

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2013
HISTORY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

1. What year marks the beginning of the Empire?
a. 44 BC b. 31 BC c. 27 BC d. 9 AD
2. Which emperor first took power after Nero's death?
a. Otho b. Vindex c. Claudius d. Galba
3. Which of these was the first of the "Five Good Emperors"?
a. Nerva b. Trajan c. Vespasian d. Marcus Aurelius
4. Which of these emperors was captured by Shapur I?
a. Pertinax b. Macrinus c. Severus Alexander d. Valerian
5. Who created the tetrarchy and ended the period of disorder known as the "Barracks Emperors"?
a. Maximianus b. Aurelian c. Constantine I d. Diocletian
6. Galla Placidia, daughter of Theodosius the Great was also mother to the emperor Valentinian III. To whom had she been married?
a. Athaulf b. Alaric c. Constantius III d. a and c
7. How many emperors were members of the Flavian dynasty?
a. three b. four c. five d. seven
8. During which emperor's reign did Arminius destroy three legions in the Teutoburg Forest?
a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Caligula d. Domitian
9. Which member of the Julio-Claudian dynasty was **NOT** adopted?:
a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Claudius d. Nero
10. Which of these emperors had the shortest reign?
a. Caligula b. Pertinax c. Elagabalus d. Titus
11. Which emperor celebrated the 900th anniversary of Rome's founding?
a. Claudius b. Hadrian c. Antoninus Pius d. Marcus Aurelius
12. Who ruled as King of Palmyra and was given the title *dux Romanorum* until his death in AD 268?
a. Bassianus b. Odenathus c. Vabalathus d. Shapur II
13. Which happened during the reign of Julian?
a. Edict of Milan (AD 313) b. re-opening of pagan temples
c. recall of exiled Christian Bishops d. b and c
14. Where was Septimius Severus born?
a. Antioch b. Lepcis Magna c. Lugdunum d. Italica
15. Which of these emperors was killed by a Praetorian?
a. Caligula b. Nero c. Domitian d. a and c
16. Which emperor rebuilt Rome's finances in part by instituting pay toilets in Rome?
a. Tiberius b. Vespasian c. Trajan d. Septimius Severus

17. Which woman was the mother of Geta, the short-lived emperor who was killed by her other son?
 a. Julia Maesa b. Faustina c. Julia Domna d. Julia Mamaea
18. Which emperor began his rule in AD 117 and traveled to every province in the Empire during his 21 year reign?
 a. Trajan b. Antoninus Pius c. Hadrian d. L. Verus
19. This emperor was given the title *restitutor orbis* for his restoration of Roman control in both the East and West of the empire during the troubled times of the 3rd Century AD:
 a. Aurelian b. Gordian III c. Diocletian d. Gallienus
20. Which Visigothic prince sacked Rome in AD 410?
 a. Stilico b. Alaric c. Ataulf d. Wallia
21. During which emperor's reign was the *Constitutio Antoniniana* created, a decree that gave Roman citizenship to all free men in the empire?
 a. Antoninus Pius b. Marcus Aurelius c. Commodus d. Caracalla
22. Which emperor bought the Empire at auction?
 a. Sulpicianus b. Didius Julianus c. Vitellius d. Balbinus
23. In which year did Augustus first close the gates of the temple of Janus, thus symbolizing that the Romans were at peace?
 a. 31 BC b. 29 BC c. 27 BC d. 25 BC
24. This man lost his claim to be emperor at the the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in AD 312:
 a. Maxentius b. Galerius c. Maximianus d. Galba
25. Which prefect of the Praetorians murdered and took the place of the reigning emperor?
 a. Sejanus b. Laetus c. Macrinus d. Maximinus Thrax
26. Which emperor said he found Rome built of brick and left it built of marble?
 a. Augustus b. Nero c. Hadrian d. Constantine
27. Which lists the emperors in order for AD 69?
 a. Vitellius, Otho, Galba
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 c. Galba, Vitellius, Otho
 d. Galba, Otho , Vitellius
28. Which emperor led the Roman forces that were destroyed by the Goths at Adrianople in AD 378?
 a. Gratian b. Valentinian I c. Jovian d. Valens
29. Which emperor thought he was the incarnation of Hercules and dressed like him in a lion's skin?
 a. Caracalla b. Commodus c. Jovian d. Gaius
30. Which general stopped Atilla the Hun at the Battle of Catalaunian Plains?
 a. Stilicho b. Avidius Cassius c. Firmus d. Aetius

