

2012 FJCL State Latin Forum

Roman Life & Customs

1. After a late evening at a nearby inn, Marcus bids his friends “vale!” and sneaks around the side of his country villa toward the **back door**.
a. ianua b. posticum c. fores d. ostium
2. Fortuna is good to you, Marcus! The slaves slid the **shutters** across your parents’ windows during the rain.
a. foriculae b. tegulae c. lateres cocti d. tesserae
3. Quietly, now, Marcus! Don’t trip over the **threshold**!
a. pavimentum b. postes c. limen d. pessuli
4. Pick up a lamp from its **table**!
a. arca b. lectus c. cathedra d. monopodium
5. Slip quietly into your **bedroom**!
a. cubiculum b. cubitum c. ciborium d. cistella
6. Back in Rome, Marcus is to carry the **torch** for his sister’s June wedding.
a. fidelia b. fura c. faex d. fax
7. The cake eaten by Marcia and her groom during the ceremony is made from **?**.
a. farrago b. herba c. far d. poma
8. At the ceremony of the patrician Marcia, how many witnesses must have been present?
a. 2 b. 5 c. 10 d. 15
9. Marcia wears an unbelted **?** both to sleep in the night before the wedding and as her wedding garment during the ceremony.
a. stola b. palla c. zona d. tunica recta
10. The family has returned to their estate south of Rome just in time to hear that Mt. Vesuvius has destroyed Pompeii, Herculaneum, and **?**.
a. Stabiae b. Venusia c. Tarentum d. Ravenna
11. Marcus is always anxious to return to Rome in December for the **?**.
a. Apollinares b. Victoriae Caesaris c. Ludi Romani d. Saturnalia
12. Sitting with his father, Marcus’s eyes are on the **?** as the horses burst from their gates.
a. carcares b. porta pompae c. metae d. calx
13. Marcus also enjoys the October festival of Armilustrum, when the Salii dance in honor of **?**.
a. Apollo b. Jupiter c. the lares d. Mars

14. Accompanied by a slave, Marcus often shops for fish for dinner at the forum ?
a. olitorium b. boarium c. piscatorium d. cuppedinis
15. When he can, he detours past the ? to watch the wrestlers and boxers train.
a. palaestra b. natatio c. circus d. cavea
16. When his father invites him to go to the baths, a slave called a ? carries their towels.
a. atriensis b. capsarius c. tonsor d. anteambulo
17. Before Marcus's avia died, she requested a favorite slave to be freed in the rite of ?.
a. libertas b. manumissio c. vacatio d. impunitas
18. This freedwoman had been his grandmother's **hairdresser** since a young girl.
a. nutrix b. ancilla c. famula d. ornatrix
19. Several of the family's slaves live together as husband and wife; such a union is called a ?.
a. contubernium b. conscium c. coemptio d. usus
20. Marcus's Uncle Gaius, having come from a wealthy family and being in the prime of his life, is assigned to the military group called the ?.
a. hastati b. velites c. triarii d. principes
21. Gaius's goal upon ascending to the most experienced and prestigious group is to be named **senior centurion in command of the extreme right-hand maniple**.
a. primus ordo b. primus pilus c. praefectus d. princeps prior
22. Upon this promotion, Gaius will have the distinction of being issued a ?.
a. hasta b. sarisa c. pugio d. sica
23. As a young recruit, Gaius served in Britain in the Legio XX Valeria Victrix, which consisted of how many members?
a. 2000 b. 3600 c. 4000 d. 5500
24. Gaius's closest comrade, the ?, carries the eagle-standard.
a. vexillarius b. signifer c. aquilifer d. optio
25. This brave soldier was awarded the **corona** ? for being the first to gain entry to a besieged town.
a. civica b. muralis c. vallaris d. convivalis
26. Marcus's father owns a number of businesses, one of which employs vitriarii and diatretarii and produces ?.
a. pottery b. bricks c. glass vessels d. tiles

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27. At their country estate, his father keeps stockpiles of ? for the production of wine.
a. formae b. terra sigillata c. mortaria d. amphorae
28. Marcus's father has passed away and so the family hung a branch of ? outside of the house.
a. pine b. oak c. elm d. cypress
29. Fishermen supply his father with ?, the shellfish that are the source of expensive purple dye for his cloth business.
a. muria b. murex c. murena d. merula
30. His shop for the weaving and dyeing of cloth is a ?.
a. libraria b. pistrinum c. fullonica d. caupona
31. Marcus's parents have expanded the simple villa rustica of his grandparents to include trellised gardens tended by a
a. lectiarius b. cubicularius c. topidarius d. tricliniarius
32. To reach their country estate, the family travels by ? drawn by four horses and piled with their baggage.
a. raeda b. cisium c. petoritum d. carpentum
33. Their trip is made comfortable by an excellent Roman road whose top layer is the seamless ?.
a. umbones b. rudus c. nucleus d. dorsum
34. Even after they turn off onto a secondary road to the farm, a closely packed layer of ? allows a fairly smooth ride.
a. lapilli b. glarea c. calculi d. cautes
35. The meat which was considered to be of the poorest quality by the Romans was ?.
a. goat b. sheep c. swine d. fowl
36. Marcus has eaten ? on very rare and celebratory occasions.
a. mutton b. beef c. pork d. oysters
37. His mother still enjoys baking her own finest bread, or **panis** ?, made of pure wheat flour.
a. sordidus b. rusticus c. castrensis d. siligineus
38. She makes a salad of olives seasoned with coriander, cumin, fennel, mint, and ?.
a. honey b. vinegar c. garum d. cherry juice
39. With breakfast and appetizers, she serves a favorite drink called mulsum made of wine mixed with ?.
a. apple cider b. pomegranates c. honey d. raspberries

40. When on the farm, the family follows the older country custom of ***an early evening meal***.
 a. vesperna b. cena c. prandium d. ientaculum
41. The closest family tie by which Marcus is bound to his male relatives is the **?**.
 a. agnatio b. cognatio c. adfinitas d. adoptio
42. Marcus received his praenomen on the ninth day after his birth, the ***dies ?***.
 a. natalis b. religiosi c. lustricus d. dicta
43. Marcus is always happy when his ***cousin on his father's side*** accompanies him to the farm.
 a. patronus b. patrimonium c. patruus d. patruelis
44. Since his family is wealthy, following his mother and a private tutor, Marcus's teacher was a **?**.
 a. litterator b. grammaticus c. paedagogus d. rhetor
45. Marcus looks forward to the upcoming Liberalia, when he will offer his toga praetexta to the family Lares and don the ***toga ?***.
 a. virilis b. pulla c. candida d. picta
46. The family tomb is located near their Capuan farm on the ***Via ?*** leading southeast from Rome.
 a. Egnatia b. Aurelia c. Flaminia d. Appia
47. While on their way to the tomb, the family passes the tomb of which family?
 a. Scipiones b. Iulii c. Marcii d. Sextii
48. During the funeral the members of the family wear **?**.
 a. ianitrices b. imagines c. scuta d. galleae
49. Sometimes Romans were laid to rest in **?** after being cremated.
 a. columbaria b. tumuli c. puticuli d. cenotaphia
50. In order to share a meal with their departed ancestors, Marcus's father built a(n) **?** next to the sepulcrum.
 a. vestibulum b. atrium c. tablinum d. triclinium