

2008 FJCL State Latin Forum

Mythology

1. Which seer, son of Thestor, was the chief Greek soothsayer at Troy, having interpreted an omen that stated that the Greeks would fight for nine years at Troy and take the city in the tenth?
a. Calchas b. Manto c. Teiresias d. Mopsus
2. Which disguised goddess did Jason carry across a river on his back?
a. Demeter b. Thetis c. Hera d. Athena
3. What was the name of the pole usually twined with ivy and tipped by a pine cone that was carried by maenads during the worship of Dionysus?
a. petasus b. thyrsus c. pilleus d. caduceus
4. Which monster was the mother of Pegasus?
a. Medusa b. Echidna c. Sphinx d. Thoosa
5. What maiden was the beloved of Cupid?
a. Sicania b. Dryope c. Psyche d. Arete
6. For what mythological accomplishment is Epeus, son of Panopeus, known?
a. inventing the saw from a whale's spine b. building the Trojan Horse
c. subduing Death and achieving immortality d. defeating Hermes in a footrace
7. On what mountain near Troy did Venus give birth to Aeneas?
a. Mount Ossa b. Mount Helicon c. Mount Dardanus d. Mount Ida
8. Which constellation is usually said to represent Ladon, the guardian of the garden of the Hesperides?
a. Cancer b. Draco c. Arctus d. Scorpio
9. Which two of these mythological groups had a member named Celaeno?
a. Harpies & Sirens b. Harpies & Pleiades c. Pleiades & Sirens d. Sirens & Muses
10. Who was the charioteer of King Oenomaus?
a. Hippodamus b. Myrtilus c. Naupactus d. Automedon
11. Which of these events in the Aeneid happens last chronologically?
a. Nisus and Euryalus are killed b. Turnus kills Pallas
c. Camilla is slain by Arruns d. Aeneas goes to the Underworld
12. In some myths, Prometheus is said to have won freedom from his torment on the Caucasus Mountains by telling Zeus the secret that Thetis was destined to have a child greater than its father. Who had told Prometheus?
a. Thetis herself b. Proteus c. Nemesis d. Themis
13. Who was born with the name Alcaeus?
a. Heracles b. Achilles c. the Minotaur d. Castor

14. Ganymede, the male cupbearer to the gods, was part of which royal house?
a. Thebes b. Athens c. Troy d. Corinth
15. What early king of Athens was born after Hephaestus tried to rape Athena and wound up impregnating Ge instead?
a. Pandion b. Cecrops c. Thersander d. Erichthonius
16. Which Greek warrior killed Paris?
a. Philoctetes b. Ajax, son of Oileus c. Ajax, son of Telamon d. Neoptolemus
17. What did Idmon and Adonis have in common?
a. they were both seers b. they were both killed by wild boars
c. they were both from Argos d. they both sailed on the *Argo*
18. What Athenian princess became the wife of Boreas, the north wind?
a. Chione b. Cleopatra c. Maeotia d. Oreithyia
19. What animal allegedly found and nursed the infant Atalanta after her father abandoned her?
a. bear b. wolf c. deer d. fox
20. What king of Thebes was the only son of Polydorus and Nycteis?
a. Labdacus b. Lycus c. Laius d. Nycteus
21. Whom did Achilles kill at Troy because he had mocked him for mourning over Penthesilea's corpse?
a. Thersites b. Mynes c. Phoenix d. Antilochus
22. What epithet was given to Juno as a goddess of childbirth?
a. Moneta b. Libera c. Cytherea d. Lucina
23. With what Roman deity was the Libyan god Ammon (or Hammon) identified?
a. Neptune b. Pluto c. Jupiter d. Mars
24. In whose honor did Sisyphus institute the Isthmian Games, after his corpse was carried ashore by a dolphin?
a. Athamas b. Membliarus c. Melicertes d. Alcmeon
25. What animal did Jupiter and Mercury tell Baucis and Philemon not to sacrifice to them during their visit?
a. chicken b. duck c. goose d. peacock
26. Where did King Celeus rule with his wife Metaneira?
a. Corinth b. Tiryns c. Thebes d. Eleusis
27. To what son of Priam and Hecuba was Helen awarded immediately after Paris' death?
a. Deiphobus b. Helenus c. Hector d. Polites

28. Which Trojan and his family were spared during the sack of Troy because Odysseus owed him a debt?
a. Echeolus b. Antenor c. Talaus d. Eetion
29. What Orchomenian architect cut off his own brother's head so that his own involvement in robbing the treasury of King Hyreius would not be discovered?
a. Agamedes b. Erginus c. Pausanias d. Trophonius
30. Who was the first mortal seduced by Zeus?
a. Io b. Aegina c. Niobe d. Europa
31. At what port did Agamemnon sacrifice his daughter Iphigeneia?
a. Phocis b. Aulis c. Piraeus d. Cnossos
32. For whose boasting that she was more beautiful than the Nereids did Poseidon send a sea-monster to ravage the land of Ethiopia?
a. Cassiopeia b. Semiramis c. Cedralia d. Britomartis
33. Which of these was NOT a river in the Underworld?
a. Cocytus b. Lethe c. Acheron d. Eridanus
34. What herdsman of Hades was defeated by Heracles twice – once on the island of Erytheia and then again in the Underworld?
a. Menoetes b. Menoetius c. Menoeces d. Menestratus
35. What bastard son of Odysseus by Circe killed him in his old age?
a. Irus b. Melantheus c. Telegonus d. Amphinomus
36. Who made Pandora?
a. Zeus b. the Furies c. Apollo d. Hephaestus
37. What wife of Ixion bore Pirithous, either to her husband, or to Zeus?
a. Dia b. Theraephone c. Mnesimache d. Theronice
38. Which Greek hero killed Phaea, the Crommyonian sow?
a. Theseus b. Heracles c. Jason d. Perseus
39. Which of these deities is NOT associated with the island of Lemnos in myth?
a. Dionysus b. Aphrodite c. Hephaestus d. Apollo
40. What did the twelve serving women of Odysseus who had been the suitors' mistresses have to do as punishment?
a. They were banished to Circe's island, where they were turned into pigs.
b. They cut their hair and wove it into a future burial shroud for Odysseus.
c. They had to drag the dead suitors' bodies out of the hall, and then they were hanged.
d. They had their tongues cut out and were forced to take vows of chastity.

