

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2015 HEPTATHLON

Customs:

1. Not enough people to mourn your passing? NO PROBLEM! Just hire these ladies to lament your moving on!
a. Andabatae b. Galeae c. Pronubae d. Praeficiae
2. How many laps typically constituted a race in Rome?
a. 6 b. 7 c. 10 d. 11
3. Which of the following was a *Dies Nefastus*?
a. May 23 b. October 16 c. November 8 d. July 26
4. Romans are renowned for having gods for very mundane things. However, one of these deity's domains had to do with grain distribution and was a symbol of the emperor's power?
a. Fornax b. Annona c. Mefitis d. Cloacina
5. What is the term for the wooden sword presented to a gladiator upon his emancipation?
a. strigil b. spatha c. rudis d. pugio
6. Mike Tyson had nothing on the Romans. What is the term for the lead ball-weighted leather gloves a fighter would put on before a bout?
a. Caestus b. Manibulus c. Hasta d. Xiphos
7. While the rise of trade guilds came about in the Middle Ages, some of those roots are actually from Rome. What is the term for these Roman trade guilds?
a. arvales b. turma c. immunes d. collegia

Vocabulary & Derivatives:

8. Which verb meaning "make peace" lends its meaning to the English word *pay*?
a. *parare* b. *placere* c. *pacare* d. *parvere*
9. The residents of Terminus finally received their comeuppance when their camp fell.
a. denique b. iam c. adhuc d. paene
10. Which word is not derived from the same Latin root as the others?
a. taint b. continent c. retain d. tenet
11. experior
a. I expect b. I cook c. I lament d. I try
12. When the prison fell, Rick tried to keep his people safe from the herd of zombies.
a. ianus b. vastitas c. radix d. grex

13. What idiom translates as *I journey*?
 a. fasces itero b. idem peficio c. iter facio d. rem ago
14. sicut?
 a. but b. as c. by d. and
15. Rise and shine! What Latin word for a young bull gives us the word *bugle*?
 a. baculum b. buculus c. bovis d. bullux

Grammar:

16. The San Francisco Giants won the World Series this past year. *Eamus gigantes!* illustrates which independent use of the subjunctive?
 a. Optative b. Jussive c. Deliberative d. Hortatory
17. What form of the verb is *complevisse*?
 a. Present Passive Infinitive b. Pefect Active Infinitive
 c. Present Active Infinitive d. Perfect Passive Infinitive
18. Replace the underlined word with its appropriate Latin counterpart: The Doctor was unaware whose pocket watch was left in the TARDIS.
 a. cui b. quid c. quae d. cuius
19. Which grammatical construction does this sentence best exemplify: *Agricola Boves diligenter numeravit ne erraret?*
 a. Purpose clause b. Indirect Question c. Gerundive d. Cum Clause
20. The Deliberative Subjunctive uses which two tenses?
 a. perfect & pluperfect b. present & imperfect
 c. future & future perfect d. present & perfect
21. Which of the following would take the locative case?
 a. Crete b. Lemnos c. Hibernia d. Sardinia
22. What part of speech is *velocissime*?
 a. Noun b. Adjective c. Preposition d. Adverb

Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations:

23. This phrase uttered by gladiators before a contest inspired the hit by AC/DC: “For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)?”
 a. *dominus illuminatio mea* b. *meminerunt omnia amantes*
 c. *morituri te salutamus* d. *praemonitus praemunitus*

24. Conspiracy theorists see *novus ordo seclorum* on the back of the dollar and think something nefarious. What does *seclorum* actually refer to?

- a. the World b. Seclusion c. Wisdom d. Ages

25. Strolling down the *via*, you catch a glimpse of a mosaic bearing these words: *Cave canem*. What should you do about the dog?

- a. Take him for a walk b. Feed him
c. Call him “Cave” d. Beware him

26. *Difficile est tenere quae acceperis nisi exerceas* is quote from Pliny the Younger that may best be summed up as..?

- a. Use it or lose it. b. Don’t take candy from strangers.
c. Know thyself d. Don’t stop believing.

27. John Wilkes Booth uttered “Sic semper tyrannis” as he shot President Lincoln. What state actually has this as a motto?

- a. Maryland b. Nevada c. Texas d. Viginia

28. Did you know that in Florida it is illegal to sing in public while wearing a bathing suit? What Latin phrase refers to something that is only wrong because it’s against the law?

