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ROUND I

1. Differentiate in meaning between **intra** and **inter**.

INTRA- WITHIN, INSIDE; **INTER-** BETWEEN, AMONG

B1: Differentiate in meaning between **supra** and **super**.

SUPRA- ABOVE, OVER; **SUPER-** ABOVE, ON TOP OF, UPON

B2: Differentiate in meaning between **pro** and **prope**.

PRO- FOR, IN FRONT OF, ON BEHALF OF; **PROPE-** NEAR

2. Described by Ovid as “a marble statue, except that a light breeze stirred her hair, and warm tears ran from her eyes,” what maiden was exposed to a sea monster because of her mother’s pride?

ANDROMEDA

B1: What maiden in Ovid was actually a marble statue before Venus transformed her into a woman?

GALATAEA (ALSO ACCEPT EXPLICIT ANSWERS OF “UNNAMED IN OVID”)

B2: In Ovid, what man is turned to flint after he reneges on his vow to Mercury? BATTUS

3. Identify one of the two uses of the ablative in the following sentence: **Duabus diebus, milites Caesaris a ferocibus Gallis interficiuntur.**

TIME WITHIN WHICH OR AGENT

(DO NOT GIVE THE SECOND USE AS IT IS THE ANSWER TO THE NEXT BONUS)

B1: Name the other use of the ablative in that same sentence.

THE OTHER NOT GIVEN IN THE TOSSUP (SEE ABOVE)

B2: How in Latin would you express the temporal phrase “for seven hours”?

SEPTEM HORAS

4. Today is March 25th. Eight days ago, it was March 17th. What Roman holiday, celebrated on March 17th, was the common coming-of-age ceremony for young boys in which they dedicated their **insignia pueritiae** to the Lares?

LIBERALIA

B1&B2: For 5 points each, what two items constituted a boy’s **insignia pueritiae**?

BULLA & TOGA PRAETEXTA

5. What hero, whose name means “dread”, set off with twenty shiploads of his followers to found a city in Thrace, but was dissuaded by the ghost of Priam’s son Polydorus?

AENEAS

B1: What king of Delos and old friend of Anchises did the Trojans visit next?

ANIUS

B2: At what city did the Trojans consult another of Priam's sons, Helenus?

BUTHROTUM

6. Give the Latin and English for the motto of Alabama, where the 2017 National Junior Classical League Convention will be held.

AUDEMUS IURA NOSTRA DEFENDERE--WE DARE DEFEND OUR RIGHTS

B1: Now give the Latin and English for the motto of Vermont.

STELLA QUARTA DECIMA FULGEAT--MAY THE 14TH STAR SHINE BRIGHT

B2: Give the Latin and English for the former motto of Wyoming.

CEDANT ARMA TOGAE--LET ARMS YIELD TO THE TOGA

7. What treaty of 493 BC between the Romans and the Latins gave Romans control of Latium?

FOEDUS CASSIANUM

B1: What office did Spurius Cassius hold when he passed this treaty?

CONSUL

B2: The **Foedus Cassianum** directly followed what Roman victory in 496 BC?

BATTLE OF LAKE REGILLUS

8. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice and answer in English the questions that follow: **Olim ericius erat, qui in arbore habitabat et multos amicos habebat. Erius tam multos amicos habet ut laetissimus sit. Autem unus ex amicis, homo, est fur, sed ericius hoc nescit. Uno die, ericio heri dormiente, homo ericio multas pecunias eripuit. Miserum ericium! Eheu, ut ericius discit, semper amici bene legendi sunt!**

What lesson does the hedgehog learn from this sad experience?

FRIENDS MUST BE CHOSEN WELL

B1: Why is the hedgehog at first very happy?

HE HAS MANY FRIENDS

B2: When the hedgehog discovers that he has been robbed he at first thinks that his friend turtle has stolen his money. But the turtle can prove his innocence if he can produce an alibi for being elsewhere when?

WHILE THE HEDGEHOG WAS SLEEPING YESTERDAY

9. According to the *Historia Augusta*, what 3rd century Roman emperor of Thracian origins was eight and a half feet tall and ruled from 235 to 238AD?

MAXIMINUS THRAX

B1: Out of all the emperors that ruled in 238AD, who had the shortest length of rule?

GORDIAN I / GORDIAN II

B2: Out of all the emperors that ruled in 238AD, which was the youngest when he rose to become emperor?

GORDIAN III

10. What goddess has the epithet *glaukopis*, meaning “gray-eyed?” ATHENA
B1: What goddess has the epithets “rosy-fingered” and “saffron-robed?” EOS/AURORA
B2: What god has the epithet *eiraphiotes*, meaning “insewn?” DIONYSUS

11. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English: **Discipuli magistram esse iratissimam cupiunt.**

THE STUDENTS WANT THE TEACHER TO BE VERY ANGRY.

