

**REGIONAL CERTAMEN  
NOVICE DIVISION  
ROUND 1**

1. Who was found by shepherds on Mount Cithaeron after he was abandoned because he would kill his father and marry his mother? OEDIPUS  
B1. Who was Oedipus' father? LAIUS  
B2. Who was Oedipus' mother? JOCASTA
2. Which does not belong grammatically: **femina, ira, agricola, patria, unda**? AGRICOLA  
B1. Which does not belong grammatically: **vir, liberi, castra, annus, onus**? ONUS  
B2. Which does not belong grammatically: **insula, ianua, filia, terra, pecunia**? FILIA
3. What Roman king was raised by the shepherd Faustulus? ROMULUS  
B1. Who was the Sabine who co-ruled with Romulus? TITUS TATIUS  
B2. What was Romulus name after he became a god? QUIRINUS
4. From what Latin noun with what meaning is Pennsylvania derived? SILVA- FOREST  
B1. From what Latin noun with what meaning is Montana derived? MONS- MOUNTAIN  
B2. What other state is derived from **mons**? VERMONT
5. What is the dictionary entry for the Latin word meaning soldier?  
MILES, MILITIS-M. SOLDIER  
B1. What is the dictionary entry for the word meaning sailor? NAUTA, NAUTAE- M. SAILOR  
B2. What is the dictionary entry for general? DUX, DUCIS- M. GENERAL
6. In the sentence "Marcus gave his friend money" translate "gave". DABAT/ DEDIT  
B1. Translate "money". PECUNIAM  
B2. Translate "his friend". (SUO) AMICO
7. Who was the oldest child of Cronos and Rhea, and therefore the first to be eaten? HESTIA  
B1. Who was replaced with a rock by Rhea? ZEUS  
B2. When Cronos vomited up all of his children, where did the rock land? DELPHI

8. Where in Rome would you see andabatae, Samnites, myrmillones, and retiarii?

COLOSSEUM/ AMPHITHEATER/ GLADIATOR

SHOW

B1. What distinctive weapons did a retiarius use?

NET and TRIDENT

B2. What was special about an essedarius?

FOUGHT FROM A CHARIOT

9. Name one of the three Latin mottoes found on the one dollar bill?

*DO NOT READ EXTRA ANSWERS*

**E PLURIBUS UNUM/ ANNUIT COEPTIS/ NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM**

B1. Name another.

SEE ABOVE

B2. Name another.

SEE ABOVE

10. Who was emperor when Rome was at its largest territorial extent?

TRAJAN

B1. What province, roughly equivalent to modern Romania, was one of the provinces added by Trajan?

DACIA

B2. Who was the Dacian king Trajan fought against?

DECEBALUS

END OF ROUND 1

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ROUND 2**

1. What is the dictionary entry for the third conjugation verb that means “to run”?  
**CURRO, CURRERE, CUCURRI, CURSUM**
- B1. What is the dictionary entry for the first conjugation verb meaning “to give”?  
**DO, DARE, DEDI, DATUM OR  
DONO, DONARE, DONAVI, DONATUM**
- B2. What is the dictionary entry for the third conjugation verb meaning “to touch”?  
**TANGO, TANGERE, TETIGI, TACTUM**
2. What goddess helped build the Trojan horse? **ATHENA/ MINERVA**
- B1. What Trojan priest warned the Trojans about the horse, but was eaten by snakes?  
**LAOCOON**
- B2. What Trojan prophetess also warned the Trojans, but no one believed her? **CASSANDRA**
3. What garment was worn by boys younger than 16 and magistrates? **TOGA PRAETEXTA**
- B1. What name was given to the toga a boy received on his sixteenth birthday?  
*DO NOT READ EXTRA ANSWERS*  
**TOGA VIRILIS/ PURA/ LIBERA**
- B2. Give an alternate name for that toga. **SEE ABOVE**
4. Which of the following does not have the same root as the others: mansion, permanent,  
menagerie, manipulate? **MANIPULATE**
- B1. From what fourth declension noun with what meaning is manipulate derived?  
**MANUS- HAND**
- B2. From what second conjugation verb with what meaning are the other words in the tossup  
derived? **MANEO- TO STAY**
5. What battle of 260 BC was the first naval victory for the Romans? **MYLAE**
- B1. During what war was this battle fought? **FIRST PUNIC WAR**
- B2. What naval battle of 241 BC ended the war? **AEGETES ISLANDS**

