

## REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 1999

### GREEK LITERATURE

**N.B. All dates are B.C.**

1. The Iliad was written in
  - a. iambic pentameter. b. blank verse. c. dactylic hexameter. d. elegiac couplet.
2. Hesiod's Works and Days is about
  - a. making wine. b. politics. c. farming. d. economics.
3. In 490 Simonides wrote an epitaph for the Athenians who died at
  - a. Salamis. b. Thermopylae. c. Plataea. d. Marathon.
4. Which of the following was a writer of New Comedy?
  - a. Aristophanes b. Eupolis c. Cratinus d. Menander
5. Which orator rigorously trained by practicing with stones in his mouth?
  - a. Isocrates b. Demosthenes c. Lysias d. Antiphon
6. Which of the following was born on Lesbos and wrote hymns to such deities as Aphrodite and Hera?
  - a. Alcman b. Simonides c. Sappho d. Pindar
7. Which poet is most famous for his Epinician Odes?
  - a. Anacreon b. Pindar c. Solon d. Terpander
8. The author of Pericles' Funeral Oration who was also elected a general:
  - a. Thucydides b. Herodotus c. Xenophon d. Sophocles
9. Herodotus was born in
  - a. 584. b. 530. c. 484. d. 430.
10. Plato's Crito describes the death of
  - a. Aristotle. b. Sophocles. c. Hippocrates. d. Socrates.
11. What were Aristotle's students called?
  - a. Peripatetics b. Academicians c. Cynics d. Stoics
12. Which of the following fell victim to the plague but recovered and described it in his History?
  - a. Xenophon b. Thucydides c. Herodotus d. Hecataeus
13. All of the following poets composed partheneions, or "maiden songs" **EXCEPT**
  - a. Solon. b. Alcman. c. Pindar. d. Simonides.

14. Which of Hesiod's works begins with a description of how he received the inspiration to write the poem?  
a. Melampodia b. Theogony c. Astronomy d. Works and Days
15. Which play has as its main character a chorus of 50 Danaids?  
a. The Libation Bearers b. The Persians c. The Furies d. The Suppliants
16. Which is the correct order of the plays comprising the Oresteia?  
a. Choephorae, Agamemnon, Eumenides  
b. Agamemnon, Choephorae, Eumenides  
c. Agamemnon, Eumenides, Choephorae  
d. Choephorae, Eumenides, Agamemnon
17. Which of the following was **NOT** a pre-Socratic philosopher?  
a. Heracleitus b. Anaximenes c. Eratosthenes d. ~~Anaxagoras~~
18. In what work of Plato does Socrates defend himself against the charge of impiety?  
a. Symposium b. Charmides c. Phaedo d. Apology
19. Thales, an early philosopher, was said to have predicted a(n)  
a. election. b. eclipse. c. murder. d. war.
20. The iambic and elegiac poet who openly mocked heroic codes:  
a. Archilochus b. Simonides c. Pindar d. ~~Theognis~~
21. The poet Simonides was the uncle of another lyric poet named  
a. Pindar. b. Bacchylides. c. Theognis. d. Ibycus.
22. Which of the following plays did Sophocles compose when he was 90 years old?  
a. Oedipus at Colonus b. Ajax c. Antigone d. Electra
23. The play Andromache by Euripides ends with Thetis making Peleus a  
a. hero. b. citizen. c. bird. d. deity.
24. In Euripides' Alcestris Heracles saves the life of the devoted wife by fighting  
a. Zeus. b. the Cyclops. c. the Furies. d. Death.
25. How many Sophoclean dramas are still extant?  
a. 5 b. 7 c. 10 d. 13
26. In Euripides' Bacchae, Agave unknowingly murders her  
a. brother. b. daughter. c. son. d. father.