- B1: What grammatical construction is seen in that sentence? INDIRECT STATEMENT
B2: What case would you put the subject of an indirect statement into? ACCUSATIVE

12. Maugre, dismal, malady, malign, malnutrition all come from what Latin word?

MALUS

B1: League, liable, rally, obligation, and alliance all come from what Latin word?

LIGO

B2: Cormorant, rosemary, marinate, marine, mariner all come from what Latin word?

MARE

13. What name was shared by both a lieutenant of Sulla at the battle of Milvian Bridge in 77BC and the Roman admiral at the battle of Aegates Islands in 241BC?

LUTATIUS CATULUS

B1: Lutatius Catulus was the victorious Roman admiral at the deciding battle of the 1st Punic War. Similarly, we all know that the victorious Roman general at the deciding battle of the 2nd Punic War was Scipio Africanus. However, Scipio Africanus was not alone in that battle. What allied Numidian Chieftain fought alongside Scipio Africanus and provided crucial support to the Romans at the battle of Zama?

MASSINISSA

B2: Who was the eldest son of Massinissa?

MICIPSA

14. For the verb **amicio**, give the 1st person present active subjunctive.

AMICIAM

B1: Make **amiciam** passive.

AMICIAR

B2: Make **amiciar** present active indicative.

AMICIO

15. Who murdered his father-in-law Eioneus in the first murder of kin in Greek mythology?

IXION

B1: Why did Ixion murder Eioneus?

DIDN'T WANT TO PAY THE BRIDE-PRICE (OF DIA)

(accept equivalents)

B2: What race did Ixion beget by Cloud-Hera?

CENTAURS

16. Forced to repent by Saint Ambrose for the massacre at Thessaloniki, what emperor ended the Olympic games and was the last to rule in both the east and west?

THEODOSIUS I/THE GREAT

B1: Name Theodosius' two sons who divided the empire after his death.

ARCADIUS and HONORIUS

B2: What Visigothic general sacked Rome during the reign of Honorius?

ALARIC

17. Give the Latin and its meaning from which we derive the English word "comfort."

FORTIS--STRONG, BRAVE

B1: Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive the English word "prefer."

FERO-- BRING, CARRY, BEAR

B2: Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive the English word "confetti."

FACIO-- DO, MAKE

18. Instead of sailing due east toward the Hellespont, what group headed northward to Samothrace for induction into the mysteries, hoping to gain additional protection for their dangerous voyage?

ARGONAUTS

B1: At what island, inhabited only by women, did the Argonauts first stop?

LEMNOS

B2: Who chose to remain onboard while the others vacationed on Lemnos?

HERACLES

19. Which of the following, if any, does not belong because of gender: **facinus, scelus, litus, decus, fas?**

NONE

B1: Which of the following, if any, does not belong because of gender: **idus, manus, ludus, specus, porticus?**

LUDUS

B2: Which of the following, if any, does not belong due to gender: **soror, anas, arbor, sors, pes?**

PES

20. Identify the two uses of the subjunctive that are similar in that they are both independent uses of the subjunctive in the present tense, one using the third person, the other used exclusively in the first person.

JUSSIVE AND HORTATORY

B1: What word would you use to show a negative hortatory subjunctive?

NE

B2: Most commonly, you would not use a subjunctive to express an exhortation or command in the 2nd person. Instead, you would use which grammatical structure?

THE IMPERATIVE

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ROUND II**

1. The fifth plebeian secession was caused by a debt crisis. As a result, what law was passed to make laws passed by plebeian assemblies binding on all citizens?

LEX HORTENSIA

B1: In what year did was the Lex Hortensia passed?

287BC

B2: What other law passed in 445BC, pertaining to both the rights of patricians and plebeians, allowed intermarriage between patricians and plebeians?

LEX CANULEIA

2. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English: **Nunc cogitem de hoc milite et tum forsitan eo parcam.**

LET ME THINK ABOUT THIS SOLDIER
AND THEN PERHAPS I WILL SPARE HIM.

B1: Translate this sentence: **Tam multum miles errat ut eum necem.**

THE SOLDIER ERRS/WANDERS SO MUCH THAT I (MAY) KILL HIM

B2: Identify the uses of the subjunctive in the sentences you just translated.

HORTATORY AND RESULT

3. Which of the following was not one of the winds: Agrus, Boreas, Eurus, Notus, Zephyrus?

AGRUS

B1: By what name was Boreas known to the Romans?

AQUILO

B2: What maiden did Boreas snatch while she was dancing by the River Ilissus? OREITHYIA

4. Translate the form of the relative pronoun in the following sentence: The sailor sent the women to find sanctuary.

QUAE

B1: Translate the form of the relative pronoun in the following sentence: The lashes were inflicted upon the slaves whom the master used to till the farm.

QUIBUS

B2: Translate the form of the relative pronoun in the following sentence: Who is that friend of yours that I should meet?

CUI

5. What Roman wrestler, hired by Quintus Aemilius Laetus, assassinated Commodus by strangling him in his own bathtub?

NARCISSUS

B1: What co-conspirator or Narcissus and concubine of Commodus had let Narcissus into Commodus' bedroom?

