

**Greek Literature**  
**FJCL State Latin Forum 2022**

1. Which author's poetry was supposedly banned in Sparta because he wrote a poem about abandoning his shield on the battlefield, thus glorifying surrender and retreat?  
a. Theognis                      b. Archilochus                      c. Telesilla                      d. Alcaeus
2. Name the pre-Socratic philosopher who constructed the first map of the earth.  
a. Parmenides                      b. Archimedes                      c. Phrynicus                      d. Anaximander
3. Which didactic poet wrote scientific works concerning venomous animals and antidotes to poison?  
a. Nicander                      b. Anaximenes                      c. Democritus                      d. Hippocrates
4. Which of the following is **NOT** considered one of the Seven Sages of Greece?  
a. Bias                      b. Pittacus                      c. Menander                      d. Thales
5. Which of the following is **NOT** an extant play written by Euripides?  
a. Ajax                      b. Medea                      c. Bacchae                      d. Rhesus
6. How many books comprise the *Odyssey*?  
a. 24                      b. 18                      c. 12                      d. 6
7. Name the lazy brother whom Hesiod addresses in his *Works and Days*.  
a. Perses                      b. Thales                      c. Eumenes                      d. Drepanes
8. Hippocrates is often referred to as the Father of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Tragedy                      b. Horses                      c. History                      d. Medicine
9. Name the poet who, according to legend, charmed dolphins into carrying him back to land after pirates threw him into the ocean?  
a. Semonides                      b. Pindar                      c. Arion                      d. Ibycus
10. Identify the Roman commander who allegedly killed the Greek philosopher Archimedes when the Romans captured Syracuse in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century B.C.  
a. Drusus                      b. Camillus                      c. Marcellus                      d. Rufus
11. Name the law of the Athenian poet and lawgiver Solon that cancelled some debts and ended enslavement for deaths.  
a. seisachtheia                      b. hektemoroi                      c. pentakosiomedimnoi                      d. axones
12. Which orator wrote a letter to Philip II of Macedon, urging him to unite Greece?  
a. Demosthenes                      b. Antiphon                      c. Isocrates                      d. Lycurgus
13. On which war did Polybius focus in his *Histories*?  
a. Peloponnesian War                      b. Punic Wars  
c. Samnite Wars                      d. Persian Wars

14. Which is **NOT** the title of a work by Xenophon?  
 a. Anabasis                      b. Memorabilia                      c. Symposium                      d. Phaedo
15. Which orator allegedly cured his speech impediment by speaking with rocks in his mouth?  
 a. Demosthenes                      b. Antiphon                      c. Lysias                      d. Andocides
16. Name the Greek comedy in which women dress up like men to take over the government.  
 a. Lysistrata                      b. Plutus                      c. Bacchae                      d. Ecclesiazusae
17. Name the school of philosophy founded in Athens by Plato.  
 a. Lyceum                      b. Academy                      c. Universitas                      d. Collegium
18. Which orator was convicted of desecrating the “herms” in Athens, sent into exile, and later wrote a speech asking to be allowed to return to Athens?  
 a. Alcman                      b. Anacreon                      c. Andocides                      d. Archilochus
19. He founded the school of Cyrenaic philosophy, a predecessor to Epicurean philosophy.  
 a. Crates                      b. Anaximenes                      c. Aristippus                      d. Callimachus
20. Aristotle’s followers were known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Archons                      b. Peripatetics                      c. Sophists                      d. Aristutors
21. This was the title of Theophrastus’ treatise which contained thirty outlines of moral types that humorously illustrated different faults.  
 a. Characters                      b. Follies                      c. Morals                      d. Types
22. Which of the following authors wrote first chronologically?  
 a. Anacreon                      b. Thucydides                      c. Aeschines                      d. Sophocles
23. In which poetic meter was Homer’s *Iliad* written?  
 a. dactylic hexameter                      b. elegiac couplet  
 c. iambic pentameter                      d. anapestic tetrameter
24. Which Greek philosopher is called the “weeping philosopher” due to the gloomy tone of his writings, his tendency to depression, and his preference to live in seclusion?  
 a. Zeno                      b. Euclid                      c. Heraclitus                      d. Democritus
25. How many Homeric hymns were written to the gods in total?  
 a. 24                      b. 47                      c. 12                      d. 33

