1. **TOSS UP:** Welcome to the VJCL Open Certamen. Since you are playing in a *certamen*, you ought to know that the Latin word *certamen* means what in English? **ANS:** struggle, contest, match, rivalry, battle, contention (NOT fight)
   a. **BONUS:** Now that you have answered the first question of the certamen, please translate the adjective “open” into Latin as it is used in the phrase “open *certamen*”. **ANS:** *apertum, manifestum, candidum, publicum, integrum*

2. **TOSS UP:** What month of the year takes its English name from the Roman god of beginnings? **ANS:** January
   a. **BONUS:** Who was this Roman god of beginnings and what was unique about his appearance? **ANS:** Janus, and he had two faces (NOT heads)

3. **TOSS UP:** Identify three of the five major Romance languages. **ANS:** (student gives any three of) French, Spanish, Italian, Romanian, and Portuguese.
   a. **BONUS:** The name “Latin” itself derives from the name of what geographic region in west-central Italy that was near ancient Rome? **ANS:** Latium

4. **TOSS UP:** What Olympian goddess turned the girl Arachne into a spider? **ANS**? Athena (Minerva)
   a. **BONUS:** What king of Phrygia received donkey ears as punishment for misjudging a musical contest between the gods Pan and Apollo? **ANS:** Midas

5. **TOSS UP:** *Respondē Latine:* *Quid est septem et trēs?* **ANS:** *decem* (7 and 3 = 10)
   a. **BONUS:** *Respondē Latine:* *Quid est vigintī minus duō?* **ANS:** *duodevigintī* (20 less two = 18)

6. **TOSS UP:** In 260 B.C., Rome won its first major naval victory at Mylae against what rival nation? **ANS:** Carthage
   a. **BONUS:** In which Punic War did the Roman general Quintus Fabius Maximus earn the nickname *Cunctator* for the use of his delaying tactics against the Carthaginians? **ANS:** Second Punic War

7. **TOSS UP:** Latin adjectives must agree with the nouns they describe in case, number and what one other way? **ANS:** Gender
   a. **BONUS:** Make the adjective *pulcher, pulchra, pulchrum* (meaning “beautiful”) grammatically agree with the noun *poēta* in the following Latin sentence.

\[ Audīō verba poētae \] 

**ANS:** *pulchrī* (masculine, genitive singular)

8. **TOSS UP:** What young shepherd faced the difficult task of choosing “the fairest” among the goddesses Hera, Athena and Aphrodite? **ANS:** Paris
   a. **BONUS:** Of the three goddesses vying for the title of “fairest,” which one bribed Paris with the love of Helen, the world’s most beautiful mortal woman? **ANS:** Aphrodite
9. TOSS UP: What Roman served as dictator for sixteen days only? He rescued the trapped Roman army from the Aequians and then famously relinquished his office and returned a life of farming? ANS: (Lucius Quinctius) Cincinnatus
   a. What Roman historian told the story of Cincinnatus and many other famous heroes of the early Republic in a voluminous 142-book history of Rome written entirely on wax tablets? ANS: Livy (Titus Livius)

10. TOSS UP: Which of these words is NOT derived from the same Latin root word? *Scribble, prescription, scrub, describe*. ANS: scrub
   a. What is the meaning of the Latin verb *scribō, scribere* from which *scribble, prescription* and *describe* derive? ANS: (to) write