

*****THOMAS JEFFERSON CERTAMEN 2008
LEVEL ONE ROUND 1

Toss-Up #1 Welcome to the Thomas Jefferson Certamen! Today is February 23rd. Give the Roman numeral for 23.

XXIII

Bonus: Give the Latin words for “twenty” and “three.”

Viginti and trēs

Toss-Up #2 What Etruscan was figuratively crowned by an eagle, and went on to become the fifth king of Rome?

Tarquinius Priscus

Bonus: What was the name of his prophetic wife?

Tanaquil

Toss Up #3 Name the mythological hero to whom these characters are associated: Aethra, Aegeus, Ariadne, and the Minotaur.

Theseus

Bonus: What is the familial relation between Ariadne and the Minotaur?

Half-sister

Toss-Up #4: Which case follows the preposition *prope*?

Accusative

Bonus: What about *pro*?

Ablative

Toss-Up #5: What does the Latin abbreviation A.D. stand for?

anno domini

Bonus: What does it mean in English?

“in the year of the lord/master”

Toss-Up #6 On what hill would you find the homes of the wealthiest Romans?

Palatine

Bonus: In what section of the city would you find the poorest Romans?

Subura

Toss-Up #7: Complete the following analogy: unus is to primus as tres is to what?

tertius

Bonus: Say in Latin: “the last certamen”

ultimum certamen

Toss Up #8 Here’s some mythological math!

Take the number of Muses

Add the number of Furies

And divide by the number of sandals Jason was wearing upon confronting Pelias:

What is the number?

$(9 + 3) / 1 = \underline{12}$

Bonus: Now, try this:

Take the number of years the Trojan War took

Subtract the number of Graces

Add the number of eyes four Cyclops would have

And multiply by the number of ships Helen purportedly launched.

What is the number?

$$(10 - 3) + 4) * 1000 = \underline{\underline{11,000}}$$

Toss Up #9 The city of Athens, which was won by regaling the townsfolk with gifts, was a contest between which two gods?

Athena and Poseidon / Minerva and Neptune

Bonus: What was the winning gift that Athena gave?

An olive tree

Toss-Up #10 This brave Roman defended the Pons Sublicius single-handedly as it was being destroyed behind him, and then swam back to safety in his armor.

Horatius [Cocles]

Bonus: What major river did the Pons Sublicius span?

Tiber

Toss-Up #11 Responde Latine. In what kind of dwellings did plebeian Roman city-dwellers typically live?

insulae

Bonus: What else could “insulae” mean?

islands

Toss-Up #12: Responde Latine: Quot sunt decem plus novem?

undeviginti

Bonus: Responde Latine: Quot sunt viginti minus quinque?

quindecim

Toss-Up #13 What city served as a port for travelers headed for Greece, and marked the end of the Via Appia?

Brundisium

Bonus: What city was previously the end point of the Via Appia?

Capua

Toss-Up #14 What pious matron’s rape and eventual suicide led to the end of the Monarchy?

Lucretia

Bonus: What form of government replaced the monarchy in 509BC?

Republic

Toss-Up #15 From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we get the English word “sedentary?”

Sedeo/sit

Bonus: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we get the English word “navigate?”

Navigo/ sail

Toss-Up #16: Translate the following sentence: *Amasne me?*

Do you love me?

Bonus: Change *amas* to the imperfect tense, keeping the same person and number:

Amabas(ne)

Toss-Up #17 Sextus is in the mood for some entertainment. What building in Rome would he visit if he wanted to see chariot races?

Circus Maximus

Bonus: After watching his favorite team lose several times, Sextus decides chariot races are boring. At the Colloseum he sees a retiarius, with what type of weapons does he fight?

Net and Trident

Toss-Up #18 What king, deified posthumously as Quirinus, was raised by wolves and grew up to found Rome?

Romulus

Bonus: Who was the shepherd who first found him and his brother?

Faustulus

Toss-Up #19: If you wanted to thank one Roman for helping you, what would you say?

“gratias tibi ago”

Bonus: If a Roman wanted to know the weather, and it was sunny outside, what would you say?

“sol lucet”

Toss-Up #20: Valentine’s Day was just over a week ago, and we typically associate that day with love. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase “*amor omnia vincit*”?

Love conquers all (everything)

Bonus: Love isn’t always easy, and you have to take responsibility for your own actions. On this note, if someone says “*mea culpa*,” what do they mean?

It is their fault

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LEVEL ONE

ROUND 2

Toss-Up #1 A few weeks ago, the New York Giants pulled a stunning upset over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 42. What is the Roman numeral for 42?

XLII

Bonus: How would you represent the number 1337 as a Roman numeral?

MCCCXXXVII

Toss-Up #2 What famous city, said to have been founded by Ascanius, was the origin of Romulus and Remus and conquered by Tullus Hostilius?