MARCIA

B2: What later emperor eventually ordered the execution of Laetus, fearing that he would rebel and side with his future successor Septimius Severus?

DIDIUS JULIANUS

6. Dismayed by how easily Heracles was completing his ninth labor, what goddess posed as an Amazon and aroused the others with the report that Heracles was kidnaping their queen?

HERA

B1: What was Heracles' ninth labor?

GIRDLE (BELT) OF HIPPOLYTE

B2: To please whom had Eurystheus assigned Heracles the task of fetching the girdle?

ADMETE/HIS DAUGHTER

7. Listen carefully to the following passage from Tacitus' *Agricola*, which I will read twice, then answer the question that follows in English: **Nero tamen subtraxit oculos suos iussitque scelera, non spectavit: praecipua sub Domitiano miseriarum pars erat videre et aspici, cum suspiria nostra subscriberentur, cum detonadis tot hominum palloribus sufficeret saevus ille vultus et rubor, quo se contra pudorem muniebat.**

What was the foremost part of misery under Domitian?

TO WATCH AND BE WATCHED/RESPECTED

B1: Name one thing that Domitian marked down when watched people.

BLUSH OF COUNTENANCE/PALOR/BREATHING

B2: What did Nero do?

AVERTED HIS EYES AND ORDERED EVILS

8. Where in 315 BC, were the forces of Fabius Rullianus defeated by the Samnites?

LAUTULAE

B1: As a result of this Roman defeat, what city switched its alliance from Rome and toward the Samnites?

CAPUA

B2: Who in 312 BC started the construction of two projects, a road and an aqueduct, as part of the war effort to improve communications with Campania?

APPIUS CLAUDIUS CENSOR

9. Translate the following sentence from English into Latin: If you should see the rather good book, you would read it.

SI LIBRUM MELIOREM VIDEAS, EUM LEGAS

B1: Translate the following sentence from English into Latin: If you were seeing the rather good book, you would be reading it.

SI LIBRUM OPTIMUS VIDERES, EUM LEGERES

B2: Only one other type of subjunctive pure conditional is left on the table. Please identify

which one and produce the necessary verb forms of *video* and *lego* to translate the sentence in the same sense that we have been working with.

CONTRARY TO FACT PAST; VIDISSES, LEGISSES

10. From what Latin word with what meaning do we derive the English word “corridor”?

CURRO-- RUN

B1: From what two Latin words with what meanings do we derive the English word “dandelion”?

DENS--TOOTH & LEO--LION

B2: From what Latin word with what meaning do we derive the English word “adieu”?

DEUS--GOD

11. What pair of brothers were cursed by their father Oedipus for disrespect, fulfilling the curse by killing one another in single combat?

POLYNEICES AND ETEOCLES

B1: Whose daughter did Polyneices marry during his exile from Thebes?

ADRASTUS

B2: Who took over the rule of Thebes after the death of Eteocles?

CREON

12. For the phrase the “same soldier,” give the Latin genitive plural.

EORUNDEM MILITUM

B1: Make that accusative singular.

EUNDEM MILITEM

B2: Make that genitive singular.

EIUSDEM MILITIS

13. At what mountain pass in 191BC did Manius Acilius Glabrio defeat the forces of Antiochus III, resulting in a decisive roman victory and causing Antiochus III to flee Greece?

THERMOPYLAE

B1: That same year, the forces of Antiochus III suffered another defeat at the hands of Rome.

Where were the forces of Polyxenidas defeated by the Roman navy under the control of Gaius Livius and Eumenes II of Pergamum?

CAPE CORYCUS

B2: According to Appian, the decisive battle of the Roman-Seleucid War occurred at Magnesia in 190BC, where the forces of Antiochus suffered 50,000 casualties to Rome’s 349. What Roman consul led the Roman army to this decisive victory over Antiochus III?

(LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SCIPIO ASIATICUS

14. Give the English for the abbreviation **S.T.T.L.**

MAY THE EARTH REST LIGHTLY ON YOU

B1: Give the English for the abbreviation **D.M.**

TO THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD

B2: Give the English for the abbreviation **H.J.S.**

HERE LIES BURIED

15. What son of Magnes falsely announced his intention to sue for the hand of Hippodameia, tricking Perseus into fetching the head of Medusa for him? POLYDECTES
 B1: What mother of Perseus was pursued by Polydectes? DANAE
 B2: Of what island was Polydectes king? SERIPHUS
16. How many centuries were there in a cohort? SIX
 B1: How many maniples were there in a legion? THIRTY
 B2: How many centuries were there in a maniple? TWO
17. Please define the Latin word **aedes**. BUILDING/TEMPLE
 B1: Please define the Latin word **aer**. AIR
 B2: Please define the Latin phrase **aes alienum**.. DEBT
18. What do the following Latin words have in common: **credo, faveo, fido, noceo, persuadeo**? TAKE THE DATIVE
 B1: What do the following Latin words have in common: **tenus, ergo, gratia, instar, pridie**? TAKE THE GENITIVE
 B2: What do the following Latin words have in common: **resisto, desum, antepono**? TAKE THE DATIVE
19. Who established a code of laws in Crete but was kicked out by his brother Minos due to growing popularity? RHADAMANTHYS
 B1: What mother of Heracles did Rhadamanthys marry after her first husband died? ALCMENE
 B2: For the love of what youth did Minos, Rhadamanthys, and Sarpedon compete? MILETUS/ATYMNIOUS
20. Give all the infinitives of the Latin verb **malo**. MALLE, MALUISSE
 B1: Give all the infinitives of the Latin verb **pono**. PONERE, PONERI, POSUISSE, POSITUS ESSE, POSITURUS ESSE, POSITUM IRI
 B2: Give all the infinitives of the Latin verb **disco**. DISCERE, DIDICISSE

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ROUND III

1. Who pretended to be a Cretan commoner to convince his swineherd Eumaeus that he would return home? ODYSSEUS

B1: When he first met with Penelope again, Odysseus pretended to be the brother of what king of Crete? IDOMENEUS

B2: What beggar did Odysseus fell with a single blow in Book 18 of the Odyssey? IRUS/ARNAEUS

2. Translate the following Latin quote from Cicero: **Cum tacent, clamant.**

SILENCE IS AN ADMISSION OF GUILT/
(WHEN THEY ARE SILENT, THEY SHOUT)

B1: Translate the following Latin quote from Horace: Exegi monumentum aere perennius

I HAVE RAISED A MONUMENT MORE LASTING THAN BRONZE

B2: Translate the following Latin quote from Caecilius Statius: **saepe est etiam sub palliolo sordido sapientia.**

THERE'S OFTEN WISDOM EVEN UNDERNEATH
A SHABBY LITTLE CLOAK

3. Complete the following grammatical analogy: **sequor: secuturus :: fero:**

LATURUS

B1: What form of the participle did you give?

FUTURE ACTIVE

B2: Now give the present active participle of both words in the tossup.

SEQUENS & FERENS

4. After having escaped the school of Lentulus Batiatus in Capua, what Thracian slave went on to prove himself an excellent tactician by successfully establishing a military base on Mount Vesuvius before being defeated by Crassus?

SPARTACUS

B1&B2: Spartacus was not the only slave leader during this slave rebellion. For 5 points each, name two of the other leaders.

CRIXUS, GANNICUS, CASTUS, OENOMAEUS

5. Translate the impersonal verb in the following sentence: May it be permitted for me to drink wine.

LICEAT

B1: Translate the impersonal verb in the following sentence: I am ashamed of you.

PUDET

B2: Translate the impersonal verb in the following sentence: I am disgusted with myself.

PIGET

6. Whose shade leaned over the edge of Charon's boat to catch a final glimpse of himself in the water?

NARCISSUS

B1: Who told Narcissus' mother that he would live long "if he never knows himself?"

TIRESIAS

B2: On what mountain did Narcissus fall in love with his own reflection?

(MT.) HELICON

7. Translate the following phrase idiomatically: **ne prius antidotum quam venenum.**

IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT

B1: Translate the following phrase idiomatically: **pares cum paribus.**

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

B2: Translate the following phrase idiomatically: **aliquando bonus dormitat Homerus.**

YOU CAN'T WIN 'EM ALL

8. A soldier in Britain under Claudius, what emperor placed an unpopular tax on public toilet use, but is perhaps better known for his deathbed quote: *vae, puto deus fio?*

VESPASIAN

B1: What derogatory term was given to these public toilets?

VESPASIANI

B2: What man was Vespasian's last governor of Britain?

AGRICOLA

9. What king of the Lapiths hunted the Calydonian boar with Theseus and helped him to carry off Antiope?

PIRITHOUS

B1: What daughter of Zeus did Pirithous try to carry off?

PERSEPHONE

B2: Where in the Underworld were Pirithous and Theseus trapped by Hades?

CHAIRS OF FORGETFULNESS

10. What derivative of *genus* is a person who designs, builds, or maintains machines?

ENGINEER

B1: What derivative of *insula* is material used to protect something by interposing material that prevents the loss of heat or sound?

INSULATION

B2: What derivative of *lens* is a high-protein pulse that is dried and then soaked and cooked before eating?

LENTIL

11. What recent movie might a Latin speaker refer to as **Pulchra et Ferox?**

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

B1: What recent movie might a Latin speaker refer to as **Magnus Murus?**

THE GREAT WALL

B2: What recent movie might a Latin speaker refer to as **Quinquagintae Umbrae Obscuriores?**

FIFTY SHADES DARKER

12. What crown was given to the first man to board an enemy ship in battle?

do not give away more than just one answer - CORONA NAVALIS (or ROSTRATA)

B1: Give another name for this crown.

SEE TOSSUP

B2: The **corona graminea** or **corona obsidionalis** was given to a soldier who accomplished what amazing deed?

