

**2015 HARVARD CERTAMEN  
NOVICE DIVISION  
ROUND ONE**

1. Quid Anglice significat **princeps**?

LEADER/CHIEF

B1: Quid Anglice significat **saxum**?

STONE

B2: Quid Anglice significat **negotium**?

WORK/BUSINESS/TROUBLE

2. Which girl betrays the Roman citadel to the Sabines and then is crushed by their shields and thrown off a cliff for traitors named after her?

TARPEIA

B1: Who was the king of the Sabines who attacked Rome and seized the Capitol with the treachery of Tarpeia?

TITUS TATIUS

B2: Of what Sabine town, also the hometown of Numa Pompilius, was Titus Tatius king?

CURES

3. Announcing her arrival with a fearless war cry, what deity sprang in full armor from the head of Zeus?

ATHENA

B1: The virgin goddess Athena is often times depicted in art with a shield known as her aegis. What mythological character's head appears on this shield?

MEDUSA

B2: What minor deity, whose name means "Victory", is sometimes said to follow Athena?

NIKE

4. Translate the following sentence into English: **Imperator hostem pugnare constituit.**

THE EMPEROR/GENERAL DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY.

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Ille vir filius dictatoris est.**

THAT MAN IS THE SON OF THE DICTATOR

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Haec pulchra stola Iuliae est.**

THIS BEAUTIFUL STOLA IS JULIA'S/BELONGS TO JULIA.

5. What state has the Latin motto “**Esse quam videri**”?  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 B1: Translate that motto into English.  
 TO BE RATHER THAN TO SEEM.  
 B2: What state has the Latin motto “**Audemus iura nostra defendere**”?  
 ALABAMA
6. What winged horse, a son of Poseidon, sprang from the head of the Gorgon Medusa?  
 PEGASUS  
 B1: What son of Glaucus tamed Pegasus?  
 BELLEROPHON  
 B2: How did Bellerophon eventually meet his death?  
 FELL OFF OF PEGASUS
7. Say in Latin: He had sailed to Italy.  
 AD ITALIAM NAVIGAVERAT.  
 B1: Say in Latin: She will have seen the games.  
 LUDOS SPECTAVERIT.  
 B2: Say in Latin: We were preparing the dinner for the master.  
 CENAM DOMINO PARABAMUS.
8. Name either of the two cities sacked by the Romans in 146 BC.  
 CARTHAGE or CORINTH  
 B1: What general led the Roman sack of Carthage?  
 (PUBLIUS CORNELIUS) SCIPIO AEMILIANUS  
 B2: Which senator repeatedly demanded the sack of Carthage at the end of his speeches for many years before the Third Punic War?  
 CATO THE ELDER
9. Complete the following analogy: **amo** : **amabitis** :: **vinco** : \_\_\_\_\_.  
 VINCETIS  
 B1: Complete the following analogy: **vinco** : **vincetis** :: **eo** : \_\_\_\_\_.  
 IBITIS  
 B2: Complete the following analogy: **eo** : **ibitis** :: **malo** : \_\_\_\_\_.  
 MALETIS

10. What deity did Cronus think he was swallowing when he was given a stone wrapped in babies clothes by Rhea?

ZEUS

B1 & B2: Zeus and Cronus later engaged in a war, in which Zeus had his brothers and sisters on his side. For five points each, name the two Titans that betrayed Cronus and also sided with Zeus?

THEMIS AND PROMETHEUS

11. Responde Latine: **Quot sunt casus Latinae?**

SEPTEM

B1: Response Latine: **Quot sunt septem et decem?**

SEPTENDECIM

B2: Response Latine: **Quod sunt septem et novem?**

UNDEVIGINTI

12. According to Suetonius, which Roman emperor famously proclaimed "I found Rome a city of bricks and left it a city of marble," referencing his massive public works campaign which marked the beginning of the Roman Empire?

AUGUSTUS

B1: What temple did Augustus commission to signify the new era of peace he was bringing to the Roman people?

ARA PACIS

B2: Along with building reform, Augustus also established many of the customs of the office of emperor. What military group did Augustus decide to station in Rome to act as an imperial bodyguard?

PRAETORIAN GUARD

13. What daughter of the Titan Hyperion was known as the goddess of the moon, a title she held before Artemis also became a moon goddess?

SELENE

B1: What brother of Artemis became the god of the sun soon after Hyperion?

APOLLO

B2: What Titan had three thousand daughters and three thousand sons, all spirits of some kind of body of water?

OCEANUS

14. Which Roman praenomen was abbreviated C.?

GAIUS

B1: Which Roman praenomen was abbreviated Ser.?

SERVIUS

B2: Which Roman praenomen was abbreviated K.?

CAESO

15. Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **i.e.**

**ID EST - THAT IS**

B1: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **e.g.**

**EXEMPLI GRATIA - FOR THE SAME OF AN EXAMPLE**

B2: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **p.r.n.**

**PRO RE NATA - AS THE NEED ARISES**

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

**Puella sola in silva ambulat. Cibum et dona avae, quae in silva habitat, portat. Subito, lupus terribilis venit. Is puellam rogat: Quo is, puella pulchra?**

Question: What is the girl bringing to her grandmother?

**FOOD AND GIFTS**

B1: When the girl is walking alone in the forest, what appears?

**A (TERRIBLE/SCARY) WOLF**

B2: What does the wolf ask the girl?

**WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

17. Give the correct Latin for the relative pronoun in this English sentence: The girls, whom we saw at the Forum, were walking to the park.

**QUAS**

B1: Give the correct Latin for the relative pronoun in this English sentence: Caesar delivered a crushing defeat to the Gauls, of whom only a hundred survived.

**QUORUM**

B2: Give the correct Latin for the relative pronoun in this English sentence: The teachers, to whom we gave gifts, were happy.