Alba Longa

Bonus: According to legend, who was said to have slain Tullus Hostilius?

Juppiter

Toss-Up #3 What principal part is used to form the perfect tense?

3rd

Bonus: Give the 2nd person, perfect active indicative form of “*amō, amārē.*”

Amāvisti

Toss-Up #4. Quis sum? Apollo amat me, sed eum non amo. Mutavi in arborem et nunc sum “laurus”.

Daphne

Bonus. Quis sum? Sum soror Iovis, et uxor Iovis quoque! Sum regina deorum.

Juno

TOSSUP #5. Listen to the following passage, which will be read twice and answer the question in English.

Duo pueri exerunt e casa eorum et ascenderunt collem. Dum ascendebant collem, pueri viderunt flumen latum. Brevi tempore pueri in summo colle steterunt. Alius puer rogavit, “Cur ascendimus hunc collem?” Alius respondit, “Quod potuimus.”

Responde Anglice. What did the boys see when they were climbing the hill?

A wide river

BONUS. Why did the second boy say that they climbed the hill?

(Because) they were able/could

Toss-Up #6 What Latin noun with what meaning is at the root of the word “agriculture”?

Ager meaning field

Bonus: What Latin noun with what meaning is at the root of the word “horticulture”?

Hortus, garden

Toss-Up #7 Talk about horrible in-laws! What proud king of Rome gained his position by assassinating his own father-in-law?

Tarquinius Superbus

Bonus: It seems like this entire family has issues with self-control. What was the name of Tarquinius Superbus' wife, who ran over her own father's body with her chariot?

Tullia

Toss-Up #8 What is the 3rd person singular, imperfect form of "iaciō, iacere"?

iaciēbat

Bonus: Keeping the person and number the same, change "iaciēbat" to the future.

Iaciet

Toss-up #9 What is the Greek equivalent to Mercury?

Hermes

Bonus. What is the Greek equivalent to Vulcan?

Hephaestos

Toss-Up#10 Which of the following does not belong and why? *Fortasse, deinde, nōmine, intereā, iam.*

Nōmine, because all the other words are adverbs and nōmine is a noun

Bonus: Which of the following does not belong and why? *Puella, pīrāta, pictūra, porta, pecūnia.*

Pīrāta, because it is masculine while the others are feminine

Toss-Up #11 What kind of toga with a thin purple stripe was worn by young boys and some governmental officials?

toga praetexta

Bonus: What charm was also worn by young boys until they came of age?

bullā

Toss-Up #12 What curly haired dictator of Rome promptly returned to his farm after saving the Roman army surrounded by a hostile tribe?

Cincinnatus

Bonus: What was the hostile tribe that he defeated?

Aequi

Toss-Up#13 Julius Caesar once said "vēnī, vīdī, vīcī." What tense are the verbs in this statement?

Perfect

Bonus: Now translate "vēnī, vīdī, vīcī" into English.

I came, I saw, I conquered.

Toss-up #14 What child of Rhea did she replace with a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes, to prevent her husband Cronus from eating the child?

Zeus

Bonus: To what island was he whisked away, and raised by nymphs?

Crete

Toss-Up #15 Translate the following sentence into English: “*Licetne liberīs legere librum?*”

**Is it allowed for the children to read the book?/
Are the children allowed to read the book?**

Bonus: Being completely alliterative, translate “*I gave the tired students to the master*” into Latin.

Dedī/dābam dēfessōs discipulōs dominō.

Toss-Up #16 Which of the following buildings in Rome was the oldest, built during the time of kings? Colosseum, Theatre of Marcellus, Circus Maximus, Baths of Caracalla

Circus Maximus

Bonus: Using the same list, which building was built by the Flavian emperors near the site of Nero’s Golden House?

Colosseum

Toss-Up #17 This Sabine king of Rome created the Pontifices as well as the Vestal Virgins:

Numa Pompilius

Bonus: What nymph was said to have been the teacher of Numa Pompilius?

Egeria

Toss-Up #18 The Roman poet Horace is the first to have quoted the phrase “*carpe diem.*” What type of verb is “*carpe*”?

Imperative

Bonus: What does the phrase “*carpe diem*” mean?

Seize the day

Toss-up # 19 What mythological creature was ½ man ½ horse?

Centaur

Bonus: Most centaurs were wild, aggressive and unpredictable. However, just like Firenze in the Harry Potter books, there was in classical mythology one friendly centaur known for his wisdom, who was the tutor of several heroes. Name him.

Chiron

Toss-Up #20 Let’s go to the Cinema Romana! What recent film might the Romans have called “*Pecūnia Irāta*”?

Mad Money

Bonus: What 2006 thriller might the Romans have called “*Fēmina in Aquā*”?

Lady in the Water

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LEVEL ONE

ROUND 3

Toss-Up#1 Suppose that you woke up one day to find yourself in ancient Rome. If a Roman said to you, "*Quaenam est tempestas hodiē?*" what would he be asking?

