

**Regionals Certamen 2008**  
**Latin II Certamen**  
**Round 1**

- 1 Give the present active participle of curro, currere. **currens**  
Bonus 1: Make currens plural. **currentes**  
Bonus 2: Translate “running” in this sentence: Running is good exercise. **currere**
- 2 What state has the Latin motto “Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem?”  
**Massachusetts**  
Bonus 1: Give the Latin motto of the state of Connecticut. **Qui transtulit sustinet**  
Bonus 2: Give the Latin motto of the state of Oregon. **Alis volat propriis**
- 3 What city did Scipio Africanus capture in Spain in 209 BC? **New Carthage/Carthago Nova**  
Bonus 1: In what year was the battle of the Metaurus River fought? **207 BC**  
Bonus 2: What Carthaginian was killed in this battle? **Hasdrubal**
- 4 What bandit had a man-eating turtle? **Sciron**  
Bonus 1: Who had man-eating mares? **Diomedes**  
Bonus 2: What man ate his own son, served up by his wife and sister-in-law? **Tereus**
- 5 How many centuries made up a maniple? **2**  
Bonus 1: How many maniples made up a cohort? **3**  
Bonus 2: How many cohorts made up a legion? **10**

- 6 What is the antonym of *mors*? **vita**  
Bonus 1: What is the antonym of *aestas*? **hiems**  
Bonus 2: What is the antonym of *autumnus*? **ver**
- 7 Give the nominative plural of “good sailor.” **nautae boni**  
Bonus 1: Make *nautae boni* comparative: **nautae meliores**  
Bonus 2: Make *nautae boni* superlative: **nautae optimi**
- 8 On what day of May are the nones? **7<sup>th</sup>**  
Bonus 1: On what day of January are the Ides? **13<sup>th</sup>**  
Bonus 2: When are the Greek Kalends? **Never – there are no Greek Kalends**
- 9 Which nymph held Odysseus for 7 years? **Calypso**  
Bonus 1: What was the name of Calypso’s island? **Ogygia**  
Bonus 2: What was the name of Circe’s island? **Aiaia**
- 10 What great Roman general sacked and burned Carthage?  
**P. Cornelius SCIPIO AEMILIANUS /SCIPIO AFRICANUS MINOR**  
Bonus 1: Name the city in Spain that Scipio Aemilianus sacked  
**NUMANTIA**  
Bonus 2: Scipio Aemilianus was adopted. Who was his father before the adoption?  
**(L.) AEMILIUS PAULLUS**

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**Round 2**

1 From what deponent verb does the English word "progress" derive? **PROGREDIOR**

Bonus 1: From what deponent verb does our word "Orient," as in the East, derive?  
**ORIOR**

Bonus 2: From what deponent verb does the word "loquacious" derive? **LOQUOR**

2 What was the job of a nomenclator? **Remind his master of names**

Bonus 1: What was the job of a lictor? **Carry fasces/clear the road for a  
consul/king/emperor**

Bonus 2: What was the job of an ostiarius? **Doorman**

3 Which Greek king was told to beware a man with one shoe? **Pelias**

Bonus 1: Who was this man? **Jason**

Bonus 2: What goddess caused Jason to lose his shoe? **Hera**

4 What English word derived from the verb surgo means "rebellion"?

**INSURRECTION**

Bonus 1: What Latin idiom means "revolution"? **RES NOVAE**

Bonus 2: What adjective describing "upheaval" comes from a Latin noun meaning  
"hill" or "mound"? **TUMULTUOUS (from tumulus)**

5 In 249 BC he threw the sacred chickens into the sea when they failed to produce a favorable omen. Who was this arrogant consul and ancestor of Tiberius?

**P. CLAUDIUS Pulcher**

Bonus 1: What naval battle did Claudius Pulcher then lose? **DREPANUM**

Bonus 2: What happened to Claudius Pulcher when he returned to Rome?  
**he was put on TRIAL and CONVICTED of negligence**

6 What is the meaning of the Latin phrase pax vobiscum? **PEACE BE WITH YOU**

Bonus 1: What is the case and use of vobiscum? **ABLATIVE OF ACCOMPANIMENT**

Bonus 2: What Latin phrase means "may he rest in peace"? **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

7 What did a Roman call a wax tablet? **Tabella/tabula**

Bonus 1 and 2: what were the words for wax and seal which Romans used to seal a letter? (5 points for each) **cera = wax; signum = seal**

8 Which old couple were hospitable to Zeus and Hermes when the gods were disguised as beggars? **Baucis and Philemon**

Bonus 1: Which couple repopulated the earth after a flood? **Deucalion and Pyrrha**

Bonus 2: Which couple spoke through a crack in a wall between their homes? **Pyramus and Thisbe**

9 Which battle was the "Pyrrhic Victory?" **Asculum**

Bonus 1: In what year was this battle fought? **279 BC**

Bonus 2: What was the former name of Beneventum? **Malventum**

10 Give the 1<sup>st</sup> person plural present active subjunctive of tango. **tangam**

Bonus 1: Make tangam imperfect. **tangerem**

Bonus 2: Make tangerem passive. **tangerer**

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**Round 3**

- 1** Give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural pluperfect active indicative of pono. **posueratis**  
Bonus 1: Make posueratis passive. **positi eratis**  
Bonus 2: Make positi eratis perfect. **positi estis**
- 2** In what battle was Caesar defeated in 52 BC? **Gergovia**  
Bonus 1: In what battle city was Caesar defeated in 48 BC? **Dyrrhacchium**  
Bonus 2: In which city did Pompey die? **Alexandria** (Egypt)
- 3** What was the river of woe in the underworld called? **Acheron**  
Bonus 1: What was the river of fire in the underworld called? **Phlegethon**  
Bonus 2: What was the river of oblivion called? **Lethe**
- 4** What were six-sided dice called? **Tesserae**  
Bonus 1 and 2: Give two other meanings for tesserae. **Mosaic pieces,**  
**ticket for theater, password in army camp (5 points for each bonus)**
- 5** Who dressed like a girl and hid out in the court of Lycomedes to escape the Trojan War?  
**Achilles**  
Bonus 1: Who was dressed like a girl by his Aunt Ino to protect him from Hera?  
**Dionysus**  
Bonus 2: Who was dressed like a woman when he was a slave to Omphale? **Heracles**

