

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2002
ADVANCED CERTAMEN
ROUND ONE

1. Complete this famous quotation, "Ars longa, _____."

Answer: **VITA BREVIS**

- B1. Who is the author of that quotation?

Answer: **SENECA (THE YOUNGER)**

- B2. Seneca gives some good advice in a quote which begins "Gladiator in arena _____." How does it end?

Answer: **CONSILIUM CAPIT**

2. What term was used for the small allowance a master might give to his slaves?

Answer: **PECULIUM**

- B1. Sometimes a slave used his peculium to buy a slave for himself. What was a slave of a slave called?

Answer: **VICARIUS**

- B2. What happened to a private slave's peculium upon his death?

Answer: **IT WENT TO HIS MASTER.**

3. Identify the year in which Augustus was born and Cicero held the consulship.

Answer: **63 B.C.**

- B1. Which politician was responsible for Cicero's exile?

Answer: **CLODIUS**

- B2. In what year did Mark Antony have Cicero put to death?

Answer: **43 B.C.**

4. What case is used in Latin for shouts of exclamation?

Answer: **ACCUSATIVE**

- B1. The accusative case can also be used for extent. In the sentence, "My house is three miles from town," translate "three miles."

Answer: **TRIA MILIA PASSUUM**

- B2. What use of the genitive is illustrated in that phrase, "tria milia passuum"?

Answer: **PARTITIVE (GENITIVE OF THE WHOLE)**

5. Name the old satyr who was very ugly but also exceptionally wise.

Answer: **SILENUS**

- B1. Which deity was raised by Silenus?

Answer: **DIONYSUS**

- B2. Which Roman writer imagines in one of his Eclogues that shepherds could make Silenus sing?

Answer: **VERGIL**

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6. Distinguish in meaning between pecus and pectus.

Answer: **PECUS = CATTLE, FLOCK, HERD; PECTUS = HEART, BREAST, FEELINGS**

- B1. Distinguish in meaning between lacus and lucus.

Answer: **LACUS = LAKE, POOL; LUCUS = WOOD, GROVE**

- B2. What is the third declension neuter noun which is a SYNONYM of lucus?

Answer: **NEMUS (NEMORIS, N.)**

7. Identify the case and usage of the pronoun in this sentence: We had to fight.

Answer: **DATIVE OF AGENT**

- B1. Identify the usage of the dative in this poetic line: Sunt mihi bis septem praestanti corpore nymphae.

Answer: **POSSESSION**

- B2. Now identify the usage of the ablative illustrated by praestanti corpore in that same line: Sunt mihi bis septem praestanti corpore nymphae.

Answer: **DESCRIPTION**

8. The Phoenician princess Elissa is better known by what name?

Answer: **DIDO**

- B1. Name Dido's husband who was slain by her evil brother.

Answer: **SYCHAEUS**

- B2. Name this evil brother of Dido.

Answer: **PYGMALION**

9. Name the edict issued in A.D. 313 which granted religious freedom to the Christians.

Answer: **EDICT OF MILAN**

- B1. The Edict of Milan was issued jointly by two emperors. One was Constantine. Who was the other one?

Answer: **LICINIUS**

- B2. Constantine and Licinius had a bumpy relationship and eventually Constantine executed Licinius for intriguing against him. In what year did Constantine become sole emperor?

Answer: **A.D. 324**

10. What is the meaning of the noun from which we derive "imminent"?

Answer: **THREATS (MINAE)**

- B1. Which of the following is NOT derived from minae: promontory, demeanor, eminent, administer?

Answer: **ADMINISTER**

- B2. From what Latin adjective is "administer" derived?

Answer: **MINOR (LESS)**

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ROUND TWO

1. Which of the following plants would **NOT** be considered “umbelliferous”: carrot, radish, cabbage, celery?

Answer: **CABBAGE**

- B1. What is the meaning of the first declension noun from which “umbelliferous” is derived?

Answer: **SHADE**

- B2. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from umbra: penumbra, somber, umbonal, umbrella?

Answer: **UMBONAL (UMBO = SHIELD, ELBOW)**

2. What throw of the tali designated the arbiter bibendi at a drinking party?

Answer: **A VENUS**

- B1. The four sides of the tali were numbered from one to six. Which two numbers were omitted?

