the same, change *pōnimini* to the singular imperative.

PŌNERE

6. Who was the last Gallic chieftain defeated by Caesar in 52 B.C.?

VERCINGETORIX

Bonus 1: At what siege did Caesar defeat Vercingetorix?

ALESIA

Bonus 2: Where in Rome was Vercingetorix held?

TULLIANUM

7. Who was told by the oracle at Delphi to kill the two murderers of his father Agamemnon?

ORESTES

Bonus 1: Name the sister of Orestes who aided him in this deed.

ELECTRA

Bonus 2: Orestes' killing spree did not stop here. What son of Achilles incurred the fatal enmity of Orestes after he married Hermione, who had initially been promised to Orestes?

NEOPTOLEMUS/PYRRHUS

8. Who was the last Western Roman emperor?

ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS

Bonus 1: Who was the last pagan emperor?

JULIAN

Bonus 2: Who was the last emperor to rule a united Roman Empire?

THEODOSIUS I (THE GREAT)

9. Translate this sentence into English: "*Puellae urbī lente appropinquāvērunt.*"

THE GIRLS SLOWLY APPROACHED THE CITY.

Bonus 1: Try this one: "*Animālia stulta Latīnē dicere nōn potuerint.*"

THE STUPID ANIMALS WILL NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK LATIN.

Bonus 2: "*Avēs, nonne celeriter volāre voluerātis?*"

**BIRDS, SURELY YOU HAD WANTED TO FLY QUICKLY?
(BIRDS, YOU HAD WANTED TO FLY QUICKLY, HADN'T YOU?)**

10. Which of the following nouns does not belong grammatically: *formīca, tunica, arma, galea*.

ARMA

Bonus 1: Which of the following verbs does not belong grammatically: *dō, stō, emo, crēdō*.

EMŌ

Bonus 2: Which of the following nouns does not belong grammatically: *onus, tempus, agnus, mūnus*.

AGNUS

11. After several gods unsuccessfully attempted to rebel against Zeus, the king of the gods retaliated. Which two gods did Zeus punish by forcing them to aid in building the walls of Troy?

APOLLO AND POSEIDON

Bonus 1: What King of Troy were Apollo and Poseidon helping in this task?

LAOMEDON

Bonus 2: When Laomedon refused to pay them for their help and then threatened to sell them into slavery, what did the gods send to exact their revenge?

SEA MONSTER (also accept PLAGUE)

12. If you were applying to college, you might turn in a c.v. as part of your application. What does c.v. stand for in Latin?

CURRICULUM VĪTAE

Bonus 1: In writing your college application essay, you might include the abbreviation v.i. to direct the reader's attention to another spot in your essay. What is the English meaning of v.i. which stands for "*vide infrā*."

SEE BELOW

Bonus 2: Perhaps you're going to college with the hopes that you will one day go to graduate school and obtain a Ph.D. For what two Latin words, with what meaning, does Ph.D. stand?

**PHILOSOPHIAE DOCTOR (also *doctor philosophiae*) -
TEACHER OF PHILOSOPHY**

13. What battle pitted Quintus Fabius Rullianus and Publius Decius Mus against the Samnites in 295 B.C.?

SENTINUM

Bonus 1: In this battle, Decius Mus famously committed *devotio* - what exactly did he do?

SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR VITORY

Bonus 2: During which of the Samnite Wars did this battle occur?

THIRD SAMNITE WAR

14. What were the dancing priests of Mars called?

SALIĪ

Bonus 1: Who was the priest of Jupiter?

FLĀMEN DIĀLIS

Bonus 2: Whom did the *Salii Collini* worship?

QUIRINUS

15. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, about facebook, or *liber faciērum*, then answer IN LATIN the question that follows.

Lūcius librum faciērum magnoperē amat. Lūcius, cui ūnus amīcus dē officiō dē librō faciērum dixit, in eō tōtam diem consūmit. Ūnō diē Lūcius, quī marītus erat, multās imāginēs pulcherrimarum fēminārum vīdit. Statim Lūcius ad suam chartam īvit et suum statum mūtāvit. Nunc Lūcius nōn iam marītus erat.

Question: *Quis Lucio dē librō faciērum dixit?*

(ŪNUS) AMĪCUS (DĒ OFFICIŌ)

Bonus 1: *Cur Lūcius suum statum mūtāvit?*

**(Lūcius) MULTAS IMAGINES PULCHERRIMARUM/
PULCHRARUM FEMINARUM VIDIT**

Bonus 2: The passage continues, *Sed Lūcius stultus erat quod uxor etiam librum faciērum habēbat. Ubī uxor novum statum vīdit, irātissima fuit, itaque ea quoque suum statum mūtāvit.*

Question: What did Lucius' wife do after she saw her husband's new relationship status?

SHE ALSO CHANGED HER (RELATIONSHIP) STATUS

16. What famous Theban seer, who lived part of his life as both a man and a woman, revealed that Oedipus had killed his own father?

TEIRESIAS

Bonus 1: How had Teiresias originally been transformed into a woman?