DELIVERED (SAVE) A BESIEGED ARMY

13. Listen carefully to the following passage from Seneca's *Ad Lucilium Epistulae Morales*, which I will read twice, then answer in Latin the question that follows: **Libenter ex is, qui a te veniunt, cognovi familiariter te cum servis tuis vivere. Hoc prudentiam tuam, hoc eruditionem decet. "Servi sunt." Immo homines. "Servi sunt." Immo contubernales. "Servi sunt." Immo humiles amici. "Servi sunt."**

The question: **Quibuscum amicus Senecae familiariter vivunt?**

(CUM) SERVIS

B1: **Qui tres immo sunt servi?**

HOMINES, CONTUBERNALES, HUMILES AMICI

B2: **Quas hoc decet?**

PRUDENTIAM ET ERUDITIONEM

14. With a name appropriately meaning "sorrow," what king of Thebes was mistaken for a lion by his mother Agave and killed?

PENTHEUS

B1: To which of the Spartoi was Agave married?

ECHION

B2: On what mountain, also the site of Tiresias' transformation, was Pentheus killed?

(MT.) CITHAERON

15. What silver-tongued envoy sent by Pyrrhus attempted to negotiate a truce after Rome's defeat at the Battle of Heraclea in 280 BC?

CINEAS

B1: Cineas initially had a good amount of success in convincing Roman Senators to agree to the truce. However, what old and blind senator stated that Pyrrhus was not to be trusted and convinced the entire Roman senate to unanimously send Cineas away and to reject the truce?

APPIUS CLAUDIUS CAECUS

B2: Eventually, the Pyrrhic Wars ended in 275 BC at the Battle of Beneventum. However, the Romans were not able to recapture the city of Tarentum until several years later. When were the Romans finally able to recapture Tarentum?

272 BC

16. Translate the following sentence from Latin into English: **His dictis, pater ad ludum quam celerrime fugit ut filium videat.**

WITH THESE THINGS HAVING BEEN SAID, THE FATHER FLED
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE GAME/SCHOOL TO SEE HIS SON

B1: What grammatical construction was illustrated in the first phrase of the sentence?

ABLATIVE ABSOLUTE

B2: Give the positive and comparative forms of **celerrime**.

CELERITER; CELERIUS

17. If a clause starts out as “**spero fore ut sit...**,” what type of clause should you expect?

SUBSTANTIVE CLAUSE OF RESULT

B1: If a clause starts out as “**idoneus qui viviat,**” what type of clause should you expect?

RELATIVE CLAUSE OF CHARACTERISTIC

B2: If a clause starts out with “**forsitan,**” what type of clause should you expect?

POTENTIAL SUBJUNCTIVE

18. Who, after having disguised himself as a woman, attempted to infiltrate the rites of the Bona Dea and seduce the wife of Caesar unsuccessfully before being caught and brought to trial on the capital charge of **incestum**?

(PUBLIUS) CLODIUS PULCHER

B1: Whose supporters eventually injured and killed Clodius Pulcher in 52 BC when a scuffle occurred as they passed each other randomly while traveling on the Appian Way?

MILO

B2: To where was Milo forced into exile, after being convicted of the murder of Clodius Pulcher by a vote of 38 to 13?

MASSILIA

19. For the adverb **cis**, give the comparative form and its English meaning.

CITERIOR-- HITHER

B1: For the adverb **ultra**, give its comparative and superlative forms.

ULTERIOR; ULTIMUS

B2: Give the positive form of **ocius**.

DOESN'T EXIST

20. In Book 8 of the *Iliad*, who kills Hector's charioteer and nearly kills Hector himself, although he is stopped by Zeus' thunderbolt?

DIOMEDES

B1: In Book 6 of the *Iliad*, with whom does Diomedes swap armor after the two realize their grandfathers were friends?

GLAUCUS

B2: What Trojan, who had broken the truce by shooting at Menelaus in Book 4, did Diomedes kill?

PANDARUS

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SEMIFINALS**

1. Latin students often confuse similar-sounding words with one around. Identify two similar sounding words, both neuter, one meaning “thunder” and one meaning “river.”

FULMEN & FLUMEN

B1: Differentiate in meaning between **omina** and **omnia**.

OMENS/SIGN & ALL THINGS

B2: Differentiate in meaning between **porta** and **portus**.

GATE & PORT

2. Listen carefully to the following passage which I will read twice and answer the following question in Latin: **Meliōrēs scilicet sunt lūdī scaenicī; sed hīs etiam minimē dēlector, nimis enim apparātūs, parum artis inest. Ā gladiātōribus scīs mē tantum abhorrēre ut numquam eōs spectem. Manent vēnātiōnēs, splendidae – nēmō negat – sed quōmodo potest dēlectārī homō urbānus et humānus, cum aut vir invalidus ā ferā.**

The question: **Quales venationes erant?**

SPLENDIDAE

B1: **Quis venationes esse splendidas negat?**

NEMO

B2: **Ā quis scīs me tantum abhorrēre ut numquam eōs spectem?**

(A) GLADIATORIBUS

3. Who prayed to his father Zeus for companions, and the ants on his island were transformed into men, which he called “Myrmidons?”

