

STATE LATIN FORUM - 1986

HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE

1. Which of the following was not one of the offspring of the elder Julia and Marcus Agrippa?
 - a. Postumus Agrippa
 - b. Lucius Caesar
 - c. Agrippina (wife of Germanicus)
 - d. Julia the Younger
 - e. All were children of Julia and Marcus Agrippa
2. How many of the nine children of Germanicus and Agrippina the Younger died during Tiberius' reign?
 - a. 3
 - b. 6
 - c. 1
 - d. 5
 - e. all of them
3. In what battle did Constans defeat and kill Constantine II?
 - a. Verona
 - b. Gela
 - c. Aquileia
 - d. Uxellodunum
 - e. Thurii
4. In what year was Arabia Petraea made a province?
 - a. 167 AD
 - b. 180 AD
 - c. 114 AD
 - d. 106 AD
 - e. 115 AD
5. Under what emperor and in what year was John the Baptist killed?
 - a. Tiberius; 34 AD
 - b. Caligula; 40 AD
 - c. Caligula; 38 AD
 - d. Tiberius; 27 AD
 - e. Tiberius; 36 AD
6. When Valentinian I came to the throne in 364 AD, he realized that he was unable to rule the empire alone. Whom did he appoint as co-Augustus?
 - a. Valens
 - b. Valerian
 - c. Valentinian II
 - d. Valerianus
 - e. Lucius Verus
7. Claudius made himself somewhat unpopular with the senatorial nobility by reviving the censorship. In what year did he do this?
 - a. 44 AD
 - b. 41 AD
 - c. 47 AD
 - d. 45 AD
 - e. 43 AD
8. In what year did Cleander appoint himself, along with two other men, to be praetorian prefect, thus making three for the first time?
 - a. 189 AD
 - b. 118 AD
 - c. 205 AD
 - d. 185 AD
 - e. 204 AD
9. During what emperor's reign were the ludi saecularii conducted for the fourth time since Augustus' establishment of the principate?
 - a. Trajanus Decius'
 - b. Domitian's
 - c. Philip the Arab's
 - d. Nerva's
 - e. Septimius Severus'
10. Which of the following did Augustus banish in 7 AD?
 - a. Postumus Agrippa
 - b. Tiberius
 - c. Julia the Elder
 - d. Ovid
 - e. none of these
11. Who overcame the resistance of Anthemius and took Rome in 472 AD?
 - a. Alaric
 - b. Wallia
 - c. Ricimer
 - d. Ataulf
 - e. Odoacer
12. Who passed the Edict of Toleration, legalizing Christianity, in 311 AD?
 - a. Constantine
 - b. Galerius
 - c. Constans
 - d. Maximianus
 - e. Maxentius
13. What emperor did Lentulus Gaetulicus lead a revolt against, in hopes of replacing him with M. Aemilius Lepidus?
 - a. Caligula
 - b. Tiberius
 - c. Augustus
 - d. Nero
 - e. Domitian

14. After abdicating on May 1, 305 AD, Diocletian retired to his palace at Spalato in 306 AD. In what province was this palace?
 - a. Noricum
 - b. Dalmatia
 - c. Appolonia
 - d. Illyricum
 - e. Raetia
15. In 293 AD, the imperium Britanniarum was destroyed when Asclepiodotus defeated Carausius' successor Allectus at what battle?
 - a. Mons Graupius
 - b. Camulodunum
 - c. Verulamium
 - d. Rutupiae
 - e. Silchester
16. Although Augustus ruled from 27 BC to 14 AD, he allowed others to hold the consulship during his reign. What famous figure held the consulship in 1 AD?
 - a. Postumus Agrippa
 - b. Tiberius
 - c. Gaius Caesar
 - d. Drusus
 - e. Lucius Caesar
17. How did M. Cocceius Nerva come to the throne?
 - a. The senate selected him.
 - b. He was Domitian's heir.
 - c. He was appointed by the praetorian guard.
 - d. The army appointed him
 - e. The conspirators who killed Domitian named him.
18. The Claudian invasion of Britain overcame the resistance of which British king?
 - a. Caratacus
 - b. Divitiacus
 - c. Boudicca
 - d. Cassivellaunus
 - e. Cunobelinus
19. Which of the following did not rule in 238 AD?
 - a. Gordian I
 - b. Gordian III
 - c. Maximinus Thrax
 - d. C. Furius Timesitheus
 - e. D. Caelius Balbinus
20. On what hill did Nero construct the Domus Aurea?
 - a. The Quirinal
 - b. The Capitoline
 - c. The Esquiline
 - d. The Caelian
 - e. The Aventine
21. In what year was Constantine's Arch erected in Rome?
 - a. 315 AD
 - b. 330 AD
 - c. 337 AD
 - d. 312 AD
 - e. 324 AD
22. At the conference of Caruntum in 308 AD, which of the following was appointed to replace the co-Augustus Flavius Valerius Severus killed in 307 AD?
 - a. Maxentius
 - b. Licinianus Licinus
 - c. Maximian
 - d. Maximinus Daia
 - e. Constantine
23. Only one of the 26 Augusti who ruled between 235 and 285 AD did not die a violent death. Who was he?
 - a. Maximinus Thrax
 - b. Hostilianus
 - c. Aurelian
 - d. Gordian III
 - e. Claudius Gothicus
24. Who captured the Druidic center of Mona (Anglesey) in 59 AD?
 - a. Suetonius Paulinus
 - b. Ostorius Scapula
 - c. Flavius Vespasianus
 - d. Cn. Domitius Corbulo
 - e. Aulus Plautius
25. What law of 9 AD gave precedence in public election to fathers, as opposed to childless men?
 - a. The Julian Law
 - b. The Plautian Law
 - c. The Papian-Poppaeian Law
 - d. The Aelian Law
 - e. The Fufian-Caninian Law