HE STRUCK TWO SNAKES COUPLING (or just female snake)

Bonus 2: Upon Teiresias' transformation back into a man, what two deities asked for his opinion over an argument between them on which gender derived more pleasure from intercourse?

ZEUS AND HERA

17. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive "tangent" and "intact"?

TANGĒ - TOUCH

Bonus 1: What English derivative of *tango* means "able to be transmitted by contact"?

CONTAGIOUS

Bonus 2: From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive "tergiversate" and "animadvert"?

VERTĒ - TURN

18. Say in Latin, "Will we have enough wine?"

HABĒBIMUSNE SATIS VĪNI?

Bonus 1: Say in Latin, "The poor women drank no water."

(FĒMINAE) PAUPERĒS NIHIL AQUAE (NULLAM AQUAM) BIBĒRUNT.

Bonus 2: Say in Latin, "The slave will buy three of our pigs."

SERVUS TRĒS Ē PORCĪS NOSTRĪS EMET.

19. What man was asked by a queen of Crete to construct a hollow, wooden cow for her to hide inside of it and lie with a bull with which she had madly fallen in love?

DAEDALUS

Bonus 1: Who was this queen of Crete, mother of the Minotaur?

PASIPHAE

Bonus 2: Daedalus had taken refuge in Crete after fleeing from his hometown of Athens because he had killed what nephew of his who had invented the saw?

PERDIX (Talus or Calus)

20. What Spanish city fell to Roman forces in 133 B.C?

NUMANTIA

Bonus 1: Who commanded the Romans at this siege?

SCIPIO AEMILIANUS

Bonus 2: What North African city, which had been Rome's traditional enemy, had Scipio Aemilianus captured in 146 B.C?

CARTHAGE

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FINALS**

1. At the start of the quest for the Golden Fleece, what hero refused to be the leader and declared that he would let no one but Jason accept the honor?

HERACLES

Bonus 1: When the Argonauts landed at Mysia, what squire of Heracles was dragged into the spring Pegae by a nymph who had fallen in love with his beauty?

HYLAS

Bonus 2: Heracles raged through the woods in search of this youth and, when morning came, the Argonauts set sail without him. When they took notice of this, they would have turned around had not which two brothers insisted that they go on without Heracles?

ZEETES AND CALAIS

2. Give the genitive singular of the Latin phrase for "better man."

MELIORIS VIRĪ/HOMINIS

Bonus 1: Change *melioris virī* to the ablative.

MELIORĪ VIRŌ

Bonus 2: Change *meliorī virō* to the plural.

MELIORIBUS VIRĪS

3. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive "enchant"?

CANŌ/CANTŌ - TO SING

Bonus 1: What derivative of *canō* means "a thing that motivates or encourages one to do something"?

INCENTIVE

Bonus 2: What derivative of the Latin verb *canō* means a mark indicating stress or some other distinction in pronunciation or value?

ACCENT

4. Name any two of the three Romans to earn the spolia opima.

ROMULUS, (M. CLAUDIUS) MARCELLUS, (CORNELIUS) COSSUS

Bonus 1: Name the third.

SEE ABOVE

Bonus 2: Whom did Romulus kill to earn that honor?

ACRO

5. Latin abbreviations often come up on medical prescriptions. If your prescription has the abbreviation o.d., where should you take the medication?

IN YOUR RIGHT EYE

Bonus 1: What is the Latin for the abbreviation o.s., which tells the patient to take the medication in the left eye?

OCULUS SINISTER

Bonus 2: Give the Latin and English for the abbreviation Rx. which is often seen on medical prescriptions.

RECIPE - TAKE (AS DIRECTED)

6. Which of the following nouns does not belong because of gender: *ōvum*, *occasiō*, *auris*, *ornātrix*?

ŌVUM

Bonus 1: Which of the following nouns does not belong because of gender: *animal*, *signum*, *leo*, *ōpus*?

LEO

Bonus 2: Which of the following nouns does not belong because of gender: *cor*, *victor*, *timor*, *terror*?

COR

7. What Trojan princess, granted the ability to see the future when Apollo spat in her moth, spurned her divine lover and was cursed so that no one would believe her prophesies?

CASSANDRA

Bonus 1: Who were the parents of Cassandra?

PRIAM AND HECUBA

Bonus 2: What Greek general carried off Cassandra as a concubine after the fall of Troy?

AGAMEMNON

8. What do all of the following Latin verbs have in common: *dīcō*, *dūcō*, *faciō*, *ferō*?

IRREGULAR (PRESENT) IMPERATIVES

Bonus 1: Give the singular present imperative forms of *dīcō* and *dūcō*?

DĪC AND DŪC, RESPECTIVELY

Bonus 2: Now do the same for *faciō* and *ferō*.

FAC AND FER, RESPECTIVELY

9. Who led his horde of barbarians into Rome and sacked the city in 410 AD?

ALARIC

Bonus 1: Of which barbarian tribe was Alaric the leader?

VISIGOTHS

Bonus 2: Which Roman general had twice defeated Alaric in 402 and 403 AD?

