

2003 Chancellor Certamen

LEVEL I - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Welcome to the Chancellor Certamen. As we continue to tinker with the format and rules of the game, we ask that you write down the answers to your first five questions. Give the Latin for the verb in the following sentence: "Write your answers, students!"

SCRIBITE

BONUS: For the bonus, write the entire command in Latin.

*SCRIBITE (VESTRA) RESPONSA,
DISCIPULI!*

2) WRITE-DOWN: Into how many *horae*, or hours, was the Roman day divided?

TWELVE (12)

BONUS: Into how many *vigiliae*, or watches, was the Roman night divided?

FOUR (4)

3) WRITE-DOWN: Who supposedly fiddled while Rome burned?

NERO

BONUS: Nero took advantage of the great fire of AD 64 and built what magnificent palace?

DOMUS AUREA

4) WRITE-DOWN: *Scribe Latine: Quis est mater Romuli Remique?*

RHEA SILVIA (EST MATER)

BONUS: *Scribe Latine: Quis est pater Rheae Silviae?*

NUMITOR (EST PATER)

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the deity in this picture.

HERMES/MERCURY

BONUS: What is the name of the staff he is carrying?

CADUCEUS

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6) TOSS-UP: What activity would a Roman expect to find in a *circus*?

CHARIOT RACING

BONUS: What was the function of the dolphins in the *circus*?

MARKED THE LAPS

7) TOSS-UP: Translate the prepositional phrase from the following sentence into Latin:

“Julia threw a rock into the water.” *IN AQUAM*

BONUS: Translate the prepositional phrase in this sentence: “Now we can see the rock through the water.”

PER AQUAM

8) TOSS-UP: By what river would the gods swear unbreakable oaths?

STYX

BONUS: What was the river of forgetfulness? LETHE

9) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin name for southern Italy and Sicily controlled by the Greeks before the rise of Rome?

MAGNA GRAECIA

BONUS: What major city in Southern Italy was founded by the Greeks and its Greek name originally meant “new city”?

NAPLES

10) TOSS-UP: Speaking of Magna Graecia, Rome gained possession of the island of Sicily after what war?

FIRST PUNIC WAR

BONUS: Against what city was the First Punic War fought?

CARTHAGE

11) TOSS-UP: What genre of literature did Homer and Vergil write?

EPIC POETRY

BONUS: What genre of literature did the following Greek and Roman authors write: Thucydides, Herodotus, Tacitus, Livy?

HISTORY

12) TOSS-UP: How often does one figure *per annum* income? EACH YEAR

BONUS: When one is figuring *per capita* income, in relationship to what, literally speaking, does one count income?

HEADS

13) TOSS-UP: Whose dead body did Achilles drag around the walls of Troy?

HECTOR

BONUS: How was Hector’s son Astyanax killed during the sack of Troy?

HE WAS THROWN DOWN FROM THE WALLS

14) TOSS-UP: What Roman hero single-handedly prevented the attacking Etruscans from crossing the Tiber until the Romans could destroy the bridge?

HORATIUS

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BONUS: What brave and amazing feat did Horatius accomplish after the bridge was destroyed?

HE JUMPED INTO THE RIVER IN FULL
ARMOR AND SWAM TO THE ROMAN
SIDE

15) TOSS-UP: At what event in ancient Rome would you have seen a *retiarius*?

GLADIATORIAL CONTEST

BONUS: At what event would you have seen an *auriga*?

CHARIOT RACE

16) TOSS-UP: Who was the first emperor of Rome? AUGUSTUS/OCTAVIAN

BONUS: Who was the last Julio-Claudian emperor? NERO

17) TOSS-UP: To what region of the Underworld did heroes dwell?

ELYSIAN FIELDS/ELYSIUM

BONUS: To what region of the Underworld were the bad condemned?

TARTARUS

18) TOSS-UP: On what date of the month did the Ides USUALLY fall?

13th

BONUS: In what four months did the Ides fall on the 15th day?

MARCH, MAY, JULY, OCTOBER

19) TOSS-UP: What case in the Latin language is used to show manner, means, accompaniment, or place where? ABLATIVE

BONUS: What case is used to represent the indirect object?