6. Who was turned into a cow so that Zeus could hide her from Hera? IO  
B1. What creature did Hera have watch the cow? ARGUS (PANOPTES)  
B2. Who killed Argus by telling him a story so boring the monster closed all of its one hundred eyes and fell asleep? HERMES

7. Latin abbreviations are frequently used for years. What is the Latin and English for the abbreviation **A.D.**? ANNO DOMINI- IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
B1. What is the Latin and English for **A.U.C.**? AB URBE CONDITA- FROM THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY  
B2. Keeping with the time theme, what is the Latin for the abbreviation **pro tem.**? PRO TEMPORE

8. For the verb **mitto**, give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural present active indicative. MITTITIS  
B1. Change **mittitis** to the perfect. MISISTIS  
B2. Change **misistis** to the passive. MISSI/-AE/-A ESTIS

9. What general lost three legions at Teutoburg Forest in the reign of Augustus? (P. QUINCTILIUS) VARUS  
B1. What chieftain of the Cherusci defeated the Roman legions? ARMINIUS/ HERMANN  
B2. What year did this Roman disaster take place? 9 AD

10. Translate the prepositional phrase in the following sentence into Latin: "The soldiers fought each other with swords". GLADIIS  
B1. Translate either prepositional phrase in the following sentence: "The children went to the town with their mother". AD OPPIDUM/ CUM MATRE  
B2. Translate the prepositional phrase in this sentence: "The fish were killed by a bad man". A MALO VIRO/ HOMINE

END OF ROUND 2

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ROUND 3**

1. Where in a Roman house would you find the **imagines**? **ALAE**  
B1. When would the **imagines** be taken out of the **alae**? **FUNERALS**  
B2. What were **imagines**? **BUSTS/ WAX MASKS OF ANCESTORS**
2. Differentiate in meaning between the nouns **amicus** and **animus**. **FRIEND & SOUL**  
B1. Differentiate between the nouns **liber** and **liberi**. **BOOK & CHILDREN**  
B2. Differentiate between **canis** and **civis**. **DOG & CITIZEN**
3. Who killed her children, her husband's fiancée, and her husband's future father-in-law before escaping in a chariot drawn by dragons? **MEDEA**  
B1. Who was Medea's husband? **JASON**  
B2. Where did Medea go after she killed all of these people? **ATHENS**
4. Who was the third member of the first triumvirate along with Caesar and Crassus? **POMPEY**  
B1. What law of 67 BC gave Pompey command to rid the Mediterranean of pirates? **LEX GABINIA**  
B2. The Lex Manilia of 66 BC gave Pompey command over what Pontic king? **MITHRIDATES (VI)**
5. Augment and auction both come from what second conjugation verb with what meaning? **AUGEO- TO INCREASE**  
B1. What Julio-Claudian emperor's name comes from **augeo**? **AUGUSTUS**  
B2. What third conjugation verb is the root of inaction and exam? **AGO**

6. Who spent a year on the island of Aeaea with Circe? ULYSSES/ ODYSSEUS  
 B1. Odysseus spent seven years on the island of Ogygia with what daughter of Atlas? CALYPSO  
 B2. Who kept their cattle on the island of Thrinacia, where Odysseus stopped after getting past Scylla and Charybdis? HELIUS
7. Give the accusative singular for the noun **caput**. CAPUT  
 B1. Change **caput** to the plural. CAPITA  
 B2. Change **capita** to the dative. CAPITIBUS
8. Who was given the title *Restitutor Orbis* for restoring control of the empire in 272 AD? AURELIAN  
 B1. What Palmyran queen revolted against Aurelian in the name of her son, Vabalathus? ZENOBIA  
 B2. What is the meaning of the Aurelian's other title, *Restitutor Orbis*? RESTORER OF THE WORLD
9. Which Ivy League university has the one word motto "**Veritas**"? HARVARD  
 B1. What is the Latin motto of Harvard's biggest rival, Yale? LUX ET VERITAS  
 B2. Which Ivy League school has as its motto "**In Deo speramus**"? BROWN
10. How would you say "we can" in Latin? POSSUMUS  
 B1. What about "we were able"? POTERAMUS  
 B2. What about "we had been able"? POTUERAMUS