**QUIBUS**

18. After successfully sieging the city of Agrigentum, what was built for the first time in Roman military history to counteract the remaining Carthaginian forces?

**NAVY / FLEET OF SHIPS (QUINQUIREMES)**

B1: With what tool were the Roman soldiers successful in turning sea battles into land battles?

**THE RAVEN / CORVUS / HARPAGŌ**

B2: In what year did the Romans debut their new fleet, defeating Carthaginian forces near Mylae?

**260 BC**

19. Which of the following words does not belong because of Latin derivation: belligerent, rebellious, duel, or imbibe?

IMBIBE

B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning is imbibe derived?

**BIBO, BIBERE - TO DRINK**

B2: From what Latin noun with what meaning are the rest of the words in the toss-up derived?

**BELLUM, BELLI - WAR**

20. What Trojan warrior was the brother of Paris who killed Achilles in single combat?

HECTOR

B1: Who was the wife of Hector who grieved deeply when Hector was himself killed?

ANDROMACHE

B2: Who was the son of Hector who was killed by Odysseus and Diomedes?

ASTYANAX

## ROUND ONE EXTRA QUESTIONS

### LANGUAGE:

1. Quid Anglice significat **invitus**?

UNWILLING/RELUCTANT

B1: Quid Anglice significat **lentus**?

SLOW

B2: Quid Anglice significat **sollicitus**?

WORRIED/ANXIOUS/CONCERNED/STIRRED UP

2. Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive "preamble."

**AMBULO, AMBULARE - TO WALK**

B1: Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive "vista."

**VIDEO, VIDERE - TO SEE**

B2: Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive "impugn."

**PUGNO, PUGNARE - TO FIGHT**

### MYTHOLOGY:

3. During the Trojan War, which side did the deities Apollo and Artemis favor?

TROJANS

B1: During the Trojan War, which side did the deities Poseidon and Aphrodite favor?

TROJANS

B2: During the Trojan War, which side did the deities Athena and Hera favor?

GREEKS

### ROMAN HISTORY:

4. Name any two of the Five Good Emperors in Roman history.

ANY TWO OF: NERVA, TRAJAN, HADRIAN, ANTONINUS PIUS, MARCUS AURELIUS

(DO NOT NAME THE REST!)

B1: Name the remaining three of the Five Good Emperors.

SEE ABOVE

B2: Which of the Five Good Emperors built a column to commemorate his conquest of the province of Dacia?

TRAJAN

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ROUND TWO**

1. Which Roman king, often described as more warlike than Romulus, waged war against Alba Longa?

TULLUS HOSTILIUS

B1: The battle between the two cities was fought between two sets of triplets. What was the name of the Roman set of triplets who won the battle?

HORATII

B2: Mettius Fufetius, the dictator of Alba Longa, was forced to fight alongside Rome after this defeat. When Fufetius later attempted to betray the Roman army, how did Tullus Hostilius punish him?

DRAWN AND QUARTERED / ATTACHED TO TWO CHARIOTS DRIVING IN  
OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS

2. Of the words **animus**, **forum**, **inimicus**, **nubes**, and **umbra**, which is being described by the following sentence? **Est quo is si togam emere cupis.**

FORUM

B1: Which is being described by the following sentence? **Est in corpore, sed tangere non potes.**

ANIMUS

B2: Which is being described by the following sentence? **Semper te sequitur, sed nocte non est.**

UMBRA

3. What Lydian woman and daughter of Idmon was transformed into a spider because her weaving skills were equal to that of a deities?

ARACHNE

B1: What deity realized Arachne's skills were like her own?

ATHENA

B2: What common fear derives from Arachne's name?

ARACHNOPHOBIA

4. Give an antonym of **iratus**.

FELIX/LAETUS/BEATUS/FORTUNATUS

B1: Give an antonym of **celer**.

LENTUS/TARDUS/SEGNIS/SERUS

B2: Give an antonym of **vacuus**.

PLENUS/REPLETUS/SOLIDUS/CUMULATUS

5. Although he ruled for only twenty-six months, which Roman emperor was in power during a deadly plague in Campania, a great fire in Rome, and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius?

TITUS

B1: Titus's reign wasn't all bad. The Roman Colosseum was also dedicated during his reign. What name was given to the Colosseum to honor Titus's family name?

FLAVIAN AMPHITHEATER / **AMPHITHEATRUM FLAVIUM**

B2: Name Titus's brother who succeeded him as emperor.

DOMITIAN

6. Translate the following sentence into English: **Cicero Romae orator optimus erat.**  
CICERO WAS THE BEST ORATOR IN ROME.

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Caesar hostem vincere facile non poterat.**

CAESAR WAS UNABLE TO EASILY DEFEAT THE ENEMY.

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Augustus quod Maecenas dixit semper credidit.**

AUGUSTUS ALWAYS BELIEVED WHAT MAECENAS SAID.

7. What mythological character am I? Trying to avoid having to choose a suitor, by day I weaved a cloak to be the burial shroud for my father in law. By night, I took it apart so I could stall for my husband's return. However, this plan was foiled when one of my maids found out and betrayed my secret.

PENELOPE

B1: Whose funeral shroud was Penelope weaving trying to avoid these suitors?

LAERTES

B2: When Odysseus finally returned, he was in disguise. However, how did Penelope believe that the disguised beggar was her husband?

HE TOLD THE SECRET OF THEIR WEDDING BED

8. What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence? **Imperator ad castra magna celeritate iter fecit.**

MANNER

B1: What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence? **Agrippina Claudium sua manu interfecit.**

MEANS/INSTRUMENT

B2: What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence? **Cras cum Quinto ad Forum ibo.**

ACCOMPANIMENT

9. What man became emperor at the age of 17, possibly due to some foul play by his mother Agrippina the Younger involving poisoned mushrooms?