STILICHO

10. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, about a current event in sports, then answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

Per annum, in mense Martio fūror accidit. Hic fūror tōrneamentum cuiusdam ludī est. Per tōtam pātriam Americānam, multī iuvenēs in tōrneamentum intrāre spērant. Hī iuvenēs somnia dē ultimo quattuor habent. Hōc annō, Hārvārd, quod sexāginta et sex annōs in tōrneamentō nōn fuit, tandem in tōrneamento lūdēbat. Eheu!

Question: According to the passage, what happens each year in the month of March?

MADNESS (a basketball tournament / tournament of a certain sport)

Bonus 1: According to the passage, what do all basketball players dream of?

THE FINAL FOUR (Semi-finals/Last Four)

Bonus 2: How long has it been since Harvard was last in the tournament?

66 YEARS

11. *Quid Anglicē significat "ūter"?*

EACH (OF TWO)

Bonus 1: *Quid Anglicē significat "ariēs"?*

RAM

Bonus 2: *Quid Anglicē significat "umerus"?*

SHOULDER

12. What woman was said to have famously stood between the Romans and the Sabines, ending their feud, establishing Titus Tatius as a co-ruler in the monarchy, and herself as wife to Romulus?

HERSILIA

Bonus 1: What nymph was the consort of Numa?

EGERIA

Bonus 2: What temple on the Aventine hill did Numa Pompilius consecrate?

TEMPLE OF JUPITER ELICIUS

13. In mythology, what name is shared by the youngest daughter of Erechtheus who was raped by Apollo and a daughter of Priam and Hecuba who was married to Aeneas?

CREUSA

Bonus 1: Name Aeneas' son by Creusa.

ASCANIUS (IULUS)

Bonus 2: Name Aeneas final wife whom he married once he finally settled down in Italy.

LAVINIA

14. Who owed his ascension to the imperial throne to two commanders of the Rhine legions named Fabius Valens and Caecina Alienus in 69 A.D.?

VITELLIUS

Bonus 1: What general defeated Vitellius' forces at Cremona, securing the throne for Vespasian?

ANTONIUS PRIMUS

Bonus 2: Where had Vitellius defeated Otho earlier that same year?

CREMONA/BEDRIACUM

15. Translate this sentence into English: "*Licetne nobis in his lectis dormire?*"

**IS IT PERMITTED FOR US TO (MAY WE)
SLEEP ON THESE COUCHES/BEDS?**

Bonus 1: "*Necesse est vobis statim surgere!*"

**IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO (YOU MUST)
RISE (GET UP) IMMEDIATELY!**

Bonus 2: "*Cur necesse est tibi nos iam excitare?*"

**WHY IS IT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO (WHY MUST YOU)
ROUSE US (WAKE US UP) ALREADY?**

16. *Balneae* were small, privately owned bath houses, precursors to what larger bath facilities?

THERMAE

Bonus 1: When a Roman walked into a bath, what was first room he would enter?

APODYTERIUM

Bonus 2: What furnace structure allowed the Romans to heat the water?

HYPOCAUSTUM

17. *Parcae* and *Moerae* are two other names for what mythological group which includes Clotho, Atropos, and Lachesis?

FATES

Bonus 1: Which of the Fates was in charge of cutting the thread of human life?

ATROPOS

Bonus 2: The Fates weren't always so bad. Once, they aided Zeus in defeating the monster Typhon. How were they able to accomplish this?

**INDUCED TYPHON TO TASTE HUMAN FOOD
(WHICH WEAKENED HIM)**

18. Translate this sentence into Latin: "In the winter, we shall remain in the city."

IN URBE HIEME (RE)MANĒBIMUS

Bonus 1: Using an ablative, translate this sentence into Latin: "The boy's father was shouting with great anger."

PATER PUERĪ MAGNĀ (CUM) ĪRĀ CLĀMĀBAT.

Bonus 2: Again using an ablative, try this one: "The cook is cleaning the kitchen with water."

COQVUS CULĪNAM AQUĀ PURGAT/LAVAT

19. Against what enemy of Rome were the battles of Orchomenus, Chaeroneia, and Nicopolis fought under the Roman commanders Sulla, Lucullus, and Pompey because of several incursions in the kingdom of Pontus?

MITHRIDATES VI

Bonus 1: Of those three commanders, which one fought at the battles of Orchomenus and Chaeroneia?

SULLA

Bonus 2: Pompey gained popularity in the 60s B.C. for his success against the pirates and Mithridates, but what Marian man in Spain had he struggled to defeat under the command of Sulla?

SERTORIUS

20. Eteoclus, Hippomedon, Parthenopaus, Capaneus, and Polyneices are all members of what expedition?

SEVEN AGAINST THEBES

Bonus 1: Which of the seven, a prophet, knew he was fated to die while on the expedition?

AMPHIARAUS

Bonus 2: The only of the Seven to survive was their leader Adrastus, whose horse carried him off from the battle. Name this divine horse of Adrastus.

ARION