DATIVE

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Domus Larvis Infesta*? *THE HAUNTED MANSION*

BONUS: What about *Mons Gelidus*? *COLD MOUNTAIN*

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1) WRITE-DOWN: "The girls like to walk in the field." Translate "to walk" into Latin.

AMBULARE

BONUS: Translate the whole sentence into Latin.

*PUELLAE AMANT AMBULARE IN
AGRO/CAMPO*

2) WRITE-DOWN: What was the seaport located closest to Rome?

OSTIA

BONUS: What commodity obtained in and around Ostia did the Romans exploit and trade?

SALT

3) WRITE-DOWN: Give the date and year for the assassination of Julius Caesar.

MARCH 15, 44 BC

BONUS: Give the date and year for the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

AUGUST 24, AD 79

4) WRITE-DOWN: In the Zodiac, what sign represents the Nemean Lion, one of the Labors of Hercules?

LEO

BONUS: In the Zodiac, what sign represents the bull which carried off Europa?

TAURUS

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify this area of the city of Rome. ROMAN FORUM

BONUS: Which of the seven hills of Rome is visible in the background of this picture?

PALATINE

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6) TOSS-UP: In the name Marcus Caelius Rufus, which name is the nomen or family name?

CAELIUS

BONUS: What is the term for Rufus?

COGNOMEN

7) TOSS-UP: The Romans had only twenty-four letters in their alphabet; we have twenty-six. What two letters did we add?

J and W

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BONUS: Latin words containing a “y” were originally from what other language?
GREEK

8) TOSS-UP: According to mythology, who disregarded his father’s advice and flew too close to the sun, thus falling to his death into the sea? ICARUS

BONUS: Also according to mythology, who was killed by Jupiter because he rejected his father’s pleas to change his wish and, while driving the chariot of the sun, lost control and set the world on fire? PHAETHON

9) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Tyrrhenian, Adriatic, and Aegean.
SEAS

BONUS: Which one of these seas (Tyrrhenian, Adriatic, and Aegean) is located in and around Greece? AEGEAN

10) TOSS-UP: During the rule of which emperor was Christ born?
AUGUSTUS

BONUS: During the rule of which emperor was Christ crucified?
TIBERIUS

11) TOSS-UP: What work of the poet Ovid is one of our main sources of the stories from mythology?
METAMORPHOSES

BONUS: What recurrent theme is obvious in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*?
TRANSFORMATIONS

12) TOSS-UP: What are you afraid of if you suffer from arachnophobia?
SPIDERS

BONUS: What do you fear if you have acrophobia? HEIGHTS

13) TOSS-UP: Who was the Roman god of fire and the forge?
VULCAN

BONUS: Vulcan’s Greek counterpart Hephaestus was said to have had his forge under what volcano?
MT. ETNA

14) TOSS-UP: What Roman king supposedly claimed descent from Vulcan?
SERVIUS TULLIUS

BONUS: Whom did Servius Tullius’ daughter marry and support in her father’s assassination?
TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

15) TOSS-UP: What garment was typically worn by everyone living in Rome?
TUNIC/TUNICA

BONUS: What is a *tunica recta*? WEDDING DRESS

16) TOSS-UP: At what battle did the forces of Octavian defeat those of Anthony and Cleopatra?
ACTIUM

BONUS: In what year was the battle of Actium fought? 31 BC

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- 17) TOSS-UP: What youth was appointed the judge of a divine beauty contest? The reward was a golden apple labeled “to the fairest.” PARIS
BONUS: The beauty contest took place on what mountain where Paris was a shepherd? MT. IDA
- 18) TOSS-UP: What road led through the Forum Romanum and up the Capitoline Hill?
VIA SACRA
BONUS: Triumphant Roman generals would take this road up the Capitoline to what temple?
TEMPLE OF JUPITER (OPTIMUS MAXIMUS)
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin word for “dog”? CANIS
BONUS: What is the Latin word for “cat”? FELES
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back at the Cinema Romana! What current movie would the Romans call *Dominus et Imperator*? MASTER AND COMMANDER
BONUS: What movie would be called *Iudices Aufugientes*?
RUNAWAY JURY

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Listen to the following sentence and question and then answer the question in a complete Latin sentence: *Marcus filiam nomine Antoniam habet. Quis est Antonia?*
ANTONIA EST FILIA (MARCI).
BONUS: *Marcus filiam nomine Antoniam habet. Quis est Marcus?*
MARCUS EST PATER (ANTONIAE)
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the name of the cold room in a Roman bath?
FRIGIDARIUM
BONUS: What is the Latin term for a swimming pool?
PISCINA (accept NATATORIUM?)