NERO

B1: The first five years of Nero's reign were quite peaceful, in part because of the influence of the Praetorian Prefect Burrus and what Roman philosopher?

SENECA THE YOUNGER

B2: In 62 AD, Nero married his mistress Poppaea Sabina. What man had been married to her, who soon became the governor of Lusitania and would go on to be one of the four emperors in 69 AD?

OTHO

10. For the verb **tango, tangere**, give the second person singular, perfect, active, indicative.

TETIGISTI

B1: Change **tetigisti** to the imperfect.

TANGEBAS

B2: Change **tangebass** to the passive.

TANGEBARIS

11. What deity was seen wearing a petasus, carrying a caduceus, and sporting some "fly" winged sandals while delivering the messages of the gods?

HERMES

B1: What deities cattle was stolen by Hermes in only his first days of birth?

APOLLO

B2: What instrument did Hermes invent out of a tortoise shell?

LYRE

12. Say in Latin: Where are you going today?

HODIE QUO IS?

B1: Say in Latin: How many soldiers are marching to Spain?

QUOT MILITES AD HISPANIAM ITER FACIUNT?

B2: Say in Latin: How did Caesar defeat the Gauls without reinforcements?

QUOMODO CAESAR GALLOS SINE AUXILIIS VICIT?

13. Which of the following would not be found in the Roman Forum: the Temple of Vesta, the Arch of Titus, the Arch of Constantine, or the rostra?

ARCH OF CONSTANTINE

B1: What was the rostra used for?

SPEAKING PLATFORM

B2: Another building which could be found in the forum was the Tullianum. What purpose did this building serve?

PRISON

14. Often thought to be a mix of four elements - earth, air, fire, and water - who was this "yawning void" who bore Tartarus, Ge, Eros, Erebus, and Night?

CHAOS

B1: Which of these creations did Chaos bear first?

GE

B2: Which of these creations was a place of punishment?

TARTARUS

15. Listen carefully to the following passage, a continuation to the passage in Round 1, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows.

**Puella respondit, "Domum avae meae in silva eo. Cibum et dona eae fero." His verbis audientis, lupus, puellam edere volens, domum avae currere constitit. Domum intrat et avam clamantem statim edit.**

**Quaestio: Quid lupus facere vult?**

**PUELLAM EDERE**

**B1: Quid lupus facere constitit?**

**DOMUM AVAE CURRERE**

**B2: Quid lupus facit cum domum intrat?**

**AVAM CLAMANTEM (STATIM) EDIT**

16. What English derivative of the Latin verb meaning "to sleep" means a bedroom for people living at a school or institution?

DORM/DORMITORY

B1: What English derivative of the Latin verb meaning "to lead" means to arrive at a conclusion by logical reasoning?

DEDUCE/DEDUCTION

B2: What English derivative of the Latin verb meaning "to teach" means submissive or obedient?

DOCILE

17. What tribune of 133 BC worked to enact massive agrarian reform by breaking up the estates of public land and divide them among landless Roman citizens?

TIBERIUS (SEMPRONIUS) GRACCHUS

B1: How were Tiberius and his brother Gaius related to Scipio Africanus, the hero from the Second Punic War?

SCIPIO WAS THEIR GRANDFATHER

B2: What man led the Senate in an angry mob which clubbed Tiberius Gracchus to death?

SCIPIO NASICA

18. Using one word, say in Latin: from Rome.

**ROMA**

B1: Using one word, say in Latin: at Pompeii.

**POMPEIIS**

B2: Using one word, say in Latin: to Athens.

**ATHENAS**

19. What man, because he was scared of an oracle that told him his daughter Danae would bear a son who would one day kill him, unsuccessfully tried to keep her from conceiving a child?

**ACRISIUS**

B1: What deity impregnated Danae when he came to her in the form of a golden shower?

**ZEUS**

B2: Who was this son of Danae and Zeus who accidentally killed Acrisius when he grew to manhood?

**PERSEUS**

20. Translate the motto of Boston into English, which reads "**Sicut patribus, sit Deus nobis.**"

**AS TO OUR FATHERS, MAY GOD BE TO US.**

B1: Translate the motto of Chicago into English, which reads "**Urbs in horto.**"

**CITY IN A GARDEN.**

B2: Translate the motto of London into English, which reads "**Domine, dirige nos.**"

**LORD, GUIDE US.**

## ROUND TWO EXTRA QUESTIONS

### LANGUAGE:

1. Give an antonym of **vivus**.

**MORTUUS / DEFUNCTUS / EXSANGUIS / INANIMUS / EXAMINIS / QUIETUS**

B1: Give an antonym of **scelestus**.

**PROBUS / BONUS / OPTIMUS / PIUS / BENIGNUS / HONESTUS**

B2: Give an antonym of **vacuus**.

**PLENUS / COMPLETUS / IMPLETUS / UTILIS / OCCUPATUS**

2. Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive "mister."

**MAGISTER - TEACHER, FOREMAN, MASTER**

B1: Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive "coordinate."

**ORDO - ROW, ORDER, RANK**

B2: Give the Latin adjective and its meaning from which we ultimately derive "senator."

**SENEX - OLD**

### MYTHOLOGY:

3. What son of Peleus and Thetis was said to be the greatest of all the Greek warriors, and invincible everywhere except his heel?

**ACHILLES**

B1: When he was a mere child, what river did his mother Thetis dip him in, causing his invincibility?

**STYX**

B2: What Greek seer told Thetis her son would either live a long life not known by many, or die young as a hero?

**TIRESIAS**

### ROMAN HISTORY:

4. What former Roman noble was called from his farm plow to become a dictator and save Rome in 458 BC?

**CINCINNATUS**

B1: From what tribe did Cincinnatus have to save Rome?

