

2007 FJCL State Latin Forum

Phrases, Mottoes, Abbreviations, and Quotations

I. Give the correct English equivalent of each Latin abbreviation, or vice versa.

1. cf.
a. compare b. around c. against d. with whom
2. op. cit.
a. for the time being b. in the same place
c. which see d. in the work mentioned
3. q.i.d.
a. that which was to be demonstrated b. partner in crime
c. four times a day d. in the year of the city's founding
4. nem. con.
a. contrary to fact b. no one knows c. unanimous d. no other
5. God willing
a. D.B. b. D.V. c. Q.V. d. Q.D.
6. Ag.
a. gold b. silver c. lead d. copper
7. for example
a. e.g. b. i.e. c. N.B. d. vs.
8. c.
a. others b. around c. endlessly d. child
9. ux.
a. one may see b. reversal of order c. mix d. wife
10. d.s.p.
a. sanctioned by Roman law b. the argument collapses
c. beyond legal authority d. he died without offspring
11. a.h.l.
a. before this time b. before sunrise c. at this place d. at this time
12. i.q.
a. unknown b. according to use c. the same as d. in fact

II. Identify the mottoes of each of these individuals, schools, or states, or to whom a motto belongs.

13. Esto perpetua
a. Idaho b. Arkansas c. Maryland d. Colorado

14. Salus populi
a. University of Missouri
c. Berea College
b. Fordham University
d. Franklin Pierce College
15. Semper Fidelis
a. US Coast Guard b. US Air Force c. US Marine Corps d. US Navy
16. Ad astra per aspera
a. Connecticut b. Kansas c. Florida d. Arizona
17. Which of the following colleges does NOT have the motto “Fiat lux”?
a. Albion College b. Carleton College
c. Houghton College d. Waynesburg College
18. Vox clamantis in deserto
a. New York University b. Amherst College
c. University of Vermont d. Dartmouth College
19. Sol Iustitiae et Occidentem Illustra
a. Roanoke College b. Regis University
c. Rutgers University d. Ryerson University
20. Domine, dirige nos
a. Lisbon, Portugal b. London, England
c. Vilnius, Lithuania d. Dublin, Ireland
21. Si quaeris paeninsulam amoenam, circumspice.
a. Arkansas b. Michigan c. North Carolina d. Alaska
22. Religioni et Bonis Artibus
a. Marquette University b. Duke University
c. Agnes Scott College d. Boston College
23. Disciplina in civitatem
a. The Ohio State University b. University of Michigan
c. University of Georgia d. Miami University (Ohio)
24. Oderint dum probent
a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Caligula d. Nero
25. Dum vivimus, vivamus
a. Stoics b. Cynics c. Epicureans d. Jesuits

III. Answer the following questions regarding Latin phrases.

26. Which of the following is a Roman term meaning an extremely far away place?
a. terra incognita b. peccavi c. sub rosa d. ultima Thule

27. O tempora! O _____!
 a. mores b. verba c. Roma d. di
28. Sic transit _____ mundi.
 a. cura b. pax c. honor d. gloria
29. De mortuis nil nisi bonum
 a. The dead speak well
 b. Speak only good of the dead
 c. Being dead is nothing if not good
 d. There is good after death
30. sine qua non
 a. appearance b. a necessity c. essentially d. legally
31. lapsus calami
 a. slip of the knife
 b. slip of the tongue
 c. slip of the pen d. slip of the foot
32. _____ post facto
 a. ex b. pro c. cum d. ab
33. ex usu
 a. rarely used b. commonplace c. extraordinary d. useful
34. Which of the following proverbs is closest to the meaning of the Latin phrase “ad praesens ova cras pullis sunt meliora”?
 a. Don’t count your chickens before they hatch. b. Strike while the iron is hot.
 c. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. d. What goes around comes around.
35. Which phrase would best describe the best football player in a professional league?
 a. primus inter pares b. prima facie c. sumnum bonum d. novus homo
36. me iudice
 a. do not judge me b. my judgment
 c. by my authority d. in my opinion
37. dies infaustus
 a. a lucky day b. an unlucky day c. a clear day d. a cloudy day
38. Which of these means “listening attentively”?
 a. aures aselli b. auribus arrectis c. aequo animo d. sui generis

IV. Identify the source of each of the following quotations.

39. Odi et amo
 a. Horace b. Terence c. Catullus d. Ovid
40. Carthago delenda est
 a. Valerius Maximus b. Julius Caesar
 c. Scipio Africanus d. Cato the Elder

41. Agnosco veteris vestigia flammae
 a. Propertius b. Tibullus c. Martial d. Vergil
42. Donec gratus eram tibi
 a. Ovid b. Catullus c. Horace d. Vergil
43. In virtute sunt multi ascensus.
 a. Cicero b. Cornelius Nepos c. Marcus Aurelius d. Livy
44. Non est ad astra mollis e terris via
 a. Publilius Syrus b. Valerius Maximus
 c. Seneca the Younger d. Valerius Antius
45. Mus uni non fudit antro
 a. Terence b. Manilius c. Plautus d. Quintilian
46. Ora et labora
 a. Tertullian b. St. Jerome c. St. Benedict d. St. Paul
47. Tantae molis erat Romanam condere gentem
 a. Horace b. Vergil c. Petronius d. Cicero
48. Nomen amicitia est; nomen inane fides.
 a. Pliny the Younger b. Catullus c. Dionysius d. Ovid
49. Non amo te, Sabidi
 a. Juvenal b. Apuleius c. Augustus d. Martial
50. Libenter homines id quod volunt credunt
 a. Tiberius b. Augustus c. Vespasian d. Julius Caesar