26. What is the term for epic poems of unknown authorship that describe the return of heroes from the Trojan War?
  - a. epinician odes
  - b. idylls
  - c. dithyrambs
  - d. nostoi
27. Alexander spared Pindar's family during his destruction of this city, the poet's hometown.
  - a. Athens
  - b. Corinth
  - c. Sparta
  - d. Thebes
28. On which island did the famous fabulist Aesop live?
  - a. Lesbos
  - b. Samos
  - c. Lemnos
  - d. Naxos
29. What was the original name of the lyric poet better known as Stesichorus?
  - a. Evander
  - b. Endymion
  - c. Teisias
  - d. Troilus
30. Which of Plato's works is a dialogue between Socrates and a follower in prison?
  - a. *Meno*
  - b. *Laches*
  - c. *Crito*
  - d. *Gorgias*
31. Which philosopher was a childhood tutor to Alexander the Great?
  - a. Socrates
  - b. Zeno
  - c. Epicurus
  - d. Aristotle
32. Which lyric poet was from Sparta?
  - a. Alcman
  - b. Ibycus
  - c. Simonides
  - d. Bacchylides
33. Which of the following was known primarily for writing history?
  - a. Thucydides
  - b. Pausanias
  - c. Lysias
  - d. Phrynichus
34. How did the Greek playwright Menander die?
  - a. drowning
  - b. suicide
  - c. killed in battle
  - d. leprosy
35. Put these head librarians at the Library of Alexandria in correct chronological order.
  - a. Zenodotus, Apollonius, Eratosthenes
  - b. Zenodotus, Eratosthenes, Apollonius
  - c. Apollonius, Eratosthenes, Zenodotus
  - d. Apollonius, Zenodotus, Eratosthenes
36. Which play sees two Athenians travel to "cloudcuckooland" to escape war?
  - a. *The Frogs*
  - b. *The Wasps*
  - c. *The Clouds*
  - d. *The Birds*
37. Who could be considered a travel writer due to his *Descriptions of Greece*?
  - a. Pausanias
  - b. Hecataeus
  - c. Antiphon
  - d. Lucian
38. Which of the following is NOT a work by Plato?
  - a. *Timaeus*
  - b. *Meteorologica*
  - c. *Republic*
  - d. *Phaedo*
39. Which of the following was the founder of the Stoic school of philosophy?
  - a. Democritus
  - b. Pythagoras
  - c. Zeno
  - d. Empedokles

40. What did the soldiers famously shout in the *Anabasis* when they reached the Black Sea?  
 a. Okeanos!                      b. Mavros!                      c. Potami!                      d. Thalatta!
41. Leucippus was the original developer of what scientific theory?  
 a. planetary theory                      b. theory of thermodynamics  
 c. theory of relativity                      d. atomic theory
42. Who established the discipline of plane geometry?  
 a. Pythagoras                      b. Archimedes                      c. Euclid                      d. Nicomedes
43. Which author wrote a series of salacious short stories set in his hometown of Miletus?  
 a. Asclepiades                      b. Aristides                      c. Aratus                      d. Aristarchus
44. Callimachus' most famous poem is the *Lock of* \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Pheretima                      b. Berenice                      c. Apama                      d. Livia
45. Which historian accompanied Alexander on his campaigns, but was executed for failing to warn Alexander about a plot against him.  
 a. Callisthenes                      b. Theopompus                      c. Heracleides                      d. Philistus
46. Which god was celebrated at the Athenian festival in which tragedies and comedies were traditionally performed?  
 a. Dionysus                      b. Zeus                      c. Apollo                      d. Poseidon
47. Which of these writers was said to have written most of his works as a recluse in a cave on Salamis?  
 a. Thespis                      b. Aeschylus                      c. Sophocles                      d. Euripides
48. Which author's work concerned geography?  
 a. Hecataeus                      b. Lucian                      c. Eusebius                      d. Protagoras
49. Who is unable to speak for part of Plato's *Symposium* due to a bad case of the hiccups?  
 a. Eryximachus                      b. Socrates                      c. Aristophanes                      d. Thales
50. MATH TIME: Start with the number of the year B.C. in which Socrates was forced to commit suicide, add the number of books in Herodotus' *History of the Persian Wars*, and finally subtract the number of extant plays of Euripides. What is the result?  
 a. 409                      b. 389                      c. 404                      d. 396