

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2000
GREEK LITERATURE

N.B. All dates are B.C.

1. Which poet wrote the Theogony, an account of the Greek gods and their genealogy?
a. Homer b. Hesiod c. Anacreon d. Archilochus
2. Which of the following was **NOT** written by Sophocles?
a. Philoctetes b. Ajax c. Trachiniae d. Alcestis
3. Which of the following plays is part of the Oresteia trilogy?
a. Electra b. Suppliants c. Eumenides d. Antigone
4. The only complete surviving example of Attic New Comedy was written by
a. Menander. b. Aristophanes. c. Philemon. d. Eubulus.
5. Who wrote a didactic narrative about the life of Cyrus the Great?
a. Aristotle b. Theophrastus c. Plato d. Xenophon
6. Which orator supported the policies of Philip of Macedon?
a. Aeschines b. Demosthenes c. Antiphon d. Lycurgus
7. Who created the genre of pastoral poetry?
a. Callimachus b. Hesiod c. Theocritus d. Alcman
8. Pindar's Epinician Odes are poems written
a. in honor of athletic victories. b. to mourn men lost in battle.
c. as hymns to the gods. d. as marriage songs.
9. Which of the following best describes the plot of Oedipus at Colonus?
a. Oedipus attempts to escape his fate by fleeing the home of his parents.
b. Oedipus unknowingly murders his father and marries his mother.
c. Oedipus learns the truth about himself and gouges his eyes out in his horror.
d. Oedipus dies after many years of wandering.
- 10. Which philosopher believed that all things originated from water?
a. Heraclitus b. Empedocles c. Anaximenes d. Thales
11. Which philosopher taught in the Stoa Poikile in Athens?
a. Theophrastus b. Socrates c. Anaxagoras d. Zeno
12. Who founded the Cynic school of philosophy?
a. Aristotle b. Diogenes c. Epicurus d. Plato

13. The struggle between the peoples of Greece and Asia is described in the history of
a. Aristotle. b. Herodotus. c. Thucydides. d. Xenophon.
14. Which of the following poets was **NOT** from Lesbos?
a. Alcaeus b. Pindar c. Sappho d. Terpander
15. Book 6 of the Iliad describes the touching farewell between
a. Achilles and Patroclus. b. Achilles and Briseis.
c. Hector and Andromache. d. Hector and Priam.
16. Which poet wrote war songs for the Spartan army?
a. Stesichorus b. Mimnermus c. Callinus d. Tyrtaeus
- * 17. Which of the following is famous for using a deus ex machina to bring his plays to conclusion?
a. Aeschylus b. Aristophanes c. Euripides d. Sophocles
18. What was the skene in a Greek theater?
a. the building behind the stage b. the altar of Dionysus
c. a rolling platform d. the area where the spectators sat
19. Which pre-Socratic philosopher is one of the principal speakers in a dialogue of Plato named for him?
a. Anaxagoras b. Democritus c. Parmenides d. Zeno
20. To which philosopher is the quotation, "The unexamined life is not worth living," attributed?
a. Socrates b. Diogenes c. Pythagoras d. Aristotle
21. In Plato's Apology, Socrates compares himself to a gadfly to illustrate
a. the extent of the influence of his teaching. b. his value to the state.
c. his persistence in living a virtuous life. d. his inability to relax.
22. Empedocles' claim that he had been a bush in a previous life was influenced by the ideas of
a. Democritus. b. Heraclitus. c. Pythagoras. d. Xenophanes.
- * 23. Which list of philosophers is in the correct chronological order?
a. Thales, Heraclitus, Diogenes, Aristotle
b. Heraclitus, Thales, Aristotle, Diogenes
c. Diogenes, Thales, Heraclitus, Aristotle
d. Heraclitus, Diogenes, Thales, Aristotle

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24. Which of the following statements about Herodotus is **NOT** true?
 - a. His stories often have a moral slant.
 - b. He was born into an aristocratic Athenian family.
 - c. He helped to colonize Thurii in southern Italy.
 - d. He travelled extensively doing historical research.