END OF ROUND 3

**REGIONAL CERTAMEN  
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FINAL ROUND**

1. Which of the following does not belong by derivation: vital, vitamin, inevitable, revive?  
INEVITABLE  
B1. What verb is at the root of inevitable? VITO  
B2. What verb is the ultimate root of the other three words? VIVO
2. Who gave Theseus a ball of thread as a way to escape the labyrinth after he killed the Minotaur?  
ARIADNE  
B1. What Athenian inventor had told Ariadne about the ball of thread? DAEDALUS  
B2. After Theseus abandoned Ariadne on Naxos, what god came and saved her?  
DIONYSUS/ BACCHUS
3. What derivative of the Latin adjective meaning “short” is defined as: “to shorten by omitting letters”?  
ABBREVIATE  
B1. What derivative of the Latin word for “short” is defined as: “to shorten by omissions while retaining the basic contents”?  
ABRIDGE  
B2. What derivative of the Latin word for “short” means: “of short duration”?  
BRIEF
4. At what battle of 48 BC did Caesar defeat Pompey?  
PHARSALUS  
B1. At what battle of 45 BC did Caesar defeat the sons of Pompey?  
MUNDA  
B2. After what battle did Caesar state “**veni, vidi, vici**”?  
ZELA
5. Listen carefully to the following passage which I shall read twice. Then answer IN ENGLISH the question that follows.

**Puer puellaque per magnam urbem festinant. Ille intrat templum dum ea spectat statuum. Vocat nomen pueri, sed nēmō venit. Īrāta est ubi ille tandem revenit. “Necesse est nōbīs domum festināre quod omnēs mox cēnābunt. Curre!”, ea inquit.**

The question: What distracts the girl so that she loses track of the boy?

- A STATUE
- B1. What happens when the girl calls the boy’s name? NO ONE COMES  
B2. Where had the boy gone when the girl could not find him? INTO A TEMPLE

6. Differentiate in meaning between the words **pulcher** and **celer**. BEAUTIFUL & SWIFT  
 B1. Differentiate in meaning between **prope** and **per**. NEAR & THROUGH  
 B2. Differentiate in meaning between **cum** and **cur**. WITH/WHEN & WHY
7. What Trojan hero mistakenly killed Patroclus, thinking he'd killed Achilles? HECTOR  
 B1. Who killed Hector? ACHILLES  
 B2. Who killed Achilles? PARIS
8. What was the purpose of a **hypocaust**? HEAT THE BATHS  
 B1. What was used to scrape off oil and sweat? STRIGIL  
 B2. What was an **apodyterium**? CHANGING ROOM
9. What emperor declared war on Neptune and had his officers gather seashells in their helmets as proof of victory? CALIGULA  
 B1. What emperor claimed he was Hercules and dressed up as the god? COMMODUS  
 B2. Who tried to have everyone in Rome worship a meteorite as the sun god and changed his name from Bassianus? ELEGABALUS
10. What quote by Seneca lets us know that it is normal to make mistakes? ERRARE HUMANUM EST  
 B1. Who is the author of the quotes "**ars longa, vita brevis**" and "**carpe diem**"? HORACE  
 B2. What quote by Juvenal advocates taking care of both physical health and mental health? MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO
11. Give the accusative plural for the phrase "short farmer". BREVES AGRICOLAS  
 B1. Change that phrase to the genitive. BREVIUM AGRICOLARUM  
 B2. Change that phrase to the ablative singular. BREVI AGRICOLĀ
12. Who refused to get married unless she was defeated in a footrace? ATALANTA  
 B1. Who eventually defeated Atalanta with some help from Venus? HIPPOMENES/ MELANION  
 B2. What tools did Venus give Hippomenes to help him win his race? GOLDEN APPLES
13. For the verb **duco**, give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural present passive indicative. DUCIMINI  
 B1. Change that to the future. DUCEMINI  
 B2. Give the singular imperative form of **duco**. DUC



14. Who divided the empire among four co-rulers, two Caesares and two Augusti?

DIOCLETIAN

B1. Who was Diocletian's co-Augustus?

MAXIMIAN

B2. Name either of the two co-Caesares?

GALERIUS or CONSTANTIUS

15. In honor of our new overlord, Baby Yoda, the Mandalorian is invading Certamen! How would you translate "**haec est via**" into English?

THIS IS THE WAY/ROAD

B1. What about "**dixi**"?

I HAVE SPOKEN

B2. Continuing the meme theme, how would you say "do you know the way?" in Latin.

**SCISNE VIAM**

END OF THE FINAL ROUND