27. The historian Xenophon wrote of his many experiences as all of the following **EXCEPT** a  
a. cavalryman. b. mercenary. c. farmer. d. teacher.
28. The first speech Lysias delivered on his own behalf:  
a. Against Eratosthenes b. Against the Crown c. Against Alcibiades  
d. For Mantitheus
29. Which of the following orators wrote the earliest surviving speeches we have and also guided the oligarchic revolution to form the Four Hundred at Athens?  
a. Antiphon b. Demosthenes c. Lysias d. Isocrates
30. Who succeeded Aristotle as the head of his school?  
a. Theophrastus b. Epicurus c. Diogenes d. Heracleitus
31. The philosopher Anaxagoras believed the universe was guided by "nous," which means  
a. truth. b. intelligence. c. love. d. pleasure.
32. Monodic lyric poetry which concentrated on intimate subjects like friendship, love, and hate, was written by all of the following **EXCEPT**  
a. Pindar. b. Anacreon. c. Alcaeus. d. Sappho.
33. Which historian joined the Athenian colony at Thurii in Italy and probably lived out his life there?  
a. Thucydides b. Xenophon c. Lucian d. Herodotus
34. Zeno, the author of a book of philosophical paradoxes, was the brilliant pupil of  
a. Parmenides. b. Plato. c. Aristotle. d. Anaxagoras. *Stoic*
35. The epic poem, the Iliad, covers a period of  
a. 15 days. b. 7 weeks. c. a year. d. a decade.
36. Which of the following is usually identified by fantastic, unattainable plots and jokes much concerned with sex?  
a. New Comedy b. Middle Comedy c. Satire d. Old Comedy
37. Xenophon's Anabasis includes an account of the quarrel that eventually led to the  
a. Battle of Marathon. b. First Peloponnesian War. c. Battle of Cunaxa.  
d. Archidamian War.
38. In which play does Aristophanes use a father and son to mock Socrates and his new school?  
a. Clouds b. Frogs c. Birds d. Wasps

39. Which of the following statements about Empedocles is **NOT** true?  
a. He was an aristocrat of Acragas in Sicily.  
b. He believed everything was composed of four elements.  
c. He quite accurately calculated the circumference of the earth.  
d. The Sophist Gorgias was one of his pupils.
40. Which philosopher, who believed in the relativity of all knowledge, was appointed to draw up a code of laws for the Athenian colony of Thurii?  
a. Democritus ~~b.~~ Pythagoras c. Protagoras d. Diogenes
41. Who was the teacher of Pindar?  
a. Solon b. Sappho c. Corinna d. Praxilla
42. Which lyricist fought with the Lesbians against the Athenians for the possession of Sigeum circa 606?  
a. Alcaeus b. Terpander c. Tyrtaeus d. Alcman
43. Electra is married in the version of her story written by  
a. Aeschylus. b. Sophocles. c. Aristophanes. d. Euripides.
44. Which orator did **NOT** teach rhetoric?  
a. Isaeus b. Gorgias c. Isocrates d. Aeschines
45. Which is the correct order of Andocides' speeches?  
a. On His Return, On the Peace, On the Mysteries  
b. On the Peace, On His Return, On the Mysteries  
c. On His Return, On the Mysteries, On the Peace  
d. On the Mysteries, On His Return, On the Peace
46. Who coined the famous saying, "All art is based on imitation"?  
a. Sophocles b. Plato c. Socrates d. Aristotle
47. Which pre-Socratic philosopher attacked the established polytheistic and anthropomorphic traditional Greek religion?  
a. Xenophanes b. Parmenides c. Anaximander d. Empedocles
48. The thymele in a Greek theater was a(n)  
a. 3-sided prism. b. altar to Dionysus. c. dressing room.  
d. entrance passage.
49. Which of the following is **NOT** used for identification in any version of the Electra tragedy?  
~~a.~~ clothing b. goblet c. footprints ~~d.~~ lock of hair

50. The famous speech of Demosthenes entitled On the Crown did all of the following **EXCEPT**
- a. ridicule Aeschines' humble background.
  - b. attack Aeschines for his dealings with Philip.
  - c. invoke the Athenians who had fought the Persians at Marathon and Salamis.
  - d. contrast the ancient spirit of Athens with her present degeneracy.