About the weather, how the weather is today, etc.

Bonus 1: How would you tell the Roman that it is raining out?

Pluit

Toss-Up#2 What Latin verb with what meaning is at the root of the word "*cursive*"?

Curro, currere – to run

Bonus: What Latin verb with what meaning is at the root of the word "*visual*"?

Videō, vidēre meaning to see

Toss-Up #3 This general quoted "*Alea iacta est.*" as he crossed the Rubicon in 49 BC. Name this Roman, and what is the meaning of this phrase?

Caesar: "the die has been cast" (accept grammatically correct answers)

Bonus: What governing body of the Republic was Caesar defying with this action?

Senate

Toss-Up #4 Please listen to the following passage, which will be read twice. Then answer in English the questions that follow:

In Foro, vidi virum miserum. Ambulavi ad eum et dixi, "Salvē! Quid agis?" "Male," respondit. "Heri verberabar a praedonibus, ET mea uxor mē reliquit, ET amissi optimam meam togam." "Estne hodie melior?" rogo "Minime!" inquit vehementer. "Hodie vidi meam uxorem in Foro et ambulabat cum praedone qui gerebat meam togam optimam.

Responde Anglice: Name one of the things that happened to the miserable man yesterday:

His wife left him, he lost his toga, robbers attacked him.

BONUS. Why was today no better?

He saw his wife with the robber, who was wearing his best toga

Toss-Up#5 If the following sentence were in Latin, in what case would "the girl" be? "*I gave the money to the girl.*"

Dative

Bonus. Translate that sentence into Latin.

Dedi/ Dabam pecuniam puellae

Toss-Up #6 What conjugation is the verb in this sentence? “*Dormiō sub arbore*”

4th

Bonus: What conjugation is the verb in this sentence? “*Puer rīdet puellam.*”

2nd

Toss-Up#7 Differentiate in meaning between “*et cetera*” and “*et aliī.*”

“*Et cetera*” means “and the rest”
and “*et aliī*” means “and the others”

Bonus: If someone holds a position “*pro tempore,*” what kind of position is this?

For a time, temporary, etc.

Toss-Up #8 What Roman maiden led hostages in swimming across the Tiber to escape their Etruscan captors?

Cloelia

Bonus: What Etruscan king did she inflame, originally with fury, and then finally with admiration?

Lars Porsenna

Toss Up #9 : Poseidon has the trident; who has the bident?

Hades

Bonus: Who has the Thyrsus?

Dionysus

Toss-Up #10 The typical term for this office was one year, and after that ten years had to pass before the same person could run for this position again. How many consuls served at a given time?

two

Bonus: What official was in charge of games, streets, and grain supply?

Aedilis/aedile

Toss-Up#11 Which of the following prepositions takes only the accusative? *Sub, in, dē, circum, ab*

Circum

Bonus: Keeping this in mind, translate just the prepositional phrase from this sentence:

“*The man walks around the city*”

circum urbem.

Toss-Up #12 What part of a Roman house served as the study?

tablinum

Bonus: Where would meals be cooked in a Roman house?

culina

Toss-Up #13 What building in the Forum Romanum housed senate meetings?

Curia

Bonus: What large halls were centers of business and legal transactions? They later were used as churches by the Christians

basilicae

Toss-Up #14: Name the Roman god, who among his many jobs, was the god of thieves, led dead souls to the Underworld, was the patron of travelers, and the messenger of the gods?

Mercury

Bonus: One of Mercury's symbols was the caduceus. Describe it:

A staff with two snakes intertwined

Toss-Up#15 Give the Latin and English of Virginia's state motto?

Sic Semper Tyrannis/ Thus always to tyrants

Bonus: What crazed man shouted that same phrase before jumping to the stage of Ford's Theatre and shooting Abraham Lincoln?

John Wilkes Booth

Toss-Up#16 Let's have some fun with alliteration! Translate one of the prepositional phrases in the sentence "*Alii amīcī ambulānt ad agrōs cum agricolīs.*"

To the fields or with the farmers

Bonus: Now translate the other.

See above

Toss-Up #17 What were the household gods that protected a Roman family?

Lares et Penates

Bonus: What was the shrine dedicated to them called?

lararium

Toss-Up #18 Whom did Octavian defeat at the Battle of Actium?

Marc Antony and Cleopatra

Bonus: What is the accepted year that marks the beginning of the Roman Empire?

27 BC

Toss-Up #19 Complete the analogy. Hercules is to the Hydra as _____ is to Medusa

Perseus

Toss-Up #20 Welcome back to the Cinema Romana. What recent film would have been called "*Occurre Spartanīs*"?

Meet the Spartans

Bonus: What classic science fiction movie series would have the title "*Bella Astrōrum*"?

Star Wars