31. In what year did the Senate grant Augustus *tribunicia potestas* for life?
 a. 27 BC b. 23 BC c. 18 BC d. 12 BC
32. This Legionary commander of the Upper Rhine attempted a military coup against Domitian in the winter of 88-89 but was defeated and killed by the governor of Lower Germany.
 a. Caecina b. Norbanus c. Paetus d. Saturninus
33. Which emperor transferred the election of magistrates from the popular assembly to the Senate?
 a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Nero d. Vespasian
34. Which emperor and his son were defeated and killed in battle by the Goths in AD 250?
 a. Decius b. Gordian I c. Maximinus Thrax d. Gallus
35. Which Julio-Claudian emperor whose motto *oderint dum probent* (let them hate me, as long as they approve of what I do) summed up his approach to governing?
 a. Tiberius b. Caligula c. Claudius d. Nero
36. Which emperor, a member of the old republican nobility, had been censor in Rome before he was proclaimed emperor in Raetia in AD 253?
 a. Valerian b. Balbinus c. Julius Philipus d. Aemilius Aemilianus
37. Where did Septimius Severus defeat Pescennius Niger in AD 194?
 a. Cyzicus b. Aquileia c. Lugdunum d. Issus
38. What legionary commander led an unsuccessful conspiracy against Caligula in AD 39?
 a. Aemilius Lepidus b. Memius Regulus
 c. Lentulus Gaetulicus d. Calpurnius Piso
39. Which was **NOT** a reason for Macrinus' short reign?
 a. Incompetent generalship b. Lack of recognition by the Senate
 c. Defection of the Syrian legions d. Elagabalus' family
40. Domitian's execution of his cousin ___ in 95 seems to have been the last straw and precipitated the successful assassination in the following year.
 a. Soranus b. Flavius Clemens c. Domitilla d. Domitius Corbulo
41. Who is said to have poisoned Tiberius's son Drusus in AD 23?
 a. Livia b. Agrippina the Elder c. Sejanus d. Macro
42. What position did Gordian I hold when he was appointed emperor by the Senate in AD 238??
 a. Corrector of Italy b. Prefect of Egypt
 c. Proconsul of Africa d. Commander of Upper Rhine legions
43. In which emperor's reign did the freedman Pallas play a prominent role as advisor?
 a. Nero b. Domitian c. Claudius d. Commodus
44. Which commander completed the subjugation of northern England and defeated a force of Caledonians under Calgacus in AD 84 but was recalled by Domitian before a projected invasion of Ireland?
 a. Julius Agricola b. Tettius Julianus
 c. Julius Frontinus d. Suetonius Paulinus

45. Augustus had many possible successors. Whose death in 11 BC upset Augustus' plans?
a. Marcellus b. Drusus c. Agrippa d. Lucius
46. Which stronghold, captured in AD 73 by Flavius Silva, was the last to hold out in the Jewish rebellion?
a. Jerusalem b. Herodium c. Machaerus d. Masada
47. This praetorian praefect of Gordian III recaptured Carrhae and Nisibis from Shapur I:
a. Furius Timesitheus b. Julius Philippus
c. Odenathus d. Trebonianus Gallus
48. Which general led a legion from Lindum in a failed attempt to put down the revolt of Boudicca?
a. A. Plautius b. Ostorius Scapula c. Suetonius Paulinus d. Petillius Cerialis
49. What naval commander appointed by Diocletian became the self-proclaimed Augustus of Britain?
a. Postumius b. Carausius c. Constantius Chlorus d. Maximianus
50. Constantine finally became sole emperor by defeating Licinius' army at Adrianople. Which of Constantine's sons defeated Licinius' navy in the Hellespont?
a. Crispus b. Constans c. Constantine II d. a and b