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3) WRITE-DOWN: What Roman hero proved his bravery by unflinchingly placing his hand in a fire?

(MUCIUS) SCAEVOLA

BONUS: What Etruscan leader was Scaevola seeking to impress?

LARS PORSEN(N)A

4) WRITE-DOWN: Mythological terms sometimes find their way into science. What light element, a major component of stars, is named after the Greek word for the sun?

HELIUM

BONUS: What radioactive element is named after a god of the Underworld?

PLUTONIUM

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the babies in this picture.

ROMULUS AND REMUS

BONUS: The babies were added in the Renaissance, but was the wolf carved by the ancient Etruscans, the Greeks, or the Romans?

ETRUSCANS

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6) TOSS-UP: What is the name for the central room in a Roman house? It contained an opening in the ceiling to allow light and water into the house.

ATRIUM

BONUS: What is the name for this opening in the atrium?

INPLUVIUM

7) TOSS-UP: What English word do we get from the Latin for “almost an island”?

PENINSULA

BONUS: What happens when you circumnavigate an island?

YOU SAIL AROUND IT

8) TOSS-UP: What queen entertained Aeneas as he made his way from Troy to Italy?

DIDO (ELISSA)

BONUS: What queen entertained Julius Caesar and Mark Antony in Alexandria?

CLEOPATRA

9) TOSS-UP: On what river was the city of Rome founded?

TIBER

BONUS: What is the name of Rome’s seaport at the mouth of the Tiber River?

OSTIA

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- 10) TOSS-UP: What is the term for the series of offices an ambitious man might hold in the Roman Republic? CURSUS HONORUM
BONUS: What office was first in the *cursus honorum*?
QUAESTOR
- 11) TOSS-UP: Is Marcus Tullius Cicero most famous for his oratory, history, or poetry? ORATORY
BONUS: From what structure in the Roman Forum did orators usually address the crowd? ROSTRA
- 12) TOSS-UP: What Latin phrase describes a duty or position one takes on by virtue of being elected to a particular office? *EX OFFICIO*
BONUS: What is the latin phrase for “sincerely” or “from the heart”?
EX ANIMO
- 13) TOSS-UP: Who is the Roman goddess of the hearth? VESTA
BONUS: What is the Greek equivalent for Vesta? HESTIA
- 14) TOSS-UP: What Roman general was able to defeat Hannibal and put an end to the Second Punic War? (PUBLIUS CORNELIUS) SCIPIO AFRICANUS
BONUS: What was the name of the battle where Scipio defeated Hannibal?
ZAMA
- 15) TOSS-UP: In times of national emergency, usually one of the two consuls would be elevated to what position? DICTATOR
BONUS: How long would this consul usually hold the office of dictator?
SIX MONTHS
- 16) TOSS-UP: Who was the first of the Flavian emperors? VESPASIAN
BONUS: Who was the last of the Flavian emperors?
DOMITIAN
- 17) TOSS-UP: What is the name of the three-headed of which guards the entrance to the Underworld? CERBERUS
BONUS: What is the name of the ferryman who carried souls across the river Styx?
CHARON
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QUAESTOR

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19) TOSS-UP: In the excavated ruins of an entranceway to a house in Pompeii can be seen a mosaic of a dog and the words *cave canem*. What is the advice being given to the visitor?
BEWARE OF THE DOG

BONUS: Make the whole phrase *cave canem* plural. *CAVETE CANES*

20) TOSS-UP: Here we are back at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Dominus Anulorum: Reditus Regis*?

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING

BONUS: What about *Crudelitas Intolerabilis*? *INTOLERABLE CRUELTY*

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1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the 3rd person plural, present tense of the Latin verb from which we get the English word "tradition"? *TRADUNT*

BONUS: Change *tradunt* to the imperfect tense. *TRADEBANT*

2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin term for the the male head of the household?