**AEQUI**

B2: Who was the consul with an army that was trapped at Mount Algidus by the Aequi in 458 BC?

**MINUCIUS**

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ROUND THREE**

1. What daughter of Peneus was transformed into a laurel tree trying to escape the advances of the god Apollo?

DAPHNE

B1: Daphne vowed to always remain a virgin and devotee of what goddess?

ARTEMIS/DIANA

B2: What mortal did Daphne prefer instead of Apollo?

LEUCIPPUS

2. Using one word, say in Latin: We were left behind.

RELINQUEBAMUR

B1: Using one word, say in Latin: They had been here.

ADFUERANT

B2: Using one word, say in Latin: You will have been able.

POTUERIS

3. Which of the following does not belong because of meaning? **dictator, pontifex, custos, senatus, athleta**

SENATUS

B1: Which of the following does not belong because of meaning? **arcus, honor, stella, corona, nubes**

HONOR

B2: Which of the following does not belong because of meaning? **amicitia, potestas, diligentia, sapientia, provincia**

PROVINCIA

4. What wooden bridge did Horatius Cocles famously defend against the army of Lars Porsenna?

PONS SUBLICIUS

B1: Under whose reign was the Pons Sublicius built?

ANCUS MARCIUS

B2: Ancus Marcius is also said to have established the first Roman colony, which would become the port of Rome and a major source of salt. Name this town.

OSTIA

5. A spinner, a measurer, and a cutter were all a part of what mythological group that determined the length of a person's life?

FATES

B1 & B2: For five points each, name any two of the three Fates.

CLOTHO, ATROPOS, LACHESIS

6. Give the dative plural of **illa nobilis equa**.

**ILLIS NOBILIBUS EQUABUS**

B1: Change **illis nobilibus equabus** to the genitive.

**ILLARUM NOBILIUM EQUARUM**

B2: Change **illarum nobilium equarum** to the ablative singular.

**ILLA NOBILI EQUA**

7. Translate the following sentence into English: **Num asini pulchriores cervis sunt?**

DONKEYS AREN'T PRETTIER/MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN STAGS/DEER, ARE THEY?

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Nonne agricola cibum subus suis cras donabit?**

THE FARMER WILL GIVE HIS PIGS FOOD TOMORROW, WON'T HE?

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Felesne canes oderunt?**

DO CATS HATE DOGS?/DO DOGS HATE CATS?

8. What did the Romans call the first day of each month?

**KALENDS**

B1: The Ides, although usually occurring on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month, occur on March 15<sup>th</sup>. For what three other months did the Ides occur on the 15<sup>th</sup>?

**MAY, JULY, OCTOBER**

B2: When not in any of the four months from the first bonus, on what day did the Nones fall?

**FIFTH**

9. With what nymph did Odysseus live on the island of Ogygia with for seven consecutive years?

**CALYPSO**

B1: Before living with Calypso, what sorceress did Odysseus live with for one year on the island of Aeaea?

**CIRCE**

B2: When he left Aeaea, what seer was Odysseus told to seek in the Underworld by Circe?

**TIRESIAS**

10. Say in Latin: to have done.

**FECISSE**

B1: Say in Latin: to be about to do.

**FACTURUS/-A/-UM ESSE**

B2: Say in Latin: to be done.

**FIERI**

11. During the Second Punic War, where does Hannibal continue his killing rampage and ambush a frightened Roman army even though he was outnumbered after Trebia River?

LAKE TRASIMENE

B1: In what year was the battle of Lake Trasimene?

217 BC

B2: Who was the losing commander at Lake Trasimene who had been a popular leader, giving land to the poor, building a military road, and overall being the best advocate of the plebeians until the Gracchi?

(GAIUS) FLAMINIUS (NEPOS)

12. In the sentence, "**Discipuli magistro nocere non debent,**" what is the use of the genitive?

QUALITY

B1: What is the use of the dative?

SPECIAL VERBS

B2: What is the use of the infinitive?

COMPLEMENTARY

13. While picking flowers with the Oceanids, what deity reached to pick a radiant narcissus but was instead taken in the golden chariot of Hades?

PERSEPHONE

B1: Demeter, in grief, did not eat or drink anything for nine days. On the tenth day, she ran into this woman who heard Persephone's screams, but didn't know who abducted her. Who was this?

HECATE

B2: What deity finally explained to Demeter what had happened to her daughter?

HELIUS

14. What was the highest military honor that a Roman general could achieve by killing an enemy leader in single combat and taking his armor?

**SPOLIA ÒPIMA**

B1: Who was the first recipient of this honor, killing Acron during a skirmish between Rome and neighboring towns fighting for supremacy?

ROMULUS

B2: Who won this honor in 222 BC at Clastidium for killing the Gallic chieftain Viridomarus?

(MARCUS CLAUDIUS) MARCELLUS

15. Listen carefully to the following passage, a continuation to the passage in Round 2, which I will read twice, and answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

**Lupus deinde vestes avae gessit et, in lecto libro legente, puellam expectans manebat. Interea, puella ignota domi avae appropinquabat. Postquam domum intravit, puella clamavit, "Ava! Ava, ubi es?" Lupus, laetus adventu puellae, respondit, "In lecto sum!"**

Question: Where was the wolf reading a book?

ON THE COUCH/BED

B1: What did the girl shout once she entered her grandmother's home?

GRANDMOTHER! GRANDMOTHER, WHERE ARE YOU?

B2: Why was the wolf happy?

BECAUSE THE GIRL HAD ARRIVED/BECAUSE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE GIRL

16. Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Connecticut.

**QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET - HE WHO CAME ACROSS, HOLDS UP..**

B1: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Virginia.

**SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS - THUS ALWAYS TO TYRANTS.**

B2: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Michigan.

**SI QUAERIS PENINSULAM AMOENAM, CIRCUMSPICE - IF YOU ARE SEEKING A PLEASANT PENINSULA, LOOK AROUND.**

17. What man, born in Leptis Magna in 146 AD, married Julia Domna and became emperor of Rome in 193 AD?

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

B1 and B2: For five points each, name the two imperial challengers Severus defeated to establish his supremacy as emperor, one who had been governor of Syria, and the other a commander of Roman troops in Britain.

PESCENNIUS NIGER and CLODIUS ALBINUS

18. On the label of a bottle of prescription medication, you see the abbreviation **U.D.** What does this mean?

TAKE MEDICATION AS DIRECTED

B1: On the same label, you also find the abbreviation **q.s.** What does this mean?

TAKE AS MUCH AS NEEDED

B2: On the same label, you also find the abbreviation **p.c.** What does this mean?

TAKE AFTER MEALS

19. What woman gave the hero Theseus a string that helped him find his way out of the treacherous Cretan labyrinth?

ARIADNE

B1: What creature did Theseus kill in the labyrinth?

MINOTAUR

B2: After escaping Crete with Ariadne, Theseus and Ariadne sailed to the island of Naxos. There, how did Theseus repay her for saving him?

ABANDONED HER

20. Name the two Latin words at the root of the English word circumvent.

**CIRCUM AND VENIO, VENIRE**

B1: Name the two Latin words at the root of the English word anniversary.

**ANNUS AND VERTO, VERTERE**

B2: Name the two Latin words at the root of the English word juxtapose.

**IUXTA/IUGUM AND PONO, PONERE**

## ROUND THREE EXTRA QUESTIONS

### LANGUAGE:

1. Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive "reality."  
**RES - THING, MATTER, AFFAIR**  
B1: Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we ultimately derive "enmity."  
**AMICUS - FRIEND**  
B2: Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive "kennel."  
**CANIS - DOG**
2. Differentiate in meaning between vestis and pestis.  
**VESTIS - CLOTHING**  
**PESTIS - PEST / PLAGUE / PESTILENCE**  
B1: Differentiate in meaning between the noun collum and the verb celo.  
**COLLUM - NECK**  
**CELO - TO HIDE**  
B2: Differentiate in meaning between pereo and perdo.  
**PEREO - TO PERISH / DISAPPEAR**  
**PERDO - TO WASTE / DESTROY**

### MYTHOLOGY:

3. What goddess was said to have a dual nature, serving as the goddess of beauty and love but having different accounts of her birth?  
**APHRODITE/VENUS**  
B1: What three female personifications of charm and loveliness, individually known as Thalia, Aglaea, and Euphrosyne were said to be the attendants of Aphrodite?  
**GRACES**  
B2: Although Aphrodite was married to Hephaestus, she had many suitors. With which deity did Hephaestus catch Aphrodite in a net?  
**ARES**

### ROMAN HISTORY:

4. At what battle in 31 BC did Octavian's forces win the last major battle against Mark Antony?  
**ACTIUM**  
B1: Name the admiral who led Octavian's forces during that battle.  
**(MARCUS VIPSANIUS) AGRIPPA**  
B2: In what body of water was the battle of Actium fought?  
**IONIAN SEA**

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1. Give the comparative and superlative forms of **egregius**.  
**MAGIS EGREGIUS, MAXIME EGREGIUS**  
B1: Give the comparative and superlative forms of **parum**.  
**MINUS, MINIME**  
B2: Give the comparative and superlative forms of **multus**.  
**PLUS, PLURIMUS**
  
2. Which emperor ended the Crisis of the Third Century by dividing rule of the Roman Empire among four individuals in 293 AD?  
**DIOCLETIAN**  
B1: What was the name for Diocletian's new form of government?  
**TETRARCHY**  
B2: The Tetrarchy lasted until 313 AD when which two emperors ruled the Roman Empire?  
**CONSTANTINE and LICINIUS**
  
3. Who am I? I am originally from the Phoenician city of Tyre. My husband Sychaeus was murdered by my brother Pygmalion for his gold, after which I fled my land and founded Carthage, where I am now queen.  
**DIDO**  
B1: When Aeneas and his crew members landed at Carthage, who covered Aeneas in a cloud to hide him from Dido?  
**VENUS**  
B2: What deity inflames the heart of Dido with love for Aeneas?  
**CUPID**
  
4. Quid anglice significat "**soleo**"?  
**TO BE ACCUSTOMED TO**  
B1: Quid anglice significat "**sumo**"?  
**TO TAKE (UP)/LAY HOLD OF/ ASSUME**  
B2: Quid anglice significat "**haereo**"?  
**TO HANG/STICK/CLING**
  
5. Translate the following sentence into English: **Decorum est vobis magistro vestro gratias agere.**  
**IT IS PROPER/BECOMING/FITTING FOR YOU (ALL) TO GIVE THANKS TO YOUR TEACHER.**

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Necesse est mihi orationem senatoris diligenter audire.**

IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO LISTEN TO THE SENATOR'S SPEECH CAREFULLY.

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Placetne tibi cras ad Forum Traiani mecum ire?**

DOES IT PLEASE YOU TO GO TO THE FORUM OF TRAJAN WITH ME  
TOMORROW?

6. Who was transformed into a myrrh tree after she committed incest by sleeping with her father and producing the baby Adonis?

MYRRHA

B1: Who was this father of Myrrha who unknowingly slept with his daughter?

CINYRAS

B2: What did Cinyras do after he found out about his incestuous union?

COMMITTED SUICIDE

7. The city of Sarmizegethusa became the capital of what Roman province, annexed by Trajan in 105 AD?

DACIA

B1: After annexing Dacia, what nearby region did Trajan invade to ultimately extend the Roman Empire's borders to their farthest point?