6 Make fulmen plural. **fulmina**

Bonus 1: Make onus dative singular. **oneri**

Bonus 2: Make domus dative singular. **domui**

7 What was a cap of freedom called? **Pileus**

Bonus 1: Name a broad brimmed felt hat. **Petanus or causia**

Bonus 2: What wrap could women wear over their heads? **palla**

8 Translate this short Latin sentence into English: Conatus sum.

**I tried/I have tried**

Bonus 1: What tense and voice is conatus sum?

**PERFECT ACTIVE**

Bonus 2: What type of verb is conor?

**DEPONENT**

9 Cincinnatus put down his plow to fight what Italian tribe? **Aequi**

Bonus 1: Where did this battle occur? **Mt. Algidus**

Bonus 2: For how long did Cincinnatus retain his power as dictator? **16 days**

10 Say in Latin, “the taller sons.” **fili altiores**

Bonus 1: Make fili altiores accusative. **fili altiores**

Bonus 2: Make fili altiores superlative. **fili altissimos**

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**Final Round**

- 1 What car company's name comes from the Latin word meaning "I roll?" **Volvo**
- Bonus 1: What car company's name comes from the Latin imperative for "listen?" **Audi**
- Bonus 2: What car company's name comes from the Latin word for the god of laughter?  
**Mercury**
- 2 In the army, what did they call a battering ram? **aries**
- Bonus 1: What was the tortoise like formation Roman soldiers used when approaching an enemy wall? **testudo**
- Bonus 2: What was the machine used to hurl heavy stones? **ballista**
- 3 What Roman emperor won the throne at auction? **Didius Julianus**
- Bonus 1: What emperor did Didius Julianus succeed? **Pertinax**
- Bonus 2: Who succeeded Didius Julianus and began his own dynasty? **Septimius Severus**
- 4 What is the meaning of the Marine Corps motto, semper fidelis? **ALWAYS FAITHFUL**
- Bonus 1: What is the meaning of MGM's motto, ars gratia artis?  
**ART FOR ART'S SAKE**
- Bonus 2: What is the meaning of the motto of the Olympic Games, "Citius, Altius, Fortius"? **SWIFTER (FASTER), HIGHER, STRONGER**
- 5 To which classification of verbs do the following belong: audeo, soleo, gaudeo.  
**SEMI-DEPONENT VERBS**
- Bonus 1 and 2: Give the last principal parts of two of those verbs. (5 points each)  
**AUSUS, SOLITUS, GAVISUS**

- 6 Translate the relative pronoun from the following sentence into Latin: The man to whom you are speaking is Marcus. **cui**
- Bonus 1: Make cui genitive: **cuius**
- Bonus 2: Make cuius plural. **quorum**
- 7 Augustus required Tiberius to divorce his wife Vipsania in order to marry whom?  
**Augustus' daughter Julia (the elder)**
- Bonus 1: Who was Vipsania's father? **Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa**
- Bonus 2: Who were the two sons of Livia, Augustus' last wife?  
**Tiberius (Claudius Nero), (Nero Claudius) Drusus**
- 8 What was the Roman term for betrothal? **Sponsalia**
- Bonus 1: What was the word for a dowry? **Dos**
- Bonus 2: What was the matron of honor called? **Pronuba**
- 9 Name a battle of 218 BC in which Hannibal was victorious. **Ticinus River; Trebia River**
- Bonus 1: Name the other battle that Hannibal won in 218 BC.  
**Ticinus River; Trebia River**
- Bonus 2: Name one of the Roman commanders at the Trebia River.  
**P. Cornelius Scipio (father of Africanus), Sempronius Longus**
- 10 Who was the mother of Ariadne? **Pasiphae**
- Bonus 1: Who was Pasiphae's husband? **Minos**
- Bonus 2: Who was Ariadne's sister? **Phaedra**



- 11 Differentiate in meaning between ager and aeger. **ager – field; aeger - sick**
- Bonus 1: Differentiate in meaning between aetas and aestas. **aetas - Age, time, season; aestas – summer**
- Bonus 2: Differentiate in meaning between lux and lex. **Lux – light; lex - law**
- 12 How could one win the hand of Atalanta in marriage? **By defeating her in a foot race**
- Bonus 1: Who was finally able to defeat her? **Hippomenes/Melanion**
- Bonus 2: How was he able to defeat her? **Golden apples**
- 13 From what Latin word with what meaning does the English word “inundate” derive?  
**Unda - wave**
- Bonus 1: From what Latin word with what meaning does the word “fluctuate” derive?  
**Fluo, fluere – to flow**
- Bonus 2: From what Latin word with what meaning does the word “annihilate” derive?  
**Nihil – nothing**
- 14 What were spirits of the dead called? **Manes**
- Bonus 1: What were the household gods called? **Lares**
- Bonus 2: What were the gods of the cupboards called? **Penates**
- 15 Who was transformed into a laurel tree? **Daphne**
- Bonus 1: What old couple was transformed into an oak and a linden so they would not see the other one die? **Baucis and Philemon**
- Bonus 2: What type of trees were the Heliades, the sisters of Phaethon, turned into?  
**Weeping willows**