- a. *malum in se* b. *malum prohibitum*
c. *ab aeterno* d. *ab imo pectore*

29. What Latin abbreviation denotes an official Roman senator?

- a. R.P. b. P.C. c. E.Q.R. d. H.S.E.

Latin Litarature:

30. QUICK! Someone stop Michael Bay before he makes *this* author’s book about transformers, *The Metamorphoses*, into a movie!

- a. Terence b. Catullus c. Tibullus d. Ovid

31. Of the following, which is the only one written during the Golden Age of Latin Literature?

- a. *Annales* b. *Epistulae Morales* c. *Philippics* d. *Satyricon*

32. The early novel, *The Golden Ass*, recounts the various misadventures of the protagonist. To which goddess does Lucius dedicate himself to for helping him return to humanity?

- a. Minerva b. Venus c. Isis d. Ceres

33. Which Roman author is known for his 12-book retelling of The Seven Against Thebes?

- a. Statius b. Ennius c. Lucretius d. Sallust

34. About which famed rhetorician did Martial refer to with the line, “A man who longs to surpass his father’s census rating.”?

- a. Propertius b. Quintilian c. Cicero d. Hortensius

35. The term prolific might apply to Cassius Dio, but he wrote in Greek. What Roman historian penned a total of 142 books in Latin...though not nearly that many remain?

- a. Tacitus b. Livy c. Lucan d. Appian

36. In his defense of Marcus Caelius, Cicero assassinates the character of Clodia. Which blind ancestor of hers does he invoke to shame her?

- a. Clodius Pulcher b. Homer
c. M. Claudius Marcellus d. Appius Claudius Caecus

Roman History:

37. What famed Greek physician personally oversaw the health of Commodus?

- a. Hippocrates b. Galen c. Nicon d. Zeno

38. The Great Fire of A.D. 64 was said to have begun on which Roman hill?

- a. Esquiline b. Viminal c. Caelian d. Aventine

39. Who was the augur who dumbfounded Ancus Marcius by cutting a whetstone with a razor blade—so impressing the king, he was made Marcius’ most trusted advisor?

- a. Spurius Tarpeius b. Marcus Acilius c. Tullus Aufidius d. Attus Navius

40. To what tribe had Coriolanus defected not long after he had defeated them?

- a. Cambrians b. Samnites c. Volsicans d. Aequians

41. Who was the Bithynian monarch—and alleged paramour of Caesar—who gave his kingdom to Rome in 74 B.C.?

- a. Nicomedes IV b. Attalus III c. Eumenes II d. Mithridates VI

42. *Kathago delenda est!* Who is the Roman statesman known for demanding Carthage’s destruction?

- a. Pliny the Elder b. Seneca the Younger
c. Cato the Elder d. Drusus the Younger

43. Who was the Palmyran queen subdued by the emperor Aurelian to regain much of the eastern parts of the Empire?

- a. Julia Maesa b. Teuta c. Cleopatra XI d. Zenobia

Mythology:

44. Which friend of Heracles helped him with the Mares of Diomedes, but, sadly, was eaten by them?

- a. Iolaus b. Admetis c. Salmoneus d. Abderus

45. Who, cursed only to say words she had just heard, vainly fell in love with Narcissus?
a. Echo b. Salmacis c. Syrinx d. Arethusa
46. What “king of thieves” and son of Hermes is considered to be the father of Anticleia and therefore grandfather of the wily Odysseus?
a. Eryx b. Autolycus c. Hero d. Thyrsites
47. Which son of Priam married Helen *after* Paris died—eventually being slain by Menelaus or even Helen herself?
a. Helenus b. Deiphobus c. Troilus d. Polytes
48. As if being the daughter of her mother AND grandmother weren't enough, Antigone was to marry her cousin, _____, before she committed suicide?
a. Maeon b. Capaneus c. Haemon d. Creon
49. Landing in Colchis, who sacrificed the Golden Ram to Zeus and gave the fleece to Aeetes, Colchis' king?
a. Sarpedon b. Orestes c. Helle d. Phrixus
50. Son of the Morning Star, who granted asylum to Peleus, but later perished in a vicious storm—much to the dismay of his wife, Alcyone?
a. Ceyx b. Miletus c. Daedalion d. Adonis