Answer: **2 AND 5**

- B2. How many different throws did the Romans count, each with its own name and value?

Answer: **35**

3. Give the Latin phrase for the loot taken by a victorious general from the commander of the defeated army.

Answer: **SPOLIA OPIMA**

- B1. Speaking of military victories, who wrote a poem celebrating the defeat of Cleopatra?

Answer: **HORACE**

- B2. The poem about this defeat begins, "Nunc est bibendum." Complete the line.

Answer: **NUNC PEDE LIBERO**

4. In the sentence, "Quattuor annos Romae habitabat," identify the case of "Romae."

Answer: **LOCATIVE**

- B1. For the sentence, "We came to town from the country," translate "from the country."

Answer: **RURE**

- B2. For the sentence, "We live in the country, not the city," translate "in the country."

Answer: **RURI**

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5. Name the German commander of the military guard who was responsible for deposing Romulus Augustulus.

Answer: **ODOACER**

- B1. Name the city to which Romulus Augustulus and his family were exiled.

Answer: **MISENUM**

- B2. Which Roman admiral made Misenum the chief naval base of the Mediterranean fleet?

Answer: **(MARCUS VIPSANIUS) AGRIPPA**

6. Which of the following does **NOT** mean "thin": exilis, pinguis, gracilis, tenuis?

Answer: **PINGUIS (FAT)**

- B1. One could become fat by eating a good cena. But you really could put on weight at a banquet. Give another first declension noun, found in the plural only, which means "banquet."

Answer: **EPULAE**

- B2. Now give a third declension synonym for epulae.

Answer: **DAPS**

7. What deity fell in love with Orion and carried him off to Delos?

Answer: **EOS (AURORA)**

- B1. Which son of Eos is depicted on the temple mural in Carthage?

Answer: **MEMNON**

- B2. The father of Memnon was granted immortality by Zeus upon the request of Eos. However, she forgot to ask for eternal youth. Name this unfortunate young man who eventually was changed into a grasshopper.

Answer: **TITHONUS**

8. In what year did the Conflict of the Orders come to an end?

Answer: **287 B.C.**

- B1. Name the law which ended this conflict by making measures approved by the Concilium Plebis legal without approval by the senate.

Answer: **LEX HORTENSIA**

- B2. What rank did the plebeian Hortensius hold when he passed this law?

Answer: **LECTATOR**

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9. Name the mother of Iphicles.

Answer: **ALCMENA**

B1. The father of Iphicles was Amphitryon. However, before he could marry Alcmena, he had to avenge her brothers' deaths. Which king of Thebes did he ask for help?

Answer: **CREON**

B2. Creon agreed to help, on condition that Amphitryon get rid of the fox of Teumessa which was plaguing Thebes. What special characteristic did this fox have?

Answer: **IT COULD NOT BE CAUGHT BY RUNNING (NOTHING RAN FASTER).**

10. For the verb sumo, give the third person plural present passive subjunctive.

Answer: **SUMANTUR**

B1. Change sumantur to the corresponding imperfect.

Answer: **SUMERENTUR**

B2. Change sumerentur to the corresponding perfect active.

Answer: **SUMPSERINT**

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ROUND THREE**

1. Distinguish in meaning between virgo and virga.
Answer: **VIRGO = MAIDEN, GIRL; VIRGA = TWIG, WAND, ROD**
 - B1. Distinguish in meaning between limen and lumen.
Answer: **LIMEN = THRESHOLD, DOOR, ENTRANCE; LUMEN = LIGHT, LAMP**
 - B2. Distinguish in meaning between pendeo and pendo.
Answer: **PENDEO = HANG; PENDO = WEIGH, PAY**

2. Under what commander did both Marius and Jugurtha serve at Numantia?
Answer: **SCIPIO AEMILIANUS**
 - B1. Who was Marius' commander in the early stages of the war against Jugurtha?
Answer: **(QUINTUS CAECILIUS) METELLUS**
 - B2. Who was Marius' colleague when he defeated the Cimbri in 101 B.C.?
Answer: **(QUINTUS LUTATIUS) CATULUS**

