

# CERTAMEN QUESTION GENERATOR

## Types of Certamen Questions

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### GRAMMAR

#### Forms

1. Give form of a particular verb, giving verb first or last.
2. Make the noun \_\_\_\_\_ singular/plural/change case/etc.
3. *Describamus nunc proprietates dictionum in hac sententia: \_\_\_\_\_.* *Quae pars orationis est \_\_\_\_\_?* *Cuius numeri est \_\_\_\_\_?* *Dic passivum \_\_\_\_\_ (verb).*
4. Types: what kind of verb/noun are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Noun info: what is the gender of the nouns \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?
6. What do the following nouns/verbs/etc. have in common?
7. Give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective \_\_\_\_\_. (or name adjective first)
8. Make the phrase \_\_\_\_\_ CASE/NUMBER.
9. Which of the following nouns does not belong according to gender?
10. Give the supine forms for the verb \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Usage/Translation

1. Translate (Latin to English sentences)
2. Cases: what use of the \_\_\_\_\_ case is found in this sentence:
3. When you are recognized, perform the following command:
4. Selective translation into Latin: Translate into Latin the verb in the apodosis of the following sentence:
5. Cases: Name the case and use of the first noun in the following sentence.
6. Translation into Latin: "Using a deponent verb/the word \_\_\_\_\_/etc., say \_\_\_\_\_"
7. Translation of sentences: translate the following sentence into Latin:
8. Cases: supply the correct form of \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the following sentence.
9. Translate the verb form \_\_\_\_\_.
10. How should one translate the verb/accusative/etc. in the following sentence?
11. Constructions: e.g. Latin has no present participle; name one construction used in its place.

#### Derivatives

1. Derivative: What derivative of the noun/verb/etc. \_\_\_\_\_ means "\_\_\_\_\_"?
2. Derivative: Give the Latin noun/verb and its meaning from which we derive "\_\_\_\_\_"
3. Greek derivatives (few and far between): what English word derived from the Greek verb that means \_\_\_\_\_ is/means \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Ultimate roots: give the ultimate Latin verb/noun root and its meaning from which we derive \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Derivatives: Which of the following is NOT derived from \_\_\_\_\_?

#### Vocabulary

1. Complete this analogy (according to etymology, meaning, etc.)
2. Abbreviations
3. Vocabulary (differentiate in meaning between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, or the noun form \_\_\_\_\_ and verb form \_\_\_\_\_ -- homonymns)
4. Vocabulary (what Latin noun/verb/impersonal verb/etc.) means \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Vocab: Quid significat: \_\_\_\_\_? OR Define \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Idioms: Give the idiomatic meaning of the phrase \_\_\_\_\_ OR the phrase \_\_\_\_\_ figuratively means \_\_\_\_\_. What does it mean literally?
7. Mottos: what Latin motto/axiom can be translated \_\_\_\_\_? Or translate the motto of \_\_\_\_\_, (Latin here).
8. Synonyms and antonyms: Without using a compound, give a synonym/antonym of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Listening Comprehension

1. Listening comprehension (Paragraph & ask questions in English, Latin: *quot, qualis, quis, quid, quomodo, in quo loco* etc.)
2. Ask a question in Latin about Mythology, Life, History, etc. : *A quibus animalibus fit mel?*

### MYTHOLOGY

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| 1. According to Homer/Ovid/Vergil/Hesiod/etc., who . . . ? | 6. Firsts          |
| 2. Which of the following is not . . . ?                   | 7. Greatests       |
| 3. What mythological king . . . ?                          | 8. Mosts           |
| 4. Family relations (who was the brother of X?)            | 9. Who killed who? |
| 5. Fathers and mothers, children                           | 10. Seductions     |
|  | 11. Monsters       |

## **LITERATURE**

1. Who in his poetry/specific work said/made reference to . . . ?
2. Who was the first to . . .
3. Genres: esp. satire, bucolic, etc.
4. Whose work states . . .
5. Specific quotations (first lines, famous lines, etc.)
6. What literary device is found in the following quotation?
7. Masterpiece: whose principal work is . . .
8. Which of the following works is not written by \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Put the following works in order of publication.
10. Literary criticism: what Latin author/poet/historian was described by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_?
11. Quotations: Name the speaker of the following quotation from \_\_\_\_\_ (usually Vergil)
12. Latin titles: name the author or the Latin title
13. How many books? How divided/organized?
14. Lives of authors—where born, when exiled, etc.
15. Meter: Consider the following line from \_\_\_\_\_, which I will read as if prose \_\_\_\_\_ where would you find the elisions?

## **HISTORY**

1. Name the person who . . .
2. Isolate a group out of larger stretch of Roman history, e.g. “Name two people who . . .”
3. Who \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Generals/battles/winners/losers
5. Famous women, mothers
6. Geography: Where did \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Leaders (who led the revolt against \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ BC?)
8. Lives of emperors (especially juicy but obvious details)

## **LIFE**

1. Roman laws
2. Roman women
3. Geography (roads, lakes, mountains, provinces)
4. Jewelry and clothing
5. Architecture: parts of a theater, amphitheater
6. Eponymous stuff: What name did \_\_\_\_\_ give \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Festivals/Calendar dates
8. Religion/practices (*mola salsa*, etc.)
9. Bath complexes (name emperor, parts of, etc.)
10. Architecture: What Roman building/temple was \_\_\_\_\_?
11. Topography of Forum: If you’re facing \_\_\_\_\_, name a/the building to your right.
12. What is the Latin term for \_\_\_\_\_?
13. Games (which events, what years, how many laps/horses, etc.)

## **VISUAL (Any of the above categories)**

1. Inscriptions
2. Busts
3. Architecture
4. In a bonus: which of the following quotations is an illustration of (literary device)
5. Identify the god associated with the objects labeled “A”
6. Identify the person speaking (A, B, C, D): I was born . . .
7. Who is the author of passage “D”? Where was the author of passage “D” born?
8. Name the meter OR how many dactyls are in the first line of passage A?