AEACUS

B1: Of what island, named after his mother, was Aeacus king?

AEGINA/OENONE/OENOPIA

B2: What famous Greek later led the Myrmidons to Troy?

ACHILLES

4. About thirty-seven miles long, what turf fortification ran from the Firth of Forth to Firth of Clyde?

ANTONINE WALL

B1. Who oversaw construction the Antonine Wall?

LOLLIUS URBICUS

B2. Although Antoninus Pius may have, “tried to make Rome great again”, the Antonine Wall was eventually overrun by Scot tribes. What governor of Britain eventually restored order to the Antonine Wall?

ULPIUS MARCELLUS

5. Turn the Latin form **polliceor** to the 2nd person singular imperfect subjunctive.

POLLĪCERĒRIS

B1: Turn the form **pollicerēris** to the perfect tense.

POLLĪCITUS SIS

B2: Turn the form **pollīcitus sis** to the pluperfect tense.

POLLĪCITUS ESSĒS

6. What Sullan partisan and conqueror of the East is said to have brought to Rome the apricot and the cherry?

LUCULLUS

B1. What consular colleague of Lucullus was attacked by Mithridates the Great at the start of the Third Mithridatic War?

MARCUS AURELIUS COTTA

B2. Lucullus decided to invade Armenia in 69 BC after what king refused to give up his father-in-law, Mithridates?

TIGRANES II

7. Translate into colloquial English the Latin phrase “**similia similibus curantur**”

FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE

B1: What Latin phrase also ascribed to Virgil literally means, “The Fates oppose”?

FĀTA OBSTANT

B2: What Latin phrase ascribed to Virgil tells us that some events will happen inevitably?

FĀTA INVENIĒNT VIAM

8. Procne : Nightingale :: Alcyone : _____?

KINGFISHER/HALCYON

B1: Procne : Nightingale :: Galanthis : _____?

WEASEL

B2: Procne : Nightingale :: Nyctimene : _____?

OWL

9. From what Latin verb with what meaning is “cate” derived?

CAPIŌ-TO SEIZE

B1: From what Latin noun with what meaning is “vaccinate” derived?

VACCA-COW

B2: From what Latin noun with what meaning is “precipitate” derived?

CAPUT-HEAD

10. Which of the following, if any, were not **cognati**: **patruus**, **amita**, **matertera**, **socrus**, **consobrinus**?

SOCRUS

B1: What category of relations did **socrus** fall under?

ADFINES

B2: What was the name of the process through which one paterfamilias adopted another paterfamilias?

ADROGATIO

11. In the sentence “Reading is good for the students,” translate “for the students.”

DISCIPULĪS

B1: What use of the dative is “for the students”?

REFERENCE

B2: What form of the verb **legō, legere** is “reading” and what use is it?

SUBJECTIVE INFINITIVE

12. Translate the following sentence into English: **Ūtīnam in templō manerēmus!**

WOULD THAT WE WERE TO REMAIN IN THE TEMPLE!

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Talentum aurī eī dēdit.**

HE GAVE A TALENT OF GOLD TO HIM.

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **Magnī formica laboris est.**

THE ANT IS OF GREAT TOIL.

13. What son of Hermes and Chione had the power to change the color and form of anything he stole?

AUTOLYCUS

B1: Who stopped Autolyclus from stealing his cattle by branding them?

SISYPHUS

B2: What famous hero was the grandson of Autolyclus?

ODYSSEUS

14. According to legend, a divine shield fell from the sky during Numa Pompilius’ reign as king. It was said that as long as this shield was preserved, Rome would be the mistress of the world. How did Numa Pompilius guarantee the survival and protection this shield?

HE MADE 11 COPIES OF THE SHIELD TO HIDE THE TRUE ONE

B1: What college of priests was responsible for the wellbeing of this shield?

SALII

B2: There was an annual festival where the Salii paraded the shield and its copies around the city. When did this festival occur?

MARCH 9

15. “To trust,” “To be accustomed,” and “to dare” are definitions of verbs in which special class?

SEMI-DEPONENT VERBS

B1: Which two conjugations do not have deponent verbs?

FIRST & FOURTH

B2: Give the third principal part of all second-conjugation deponent verbs.

AUSUS SUM, GAVISUS SUM, SOLITUS SUM

16. Using **cis** and **faciō**, translate the following sentence into Latin: Let Caesar journey on this side of Gaul.

CAESAR ITER FACIAT CIS GALLIAM

B1: Using **citrā** and **faciō**, translate the following sentence into Latin: Would that Caesar had become a god on this side of the Forum.

ŪTĪNAM CAESAR DEUS CITRĀ FLŪMEN FACTUS ESSET

B2: Now translate this sentence: You would think that Caesar would not have been killed by lightning.