25. In which year does Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War end?
 - a. 435 b. 421 c. 411 d. 404

26. Which book of Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War contains Pericles' Funeral Oration?
 - a. II b. IV c. VI d. VIII

27. Which orator wrote a speech defending himself against the charge of violating the Eleusinian Mysteries?
 - a. Antiphon b. Andocides c. Lysias d. Isocrates

28. Which of the following best describes Isocrates' Panegyricus?
 - a. a plea for the union of Greek states b. a denunciation of Macedonian imperialism
 - c. a defense of Athenian democracy d. an attack on the policies of the Thirty Tyrants

29. Demosthenes' On the Crown was a reply to the speech of Aeschines entitled
 - a. Against Timarchus. b. On the False Embassy. c. Against Ctesiphon.
 - d. On the Peace.

30. Plato : philosophy :: Gorgias :
 - a. lyric poetry b. rhetoric c. tragedy d. history

- 31. During which century did Sappho write lyric poetry?
 - a. eighth b. seventh c. sixth d. fifth

32. Which of the following works of Xenophon is about Socrates?
 - a. Anabasis b. Oeconomicus c. Memorabilia d. Cynegeticus

- 33. Which playwright died in 406 after writing more than 120 plays?
 - a. Aeschylus b. Aristophanes c. Euripides d. Sophocles

34. In the Odyssey the reader learns about Odysseus' encounters with Polyphemus, Aeolus, and Circe when he relates his story to
 - a. Calypso. b. Telemachus. c. the dead. d. the Phaeacians.

35. Which work uses the story of Prometheus to illustrate the unjust use of power?
 - a. Works and Days b. Aetia c. Republic d. Oresteia

36. Which play, besides the Frogs, criticizes the tragedian Euripides?
a. Thesmophoriazusae b. Wasps c. Knights d. Clouds
- 37. Who are the suppliants in Euripides' play of that name?
a. the daughters of Danaus b. the women of Troy
c. the sisters of Pentheus d. the mothers of the Seven Against Thebes
- 38. Which of Plato's dialogues discusses the question of whether virtue can be taught?
a. Crito b. Phaedrus c. Meno d. Symposium
39. Which of Aristotle's works attempts to discover the kind of life required to achieve happiness?
a. Nicomachean Ethics b. Metaphysics c. Politics d. Poetics
40. According to Aristotle, the ideal protagonist in a tragedy experiences misfortune as a result of an error in judgment called
a. anagnorisis. b. hamartia. c. mimesis. d. peripeteia.
41. Which of the following statements about Archilochus is true?
a. He was a leading Sophist.
b. He came from the island of Lesbos.
c. His rhetoric was blatantly pro-Macedonian.
d. His anti-heroic epigram won a considerable literary following.
42. Who visits Medea in the core of Euripides' play and unwittingly helps her decide to kill her children?
a. Aegeus b. Heracles c. Pelias d. Philoctetes
43. Which of the following is NOT the subject of one of the five Homeric Hymns which narrate at length an episode relating to a deity?
a. Athena b. Hermes c. Aphrodite d. Demeter
44. Which of the following statements about Simonides is NOT true?
a. He fought in the Battle of Marathon.
b. He was the uncle of Bacchylides.
c. He was the first Greek poet to write eulogies for pay.
d. Plato begins the Republic with his definition of justice.
- 45. Aristophanes won first prize for all of the following plays EXCEPT
a. Acharnians b. Knights c. Frogs d. Clouds
46. The Cyclops, Dictyulci, and Ichneutae are examples of
a. Middle Comedy. b. satyr plays. c. dithyrambs. d. Hellenistic tragedies.

47. Which of the following is **NOT** a characteristic of the ideal state as described by Plato in the Republic?
- a. censorship of literature
 - b. no military
 - c. equal education of women
 - d. no poverty
48. Which meter was used for the spoken parts of Greek drama?
- a. iambic trimeter
 - b. dactylic hexameter
 - c. Alcaic
 - d. elegiac couplets
49. Which head of the Library at Alexandria wrote the Geographica, the first complete description of the inhabited world, and included a fairly accurate world map?
- a. Apollonius Rhodius
 - b. Eratosthenes
 - c. Zenodotus
 - d. Aristophanes of Byzantium
50. The earliest of the so-called Ten Attic Orators:
- a. Demosthenes
 - b. Lysias
 - c. Isocrates
 - d. Antiphon