PATERFAMILIAS

BONUS: Which of the following was NOT a part of a Roman man's *familia*: *uxor*, *liberi*, *servi*, *clientes*.
CLIENTES

3) WRITE-DOWN: When Julius Caesar was returning to Rome from his campaigns in Gaul, he crossed into Italy with the words "*Alea iacta est*." Translate this into English.
"THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST"

BONUS: What river did Caesar cross at the head of his army, setting in motion a civil war?
RUBICON

4) WRITE-DOWN: What arrogant Greek woman boasted that she was a greater mother than Latona, the mother of Apollo and Artemis, because she had fourteen children and Latona only two?
NIOBE

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BONUS: To avenge her slighted honor, Apollo and Artemis killed all fourteen of Niobe's children. Into what was the grieving Niobe changed?

A WEeping ROCK/SPRING

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. What type or technique of artwork can be seen in this picture?

MOSAIC

BONUS: What is the name of the individual pieces of stone which make up a mosaic?

TESSERA

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6) TOSS-UP: What Roman religious ceremony involved the sacrifice of three different animals?

SUOVETAURILIA

BONUS: What three animals were sacrificed in a suovetaurilia?

PIG, SHEEP, and BULL

7) TOSS-UP: What movie, showing somewhere on TV at least once every night between now and Christmas, would the Romans have called *Est Vita Mirabilis*?

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

BONUS: What perennial favorite would have been called *Itum cum Ventis*?

"GONE WITH THE WIND"

8) TOSS-UP: What was unusual about the dog Cerberus?

THREE-HEADED

BONUS: Who was Cerberus' master?

HADES

9) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin name of the province around Rome? Today it is called Lazio.

LATIUM

BONUS: What was the Latin name of the province directly to the north of Rome and inhabited by the Etruscans? Today it is called Toscano.

ETRURIA

10) TOSS-UP: What Thracian slave led a slave revolt in 73 BC?

SPARTACUS

BONUS: Where did Spartacus hide his camp?

MT.VESUVIUS

11) TOSS-UP: Who wrote a letter to the Emperor Trajan detailing the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?

PLINY THE YOUNGER

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BONUS: Pliny's letter also detailed the death of Pliny the Elder in the eruption. Of what relation was Pliny the Elder to Pliny the Younger? UNCLE

12) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *caveat emptor*?

LET (MAY) THE BUYER BEWARE

BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *in vino veritas*?

IN WINE THERE IS TRUTH

13) TOSS-UP: Who was the queen of Troy and wife of Priam?

HECUBA

BONUS: Who was the wife of Aeneas? The gods decreed that she would not make it out of Troy alive.

CREUSA

14) TOSS-UP: The Roman monarchy, Roman Republic, or Roman Empire -- during which period did Servius Tullius rule? ROMAN MONARCHY

BONUS: The Roman Monarchy, Roman Republic, or Roman Empire -- during which period did Nero rule? ROMAN EMPIRE

15) TOSS-UP: What class of Roman society included the businessmen and those who could afford to outfit a horse in war? EQUITES

BONUS: What was the term for the common people of Rome?

PLEBES/PLEBEIANS

16) TOSS-UP: Who was the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity?

CONSTANTINE

BONUS: Constantine had moved the capital of the Roman Empire to what Greek city?

BYZANTIUM

17) TOSS-UP: What beautiful maiden and daughter of Demeter became queen of the Underworld?

PERSEPHONE

BONUS: Why was she forced to spend time in the Underworld?

SHE HAD EATEN POMEGRANATE SEEDS

18) TOSS-UP: What toga would a Roman boy wear when he reached manhood?

TOGA VIRILIS

BONUS: At what age did a Roman boy generally reach manhood?

SIXTEEN

19) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin abbreviation used to add more information at the end of a letter?

P.S.

BONUS: If you need to add another message at the end of your first P.S., do you write P.P.S. or P.S.S.?

P.P.S.

20) TOSS-UP: Our last trip to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Feles in Petaso*?

THE CAT IN THE HAT

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BONUS: What about *Imbecilli Animati: Rursus Actiones?*

LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION

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