PARTHIA

B2: Soon after his Parthian invasion, many provinces began to revolt against Trajan's rule, including Judaea. What man, then the governor of Judaea, was instrumental in quelling these revolts?

LUSIUS QUIETUS

8. Consider the sentence, "**Pars virorum in exercitu Sullae amore auri capti sunt.**" What is the case and use of **virorum**?

PARTITIVE GENITIVE

B1: What is the case and use of **auri**?

OBJECTIVE GENITIVE

B2: What is the case and use of **Sullae**?

POSSESSION

9. In ancient Rome, what was a **tonsor**?

BARBER

B1: What was a **pistor**?

BAKER

B2: What was a **lanius**?

BUTCHER

10. What Roman war was also known as the Marsic War and was started with the assassination of Livius Drusus the Younger?

SOCIAL WAR / ITALIAN WAR

B1: What Roman law, passed in 90 BC, conferred citizenship on all Latins and Italians still loyal to Rome and to those who would at once lay down their arms?

LEX JULIA

B2: What man, having taken over command from Lucius Julius Caesar, the namesake of the Lex Julia, decisively defeated the Samnites in southern Campania in 88 BC?

(LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SULLA

11. For the verb **rapio, rapere**, give the correct form of the present active participle to agree with the noun form "**aurigarum**."

RAPIENTIUM

B1: Give the correct form of the perfect passive participle to agree with the noun form "**aurigas**."

RAPTOS

B2: Give the correct form of the future passive participle to agree with the noun form "**auriga**."

RAPIENDUS

12. What deity's musical abilities were challenged by both the satyr Marsyas and the minor god Pan, but ended up victorious in each contest?

APOLLO

B1: What instrument did Marsyas play, one that Athena had invented but threw away because it distorted her features?

FLUTE

B2: In the contest between Apollo and Pan, who were the two judges that decided the winner?

TMOLUS AND MIDAS

13. Say in Latin: The enemy has been wounded by an arrow.

HOSTIS SAGITTĀ VULNERATUS EST

B1: Say in Latin: The punishment had been praised by the senators.

POENA/SUPPLICIUM A SENATORIBUS LAUDATA/-UM ERAT

B2: Say in Latin: The guests will have been given dinner by the slaves.

HOSPITES CENAM A SERVIS DATI ERUNT

14. In what battle of 496 BC did the Roman dictator Aulus Postumius barely defeat the Latin League?

LAKE REGILLUS

B1: What pair of mythological twins was said to have aided the Romans in this battle?

CASTOR AND POLLUX / THE DIOSCURI

B2: What treaty, signed in 493 BC, officially ended the war between Rome and the Latin League?

FOEDUS CASSIANUM / TREATY OF CASSIUS

15. Listen carefully to the following passage, a continuation to the passage in Round 3, which I will read twice, and answer IN LATIN the question that follows.

**Puella, quae avam diu non viderat, clamans "Ava, vide quae tui tui," celeriter ad cubiculum avae cucurrit. Sed in cubiculo femina quam vidit non erat ava. "O mi di," puella inquit, "oculi quam magni tui sunt, ava." Lupus respondit, "Sic, neptis." Puella dein dixit, "nasus quam magnus tui est, ava." Lupus respondit, "Sic, neptis." Puella dein dixit, "os quam magnum tui est, ava." Lupus clamavit, "Sic, neptis!"**

**Quaestio: Qualiter puella ad cubiculum avae cucurrit?**

**CELERITER**

B1: **Quot partes corporis puella quam magnas esse putavit?**

**TRES**

B2: **Quae partes corporis puella quam magnas esse putavit?**

**OCULI, NASUS, OS**

16. Translate the motto of Hunter College into English, which reads "**Mihi cura futuri.**"

MY ANXIETY IS FOR THE FUTURE

B1: Translate the motto of Princeton University into English, which reads "**Dei sub numine viget.**"

IT FLOURISHES UNDER THE WILL OF GOD

B2: Translate the motto of the University of Oregon into English, which reads "**Mens agitat molem.**"

THE MIND MOVES THE MASS

17. The women of Thebes became possessed with frenzy, and, dressed in fawn skins, raised a cry on Mount Cithaeron with a thyrsus in their hands through the power of what Greek deity?

DIONYSUS

B1: What hubristic king of Thebes, because he refused to accept the worship of Dionysus, was torn apart by the Bacchae?

PENTHEUS

B2: Which of the Bacchae was the mother of Pentheus and did not realize she killed her son until after the fact?

AGAVE

18. Which of the following words does not belong by derivation: statue, persist, studious, instant?

STUDIOUS

B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning is studious derived?

**STUDEO, STUDERE** - TO DESIRE, BE EAGER FOR, STRIVE

B2: With what case is the verb **studeo, studere** usually used in Latin?

DATIVE

19. What brother and sister would have been sacrificed for supposedly causing a famine in the Greek lands, had their mother Nephele not intervened and helped them escape on a golden ram?

PHRIXUS AND HELLE

B1: While traveling on the golden ram, Helle fell into the straits between Europe and Asia, which was then renamed what commemorating her death?

HELLESPONT

B2: When Phrixus landed on Colchis he sacrificed the ram but saved the golden fleece. To which king did he then give the fleece?

AETES

20. When recognized, perform the following command: **Surge et, tangens ambas aures, clama "quo aures meae iverunt?"**

STUDENT SHOULD STAND AND, WHILE TOUCHING BOTH EARS, SHOUT  
"WHERE DID MY EARS GO?"

B1: Perform the following command: **State et, manibus iunctis, cadite et simulate moriri.**

STUDENTS SHOULD STAND AND, WITH THEIR HANDS JOINED, FALL AND  
PRETEND TO BE DEAD.