3. Identify the use of the subjunctive illustrated in the following sentence: *Eis persuasit ne pugnarent.*
Answer: **INDIRECT COMMAND**
 - B1. If you were to change "Munitisne viam?" into an indirect question, what Latin word would you use to introduce the dependent clause?
Answer: **NUM**
 - B2. What Latin word would introduce the dependent clause in this sentence: "I am afraid that you won't come"?
Answer: **UT**

4. Who was the mother of the Moirae, the Horae, Astraea, and Prometheus?
Answer: **THEMIS**
 - B1. What sanctuary did she possess before it passed on to one of the Olympians?
Answer: **DELPHI (PYTHIAN SANCTUARY)**
 - B2. What remedy did she supposedly suggest for the overpopulation problem of the earth?
Answer: **THE TROJAN WAR**

5. What is the meaning of the Latin word from which we derive "applesauce"?
Answer: **SALT (SEA, BRINE)**
 - B1. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from sal: salient, salary, salad, saline?
Answer: **SALIENT**
 - B2. From what verb is "salient" derived?
Answer: **SALIO (JUMP, LEAP)**

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6. What am I describing if I use the adjectives testudinatum, displuviatum, or tetrastylon?

Answer: **AN ATRIUM**

- B1. What am I describing if I use the terms opus incertum or opus caementicium?

Answer: **WALLS (TYPES OF)**

- B2. What am I describing if I use the terms catillus and meta?

Answer: **A MILL**

7. What figure of speech is illustrated in this line: "Nihil horum ora vultusque moverunt"?

Answer: **HENDIADYS**

- B1. What figure of speech is illustrated by these words: "cum tacent, clamant"?

Answer: **OXYMORON (not just "antithesis")**

- B2. These two quotations can be found in the work of what author?

Answer: **CICERO**

8. Which king always forced strangers to box with him and always killed them?

Answer: **AMYCUS**

- B1. Who finally defeated him?

Answer: **POLLUX (POLYDEUCES)**

- B2. Pollux and his brother also appear in Roman legend and supposedly fought alongside the Romans in battle. Name this battle which took place in 496 B.C.

Answer: **LAKE REGILLUS**

9. The subject is the Year of the Four Emperors. Which emperor's name means "little calf"?

Answer: **VITELLIUS**

- B1. Which emperor served as governor of Lusitania?

Answer: **OTHO**

- B2. Which emperor had been married to Poppaea Sabina?

Answer: **OTHO**

10. The topic is cities. What city has as its motto, "Domine, dirige nos"?

Answer: **LONDON**

- B1. What city has as its motto, "Fluctuat nec mergitur"?

Answer: **PARIS**

- B2. The motto of Edinburgh, "nisi Dominus frustra" is also found on the emblem of what insurance company?

Answer: **BLUE CROSS**

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CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

1. What is the more common term for a graphium?

Answer: **STILUS (STYLUS)**

- B1. What was used to make chartae?

Answer: **PAPYRUS**

- B2. A single papyrus plant yielded one unit of paper sold. A modern bookbinder's measure of paper is a quire, or 24 sheets. How many sheets were in the Roman equivalent?

Answer: **20 SHEETS**

2. In the phrase, mirabile visu, identify the form, case, and usage of visu.

Answer: **SUPINE; ABLATIVE; SPECIFICATION (RESPECT)**

- B1. In the sentence, "Venimus monitum te," identify the form, case, and usage of monitum.

Answer: **SUPINE; ACCUSATIVE; PURPOSE**

- B2. What use of the genitive is illustrated in this sentence, "Quod huius imperi disciplinaeque maiorum proprium est"?

Answer: **OBJECTIVE**

3. Give a first declension noun which is a SYNONYM of harundo.

Answer: **SAGITTA**

- B1. What is the meaning of the Latin noun from which we derive "pelagic"?

Answer: **SEA (PELAGUS)**

- B2. Pelagus is a second declension neuter noun. One synonym for pelagus is the third-declension noun mare. Give another third-declension SYNONYM for pelagus which is also neuter.

Answer: **AEQUOR (AEQUORIS, N. SEA)**

4. What town did the Romans capture in 338 B.C. when they took six ships of the enemy and fastened their beaks to the speaker's platform?