PŪTĒS CAESAREM FULMINE NŌN INTERFECTUM ĪRĪ

17. What goddess, who lived in a silver-pillared cave in Hades, bore Nike by Zeus and sided with the Gods against the Titans? **STYX**

B1: Name two of the other three children of Zeus and Styx. **CRATUS, BIA, ZELUS**

B2: According to Vergil, how many times did the Styx flow around the borders of Hades? **NINE**

18. After not being granted the position of centurion, the soldier Julius Martialis took matters into his own hands when he stabbed what urinating Emperor at Carrhae?

CARACALLA

B1: The ultimate instigator of the assassination of Caracalla was the prefect, Macrinus. As soon as Macrinus took control of the Empire, he forced what sister of Julia Domna to retire to Syria?

JULIA MAESA

B2: After adopting the name of Severus, Macrinus bestowed the title of Antoninus upon what son of his?

DIADUMENIAN US / DIADUMENIAN

19. Give a Latin verb that can mean “to strengthen.”

FIRMO, CONFIRMO, ARMO, MUNIO

B1: Give a Latin verb that can mean “to prolong.”

EXTENDO, PERDUCO, EXTRAHO

B2: Give a non-deponent Latin verb that can mean “to allow.”

SINO, CONCEDO, PERMITTO

20. What creature’s horns were inscribed by Taygete with the name Artemis?

CERYNEIAN/CERYNITIAN HIND

B1: To what group did Taygete belong? **PLEIADES**

B2: Which of the Pleiades bore Dardanus by Zeus and may be invisible in the sky due to the sack of Troy? **ELECTRA**

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FINAL ROUND

1. What hero, effeminate in his ankle-length robe, was jeered at by workmen when he arrived to Athens from Troezen? THESEUS

B1: Which of the following is not another name for the brigand Procrustes: Polypemon, Damastes, Procoptes, Corynetes? CORYNETES

B2: What namesake weapon did Corynetes wield? CLUB

2. **Anchisēs**, **Aenēās**, and **Acestēs** are all proper nouns that belong to what group of Latin verbs that **athlēta**, **auriga**, and **agricola** also belong to?

FIRST DECLENSION MASCULINES

B1: What fourth declension feminine noun can mean “band”?

MANUS

B2: What second declension feminine noun can mean “triumph” because it was often placed upon victorious generals?

LAURUS

3. What infamous Gallic poisoner was rumored to have supplied the dish of mushrooms that killed Claudius?

LOCUSTA

B1. What mischievous woman hired Locusta to arrange for the murder of Claudius?

AGRIPPINA THE YOUNGER

B2. According to some historians, what food-taster of Claudius was given the task of administering the drug?

HALOTUS

4. Listen carefully to the following passage which I will read twice and answer the following question in English: **Tu, qui consortem properas evadere casum, miles ab Etruscis saucius aggeribus, quid nostro gemitu turgentia lumina torques? pars ego sum vestrae proxima militiae. sic te servato possint gaudere parentes, haec soror acta tuis sentiat e lacrimis.**

The question: Under what conditions will the parents of the addressed soldier be happy?

IF HE (THE ADDRESSED SOLDIER) RETURNS ALIVE/IS SAVED

B1: What is the addressed soldier hastening to do?

ESCAPE THE COMMON FATE (I.E. DEATH)

B2: How will the speaker’s family find out his own fate?

THROUGH THE ADDRESSED SOLDIER’S TEARS

5. What is the meaning of the Latin noun at the root of “gravy” and “grenadier”?

GRAIN, SEED, KERNEL

B1: What is the meaning of the Latin verb at the root of “sparse”?

SCATTER, SPRINKLE

B2: From what two Latin words is “madam” derived?

MEUS, DOMUS

6. Judged the second happiest of men by Solon, what pair of Argives pulled their mother’s cart to a festival and were rewarded by dying peacefully in their sleep? **CLEOBIS AND BITON**

B1: What goddess granted them this reward? **HERA**

B2: Who was judged the happiest man in the world by Solon?

TELLUS THE ATHENIAN

7. What successor of Gaius Cluilius, an Alban dictator, was drawn and quartered after having betrayed Rome?

METTIUS FUFETIUS

B1: What city had Mettius Fufetius previously provoked to attack Rome?

FIDENAE

B2: During the destruction of Alba Longa, the Roman army decided to leave one type of building standing. What was this type of building?

TEMPLES

8. **Quid Anglice significat: restis.**

ROPE

B1: **Quid Anglice significat: praeterea.**

BESIDES/IN ADDITION

B2: **Quid Anglice significat: locuples.**

RICH

9. Translate into Latin: It happened that she was not a friend of the Romans.

ACCIDIT UT NON AMICA ROMANI ESSET

B1: Translate into Latin: If only we had defeated the enemy!

UTINAM HOSTEM/HOSTES VICISSEMUS!

B2: Translate into Latin: Surely you are the type to defeat the Gauls?

NONNE TU EST QUI GALLOS VINCAS?