B2: Perform the following command: **Surge et amplectere unum ex amicis.**

STUDENT SHOULD STAND AND HUG ONE OF HIS/HER FRIENDS.

## SEMI-FINALS EXTRA QUESTIONS

### LANGUAGE:

1. Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others? sojourn, conjure, meridian, circadian, diary

CONJURE

B1: Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others? vintner, vinyl, vicious, vignette, vinegar

VICIOUS

B2: Which of the following, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others? cable, chef, capital, chief, chapter

CABLE

2. Give an antonym of **periculum**.

**SALUS, REFUGIUM, SECURITAS, SERENITAS, PAX, ASYLUM**

B1: Give an antonym of **urbs**.

**RUS, OPPIDUM, VICUS, PAGUS**

B2: Give an antonym of **doceō**.

**DISCO, (COG)NOSCO, STUDEO, MENTIOR, CELO, OPERIO**

### MYTHOLOGY:

3. What deity had the epithet Enniosageus meaning “the earth shaker”?

POSEIDON

B1: What deity had the epithet Enyalios because Cretans sacrificed puppies to him?

ARES

B2: What deity had the epithet Cynthia because of her birth on Mt. Cynthus in Delos?

ARTEMIS

### ROMAN HISTORY:

4. For what office was Julius Caesar chosen in 63 BC?

PONTIFEX MAXIMUS

B1: Name either of the two consuls of 63 BC.

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO or (GAIUS ANTONIUS) HYBRIDA

B2: Whose uprising did Cicero defeat at the end of his consular term?

(LUCIUS SERGIUS) CATALINA / CATALINE

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1. Give the correct form of **iste, ista, istud** to agree with the noun form **bobus**.

ISTĪS

B1: Give the correct form of **iste, ista, istud** to agree with the noun form **fame**.

ISTĀ

B2: Give the correct form of **iste, ista, istud** to agree with the noun form **flumina**.

ISTA

2. What group of sisters was elevated to the stars by Zeus in hopes of escaping the giant Orion?

PLEIADES

B1: Which of the Pleiades had her star supposedly shine the dimmest in the sky because she had slept with a mortal?

MEROPE

B2: Another version of the story states that it was not Merope, but rather which Pleiad whose star shined dimmest because she had refused the advances of Zeus?

ELECTRA

3. Translate the following sentence into English: **Brutus exercitum quam celerrime iter facere coegit.**

BRUTUS COMPELLED HIS ARMY TO MARCH AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Senatus duas legiones ad Galliam auxilio Caesari misit.**

THE SENATE SENT TWO LEGIONS TO GAUL AS AID TO CAESAR.

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Puero vulnerato viso, melior miles pugnare desistere constituit.**

HAVING SEEN THE WOUNDED BOY, THE RATHER GOOD SOLDIER DECIDED TO STOP FIGHTING.

4. Which Visigothic chieftain sacked the city of Rome in 410 AD?

ALARIC

B1: What Roman general had twice defeated Alaric in 402 and 403 AD?

STILICHO

B2: At this point, Rome was no longer the capitol of the Western Roman Empire. Which city had taken its place?

RAVENNA

5. What two uses of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence?  
**Harvardius multo melior Yalio est.**

DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE/COMPARISON

B1: What use of the accusative case can be found in the following sentence? **Pater vinum filios celavit.**

DOUBLE ACCUSATIVE

B2: What use of the dative case can be found in the following sentence? **Caesar rei publicae praeerat.**

WITH SPECIAL / COMPOUND VERBS

6. Which Roman emperor was awarded the title of Britannicus by the Senate after receiving the surrender of eleven British kings and creating the first Roman colony in Britain in 43 BC?

CLAUDIUS

B1: Name the British king, the son of Cunobelinus, who led his forces against Aulus Plautius and the Roman army at the battle of Medway in 43 BC.

CARATACUS

B2: The original British colony established under Claudius had its northern border near the city of **Eburacum**. What is the modern name for this ancient city?

YORK

7. What Latin phrase would best describe a situation in which a customer could not return merchandise?

CAVEAT EMPTOR

B1: What Latin phrase would best describe a situation in which a politician made many grand promises in a speech?

CUM GRANO SALIS

B2: What Latin phrase would best describe a situation in which an elementary school student refused to give away his yogurt unless he got candy in return?

QUID PRO QUO

8. What hospitable open handed ruler of Calydon welcomed the gods to his home, and went so far as letting a deity sleep with his wife Althaea?

OENEUS

B1 & B2: Oeneus and Althaea bore three children together, one of which was the hero Meleager. For five points each, name the other two children of Oeneus and Althaea.

GORGE AND DEIANEIRA

9. What cardinal direction would you primarily travel in order to go from Rome to Naples?

SOUTH

B1: If you were then inclined to travel from Naples to Brundisium, in which cardinal direction would you mainly go?

EAST

B2: What sea would take you from Brundisium to Illyria?

THE ADRIATIC SEA

10. For the verb **tollo, tollere**, give the first person plural, pluperfect, active, indicative.

**SUSTULERAMUS**

B1: Change **sustuleramus** to the passive.

**SUBLATI/AE/A ERAMUS**

B2: Change **sublati eramus** to the imperfect.

**TOLLEBAMINI**

11. What son of Hippotas lived on a floating island where he kept all of the winds concealed in a cave and released them at his own will?

AEOLUS

B1: What deity entrusted the ownership of the winds on Aeolus?

ZEUS

B2: When Odysseus came to Aeolia looking for a way to get back to Ithaca, Aeolus gave him all of the winds but one wind in a bag. Which wind was missing from his bag?

WEST WIND/ZEPHYRUS

12. Give a synonym of **stella**.

**SIDUS/ASTER/ASTRUM**

B1: Give a synonym of **tempestas**.