26. The long series of Olympic Games was brought to an end, until its revival in 1896, during the reign of what emperor?
 - a. Romulus Augustulus
 - b. Valentinian III
 - c. Honorius
 - d. Theodosius I
 - e. Constantine
27. In 196 AD Septimius Severus made his throne secure by destroying the forces of Clodius Albinus in what battle?
 - a. Interamna
 - b. Lugdunum
 - c. Patavium
 - d. Nemausus
 - e. Mediolanum
28. Which of the following emperors swore not to put a senator to death except when the senate itself condemned the man?
 - a. Vespasian
 - b. Nerva
 - c. Augustus
 - d. Marcus Aurelius
 - e. Tiberius
29. In what year did Gaiseric, the Vandal leader who led his people into Africa in 429 AD, sack Rome?
 - a. 472 AD
 - b. 440 AD
 - c. 430 AD
 - d. 455 AD
 - e. 439 AD
30. In what year did Augustus marry his daughter Julia to C. Claudius Marcellus, thus making the latter his heir?
 - a. 23 BC
 - b. 27 BC
 - c. 21 BC
 - d. 19 BC
 - e. 12 BC
31. On the reign of what previous emperor did Domitian attempt to model his?
 - a. Vespasian's
 - b. Augustus'
 - c. Titus'
 - d. Tiberius'
 - e. Nero's
32. Trajan was rather pleased with his victories over the Dacians. What monument did he build to commemorate this exploit?
 - a. The Forum Traiani
 - b. The Basilica Ulpia
 - c. The Fornix Traiani
 - d. Trajan's Column
 - e. none of these
33. Which of the following was not one of the emperors who ruled in 69 AD?
 - a. Vitellius
 - b. Galba
 - c. Otho
 - d. Vespasian
 - e. Nero
34. Which of the following was not among the prominent victims of the Pisonian conspiracy?
 - a. Petronius
 - b. Corbulo
 - c. Lucan
 - d. Seneca the Younger
 - e. Annaeus Mela (Seneca's brother and Lucan's father)
35. After a six-month-long siege, Titus finally captured what city in 70 AD?
 - a. Masada
 - b. Herodium
 - c. Jerusalem
 - d. Machaerus
 - e. none of these
36. What Gothic leader defeated and killed Trajanus Decius at the battle of Abrittus in 253 AD?
 - a. C. Tetricus
 - b. Ballista
 - c. Cniva
 - d. Cantabricus
 - e. Garto
37. What area did Augustus add to the empire after the death of its king, Amyntas, in 25 BC?
 - a. Cappadocia
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Baetica
 - d. Commagene
 - e. Galatia
38. King Shapur I of Persia became the first person to capture a Roman emperor alive when he beguiled whom into surrender in 260 AD?
 - a. Valerian
 - b. Gallienus
 - c. Ingenuus
 - d. Regalianus
 - e. Tacitus

39. In what battle did Trajanus Decius defeat and kill Philip the Arab?
 a. Interamna b. Aquileia c. Mediolanum d. Verona e. Naissus
40. Which of the following people is not correctly matched with his or her place of retirement/exile?
 a. Julia the Younger; Macedonia b. Tiberius; Rhodes and Capri
 c. Postumus Agrippa; Planasia d. Julia the Elder; Pandateria
 e. Seneca the Younger; Corsica
41. In what year was Constantine's eastern capital, Constantinople, dedicated?
 a. 312 AD b. 315 AD c. 325 AD d. 330 AD e. 336 AD
42. Whom did Diocletian defeat in the battle of Morava in 285 AD, thus making himself master of the entire empire?
 a. Numerianus b. M. Aurelius Carausius c. Carus d. Aper e. Carinus
43. Which emperor's motto was "Oderint dum probent" (Let them hate me, provided that they approve of my actions)?
 a. Nero b. Septimius Severus c. Caracalla d. Tiberius e. Commodus
44. Who, by winning the battle of Dura Europas in 165 AD, took the Parthian capital, Ctesiphon, and put an end to the war with Vologeses III?
 a. Statius Priscus b. C. Julius Severus c. Licinius Verus d. Avidius Cassius e. none of these
45. Commagene and Cappadocia were made into provinces by what emperor?
 a. Augustus b. Trajan c. Antoninus Pius d. Marcus Aurelius e. Tiberius
46. What British commander put to death the co-emperor Gratian in 383 AD?
 a. Magnus Maximus b. Count Theodosius c. Gallus d. Crispus e. Arbogast
47. In what year was Claudius' son Britannicus, killed by Nero in 55 AD, born?
 a. 39 AD b. 43 AD c. 36 AD d. 41 AD e. 48 AD
48. In what battle did the Goths overwhelmingly defeat the Romans under Valens and kill him?
 a. Chrysopolis b. Nicopolis c. Hadrianople d. The Frigidus River e. Kossovo
49. In what year did Christian bishops meet at Nicaea and produce the Nicene creed in an attempt to unify the Christian church?
 a. 314 AD b. 312 AD c. 356 AD d. 325 AD e. 342 AD
50. Which emperor build Titus' arch?
 a. Vespasian b. Titus c. Domitian d. Nerva e. Trajan