10. Victories at Pollentia and Verona cemented what capable Roman general’s status as the effective ruler of the Western Empire until 408 AD?

STILICHO

B1. Despite Stilicho's victories, invasions of Italy did not stop with Alaric. What Gothic king foolishly invaded Italy with a band of Ostrogoths and other barbarians, only to be later defeated by Stilicho?

RADAGAIUS

B2. After building up a variety of political enemies throughout his career, Stilicho was forced to retire to the capital and sadly await his execution. To what recently made capital city of the Western Empire did Stilicho retire?

RAVENNA

11. Antheias, Carnabon, and Lyncus all attempted to stop the mission of what Eleusinian prince, who tried to teach the world to sow?

TRIPTOLEMUS

B1: In some stories, Triptolemus was said to have been a brother of what other Eleusinian?

DEMOPHO(O)N

B2: Into what constellation was Carnabon transformed as a warning to evildoers?

OPHIUCUS/SERPENT-HOLDER

12. What case is governed by the verbs **careo**, **vescor**, **potior**, and **fungor**?

ABLATIVE

B1: Though it is technically an ablative with special verbs, what use of the ablative is technically exemplified by verbs like **careo**?

SEPARATION

B2: Identify a synonym of **careo** that also takes this type of ablative of separation.

EGEO

13. Translate the following sentence into English: **Quam fortunatam rem publicam, si hanc stirpem omnium malorum urbis eiecerit!**

HOW FORTUNATE THE REPUBLIC, IF IT WOULD THROW
OUT THIS STOCK OF ALL EVILS!

B1: Translate the following sentence into English: **Spe solita, haec certe deserta loca et taciturna querenti ob horribilia facinora sunt.**

WITH HOPE LOST, THESE DESERTED AND QUIET PLACES ARE
FOR ONE COMPLAINING ON ACCOUNT OF HORRIBLE CRIMES.

B2: Translate the following sentence into English: **At etiam sunt, qui dicant, Quirites, a me eiectum in exilium esse Catilinam.**

BUT THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY, ROMANS,
THAT CATILINE HAD BEEN SENT OUT INTO EXILE BY ME.

14. Expecting to easily crush the Cimbri and Teutones, where was the Roman commander Papirius Carbo disastrously defeated in 113 BC?

NOREIA

B1. Although they did not continue their march towards Italy, what two kings were responsible for the loss that Carbo suffered?

KING BOIOIRIX AND KING TEUTOBOD

B2. After moving around the Alps, in 109 BC the Germanic tribes encountered a second force near Gallia Narbonensis under what commander?

MARCUS IUNIUS SILANUS,

15. Also called Atlantiades, what youth was fused with the nymph Salmacis, becoming half-man, half-woman?

HERMAPHRODITUS

B1: What nymph was supposedly chased by Alpheius all the way to Sicily, where she became a river?

ARETHUSA

B2: What nymph told Apollo to go to Delphi to establish his oracle, but he soon realized she just wanted to get rid of him and thus dried her up?

TELPHUSA

16. Say in Latin with a deponent verb: We thank you.

GRATULAMUR TIBI / VOBIS

B1: Now, say in Latin with an impersonal verb and an idiom: If you all like your freedom, thank the king!

SI LIBERTAS VOBIS PLACET,
AGITE GRATIAS MILITI

B2: Now, say in Latin with a **cum** clause and a compound of **volo**: Since our leader is does not want to speak, I must speak the truth.

CUM DUX EVOCARE NOLIT,
VERITAS MIHI DICENDUM EST

17. Take the number of hours the Roman day was divided into (12), add the collective number of dolphins and eggs on a **spina** (14), and finally, add to that the amount of days of mourning after a burial before it's broken by a feast and sacrifice (9). What number do you end up with?

35

B1: Take the total number of vestal virgins that serve at the same time, and add to it the number of animals involved in **suovetaurilia** and the number of letters branded on runaway slave. What number do you end up with?

10

B2: Divide the ratio of wine to honey (in that order) in **mulsum**. What number do you end up with?

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18. Give the third person singular perfect active subjunctive of the verb **accumbo**.

ACCUMBUERIT

B1: Give the second person plural imperfect passive subjunctive of the verb **fero**.

FERRERIS (ask for spelling)

B2: Give the first person plural future passive of the verb **facio**.

FIEMUS

19. Who begged Zeus to send Telamon a worthy son because he had so helped in the taking of Troy?

HERACLES

B1: With whom did Telamon kill his half-brother Phocus?

(HIS BROTHER) PELEUS

B2: Of what island was Telamon king?

SALAMIS

20. What Latin abbreviation, often in contrast or in accompaniment with a person's birth and death dates, denotes the time in which a person, usually famous, was active in his/her profession?

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B1: What Latin phrase is similar, but denotes an amazing historical year for a person or the larger society in general?

ANNUS MIRABILIS

B2: For what Latin word does the abbreviation **r.** stand for when found on modern coins?

REGNAVIT