**PROCELLA/HIEMS/TURBEDO/TURBIDO**

B2: Give a synonym of **praesidium**.

**CUSTOS/PRAESES/TUTOR**

13. What man was recruited by the patricians to convince the plebeians to return after their secession in 494 BC and gave an impassioned speech comparing the patricians to a stomach?

MENENIUS AGRIPPA

B1: In what year did the second secession of the plebs occur, due to the abuses of the decemviri?

449 BC

B2: The final secession of the plebs occurred in 287 BC, when the plebeians wanted to force the patricians to accept the Lex Hortensia. To what hill did the plebeians secede?

JANICULUM

14. What elderly peasants of Bithynia received their wishes of spending the rest of their lives as keepers of a temple, with neither one outliving the other when the disguised Jupiter and Mercury transformed them into linden and oak trees?

BAUCIS AND PHILEMON

B1: How did the couple know there was something different about their guests?

WINE BOWL KEPT REFILLING ITSELF

B2: Saving just Baucis and Philemon, what did Jupiter inflict on the rest of the city?

FLOOD

15. Listen carefully to the following passage, a continuation to the passage in the semifinal round, which I will read twice, and answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

**Subito lupus surrexit, puellam deripuit, et eam edere conatus est. Sed puella, quae scivit lupum avam suam non esse, parata erat. Cibum et dona ad lupum iecit. Lupus statim mortuus est, quod puella multa mala ad caput lupi iecit. Ava a stomacho lupi serpsit. Et puella et ava mala laete ederunt.**

Question: What did the wolf try to do?

EAT THE GIRL

B1: Why did the wolf die?

BECAUSE THE GIRL THREW MANY APPLES AT HIS HEAD

B2: From where did the girl's grandmother crawl?

THE WOLF'S STOMACH

16. What Latin noun with what meaning lies at the root of the following English words: antler, inoculate, monocle?

OCULUS - EYE

B1: What Latin noun with what meaning lies at the root of the following English words: morose, morality, and demoralize?

MOS - CUSTOM

B2: What Latin noun with what meaning lies at the root of the following English words: perjury, justice, and jury?

IUS - RIGHT, LAW

17. Many Roman emperors met unfortunate demises. Who became the only Roman emperor to die in captivity after being captured by the Persian king Shapur in 260 BC?

VALERIAN

B1: Which Roman emperor fell victim to an assassination plot involving his Praetorian Prefect Laetus and ended up strangled in his bath?

COMMODUS

B2: Although he may have died of natural causes, which emperor is rumored to have died after being struck by lightning?

CARUS

18. Responde Latine: **Describamus nunc proprietates dictionum in hac sententia, "Pars exercituum duci donum dare constituit." Quo casu est "exercituum"?**

GENITIVO

B1: Quo casu est "duci"?

DATIVO

B2: Cuius generis est "donum"?

NEUTRIUS

19. What three headed king of Erytheia and son of Chrysaor and Callirhoe had his large herd of cattle stolen by Heracles during his tenth labor?

GERYON

B1: In order to get to Erytheia, Heracles borrowed an enormous golden cup from what sun god?

HELIUS

B2: In order to steal Geryon's cattle, Heracles had to kill him. He also killed what hound of Geryon before taking the cattle back to Eurystheus?

ORTHUS

20. When recognized, perform the following command: **Sta et, tangens cordem, dic "me feri iterum, deliciae."**

STUDENT SHOULD STAND AND, TOUCHING HIS/HER HEART, SAY "HIT ME, BABY, ONE MORE TIME/AGAIN."

B1: Perform the following command: **Surgite et, simulate precari, dicite "me ad ecclesiam ferte."**

STUDENTS SHOULD STAND AND, PRETENDING TO PRAY, SAY "TAKE ME TO CHURCH."

B2: Perform the following command: **Sta et clama "primae res primae, verissimus sum!"**

STUDENT SHOULD STAND AND SHOUT "FIRST THINGS FIRST, I'M THE REALEST."

## FINALS EXTRA QUESTIONS

### LANGUAGE:

- Differentiate in meaning between the adjectives **vester** and **uter**.  
YOUR; WHICH (OF TWO)  
B1: Differentiate in meaning between **crās** and **crūs**.  
TOMORROW; LEG  
B2: Differentiate in meaning between **nam** and **num**.  
FOR; SURELY...NOT, WHETHER
- Which of the following English words is derived from a Latin verb meaning "fall": decide, matricide, deride, provide, denied?  
DECIDE  
B1: Give the principal parts of the Latin verb from which we ultimately derive "subside."  
SEDEO, SEDERE, SEDI, SESSUM/SESSURUS  
or SIDO, SIDERE, SIDI, SESSUM/SESSURUS  
B2: Now give all of the principal parts of the Latin verb from which we derive "deride."  
RIDEO, RIDERE, RISI, RISUM

### MYTHOLOGY:

- What infant was given to the couple Merope and Polybus because his father had been warned that a son of his by Jocasta would one day kill him?  
OEDIPUS  
B1: Who was this father of Oedipus who pierced his sons feet on Mount Cithaeron?  
LAIUS  
B2: What two sons of Oedipus later quarreled over the rule of Thebes?  
POLYNEICES AND TYDEUS

### ROMAN HISTORY:

- Which leader of the Roman republic served a record of seven consulships and defeated the invading Germanic tribes in 101 BC?  
(GAIUS) MARIUS  
B1: At what battle in 105 BC did the Cimbri and Teutones crushingly defeat the Roman army in the worst defeat in Roman history?  
ARAUSIO  
B2: Name either of the two consuls commanding the Roman armies at the battle of Arausio.  
(QUINTUS SERVILIUS) CAEPIO or (GNAEUS) MALLIUS (MAXIMUS)