Answer: **ANTIUM**

- B1. Two Julio-Claudian emperors were born in Antium. One was Nero. Who was the other one?

Answer: **CALIGULA**

- B2. What famous statue of a god, now in the Vatican, was found in Antium?

Answer: **APOLLO BELVEDERE**

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5. The word cum can be translated several different ways. What would be the best translation for cum in this quotation from Cicero: "Nuper cum morte superioris uxoris novis nuptiis locum vacuefecisses"?

Answer: **WHEN**

- B1. What is the best translation for cum in this sentence: "Cum multum frumentum non habeamus, eis tamen partem dabimus"?

Answer: **ALTHOUGH**

- B2. Now translate cum in this clause, "Cum primum Caesar proelium commisit."

Answer: **AS (SOON AS)**

6. Give the present imperative plural of sum.

Answer: **ESTE**

- B1. Give the alternative form for futurum esse.

Answer: **FORE**

- B2. Give the first person singular future passive indicative of facio.

Answer: **FIAM (FROM FIO)**

7. Who was the father of Demophon and Acamas?

Answer: **THESEUS**

- B1. Theseus had to face several dangerous men on his way to Athens. One of them was named Damastes. What is the more common name by which he is known?

Answer: **PROCRUSTES**

- B2. When Aegeus acknowledged Theseus as his heir, Theseus had to fight the Pallantidae who rebelled at the decision of the king. How were they related to Theseus?

Answer: **COUSINS**

8. What term designates the closest tie of relationship known to the Romans?

Answer: **AGNATIO**

- B1. What term was used to designate those related by blood?

Answer: **COGNATI (not cognatio)**

- B2. On what date did the Romans commemorate the ties of blood each year?

Answer: **FEBRUARY 22**

9. From what third conjugation verb do we derive "season"?

Answer: **SERO**

- B1. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from sero: dessert, seminary, disseminate?

Answer: **DESSERT (from SERVUS)**

- B2. When Vergil refers to Jupiter as the "father of gods and men," he does not always use pater. What derivative from sero does he use?

Answer: **SATOR**

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10. Name the best archer in the whole Greek army at Troy.

Answer: **TEUCER**

B1. How was Teucer related to the Greater Ajax?

Answer; **(HALF-) BROTHER**

B2. Teucer fought against Troy even though Priam was his maternal uncle. Who was Teucer's mother?

Answer: **HESIONE**

11. What do fido, gaudeo, and soleo all have in common?

Answer: **THEY ARE ALL SEMI-DEPONENTS.**

B1. What do the third conjugation verbs fallo, tango, and posco all have in common?

Answer: **THEY ALL HAVE REDUPLICATED PERFECTS.**

B2. Which of the following prepositions governs the ablative: coram, penes, erga, iuxta?

Answer: **CORAM (IN THE PRESENCE OF)**

12. How was the consular colleague of Cicero related to the triumvir?

Answer: **UNCLE**

B1. To what clan did the mother of Mark Antony belong?

Answer: **JULIAN**

B2. Mark Antony was Fulvia's third husband; Curio was her second. Who was her first husband?

Answer: **CLODIUS**

13. Someone who has to pay a bill at a restaurant but finds his wallet empty would think this line from a famous poet appropriate: "Plenus sacculus est araneorum." Translate this line.

Answer: **(MY) PURSE IS FULL OF COBWEBS.**

B1. What poet wrote this line?

Answer: **CATULLUS**

B2. Who wrote "non omnis morior" because of the immortality conferred by his poetry?

Answer: **HORACE**

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14. Who spoke this line to Aeneas in Troy: "Iamque vale, et nati serva communis amorem"?

Answer: **CREUSA**

B1. Who had wounded Aeneas on the battlefield during the Trojan War?

Answer: **DIOMEDES**

B2. Like Achilles, Aeneas eventually needed a new set of armor. Which of the following was **NOT** depicted on the shield: Porsenna, Manlius, Hannibal, Catiline?

Answer: **HANNIBAL**

15. Who won the battle of Issus in 333 B.C.?

Answer: **ALEXANDER THE GREAT**

B1. Which emperor also won a battle at Issus in A.D. 194?

Answer: **SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS**

B2. Whom did Septimius Severus defeat?

Answer: **PESCENNIUS NIGER**