

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2002
CERTAMEN LEVEL ONE
ROUND ONE**

1. What Greek god was symbolized by a dog and a vulture?
Answer: **ARES (not Mars)**
 - B1. Ares was the father of a daughter named Harmonia. What Greek goddess was her mother?
Answer: **APHRODITE**
 - B2. As Mars, this god became the father of two sons by Rhea Silvia. Name them.
Answer: **ROMULUS AND REMUS**

2. Say in Latin, "the bad sailor."
Answer: **nauta malus**
 - B1. Change nauta malus to the accusative singular.
Answer: **NAUTAM MALUM**
 - B2. Say in Latin, "of the bad sailors."
Answer: **NAUTARUM MALORUM**

3. Give the dictionary entry for the verb from which we derive "impugn," "repugnant," and "pugnacious."
Answer: **PUGNO, PUGNARE, PUGNAVI, PUGNATUS (PUGNATUM)**
 - B1. Give the dictionary entry for the noun from which we derive "curiosity."
Answer: **CURA, CURAE, F. CARE, CONCERN**
 - B2. Which of the following words is NOT derived from cura: proctor, accuracy, incur, scour?
Answer: **INCUR (CURRO)**

4. Give the official name of the emperor who was better known as Caligula.
Answer: **GAIUS**
 - B1. How did Gaius acquire the nickname Caligula?
Answer: **WEARING LITTLE BOOTS IN ARMY CAMPS AS A CHILD**
 - B2. Give the years of Caligula's reign.
Answer: **A.D. 37-41**

5. Let's do the Roman home and garden tour. Using Latin, please identify the room in which you would find three lecti.
Answer: **TFICLINIUM**
 - B1. Which room could be closed with curtains to separate it from the atrium?
Answer: **TABLINUM**
 - B2. Give the name for the open court at the rear of the tablinum.
Answer: **PERISTYLUM**

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6. How many consulships were held by Marius?

Answer: 7

B1. How was Marius related to Julius Caesar?

Answer: HIS UNCLE

B2. Marius had a young lieutenant who later turned against him and eventually became dictator of Rome. Name him.

Answer: SULLA

7. For the verb sum, give the second person singular perfect indicative.

Answer: FUISTI

B1. Change fuisti to the corresponding pluperfect.

Answer: FUERAS

B2. Change fueras to the corresponding present.

Answer: ES

8. We all know that ubi means "where." What other meaning does it have?

Answer: WHEN

B1. One meaning of ab is "from" or "away from." What other meaning does it have?

Answer: BY

B2. When the preposition in is used with a person's name in the accusative, such as "In Catilinam," how should in be translated?

Answer: AGAINST

9. Name the daughter Leto bore to Zeus.

Answer: ARTEMIS (not Diana)

B1. Artemis and her brother punished Niobe for the sin of pride. What did they do to her?

Answer: KILLED ALL HER CHILDREN

B2. Artemis had a hair-trigger temper. Whom did she kill for inadvertently seeing her in her bath by turning his hounds on him?

Answer: ACTAEON

10. Ah, the joy of one-word mottoes! Give the motto of California in both Greek and English.

Answer: EUREKA; I HAVE FOUND IT

B1. Give the Latin and English for the state of Maine.

Answer: DIRIGO; I POINT THE WAY

B2. What state has as its motto the one word "Excelsior"?

Answer: NEW YORK

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CERTAMEN LEVEL ONE
ROUND TWO

1. Where would a Roman go to use a laconicum, apodyterium, and a frigidarium?
Answer: **THE BATHS (THERMAE, BALNEA)**
 - B1. Which of these rooms – the laconicum, the apodyterium, or the frigidarium – would a Roman enter first?
Answer: **APODYTERIUM**
 - B2. What instrument was used at the baths to scrape off dirt and oil?
Answer: **STRIGILIS (STRIGIL)**

2. Name the emperor allegedly killed by Nero's mother.
Answer: **CLAUDIUS**
 - B1. Give the name of Nero's mother.
Answer: **AGRIPPINA THE YOUNGER**
 - B2. Agrippina in her turn met a violent death. Who had her killed?
Answer: **NERO**

3. Say in Latin, "a great danger."
Answer: **PERICULUM MAGNUM**
 - B1. Change periculum magnum to the nominative plural.
Answer: **PERICULA MAGNA**
 - B2. Translate the prepositional phrase in this sentence: They knew he was running into great danger.
Answer: **IN PERICULUM MAGNUM**

4. Give the singular and plural meanings of the noun littera, litterae, F.
Answer: **SINGULAR = LETTER OF THE ALPHABET; PLURAL = LETTER YOU WRITE (can add "letters" but must have the singular for credit)**
 - B1. Give the singular and plural meanings of the noun auxilium, auxili, N.
Answer: **SINGULAR = HELP, AID; PLURAL = REINFORCEMENTS, AUXILIARY TROOPS (or "auxiliary forces")**
 - B2. Give a second declension noun which is a SYNONYM for campus.
Answer: **AGER**

5. When playing Certamen, it's a good idea not to forget your facts. What is the Latin term for such a "Brain Burp"?
Answer: **LAPSUS MEMORIAE**
 - B1. As a Certamen moderator, I have to be careful not to twist my words – or my tongue. What Latin term would be appropriate for that kind of slip?
Answer: **LAPSUS LINGVAE**
 - B2. Finally, we must hope that the writer of these questions did not suffer a lapsus calami. What does that phrase mean?
Answer: a slip of the pen

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6. Name the wife of Odysseus.

Answer: **PENELOPE**

B1. Although he had a faithful wife waiting at home, Odysseus epitomizes the sailor with a girl in every port. What sorceress kept him with her for a year?

Answer: **CIRCE**

B2. Who detained Odysseus for seven years?

Answer: **CALYPSO**

7. Translate the verb of this sentence into Latin: Boys, carry the grain to your horses in a cart.

Answer: **PORTATE**

B1. In that same sentence, "Boys, carry the grain to your horses in a cart," translate "to your horses."

Answer: **AD VESTROS EQUOS**

B2. Now translate "in a cart" from that same sentence: "Boys, carry grain to your horses in a cart."

Answer: **CARRO**

8. Name the two Roman brothers who attempted to help the poor by enacting radical agrarian laws.

Answer: **TIBERIUS AND GAIUS GRACCHUS (not just "the Gracchi")**

B1. Name the mother of these brothers.

Answer: **CORNELIA**

B2. How did Cornelia describe her sons to a friend?

Answer: **AS HER JEWELS**

9. What is the meaning of the verb from which we derive "habit"?

Answer: **HAVE, HOLD (HABEO)**

B1. Which of the following does NOT come from habeo: approbation, malady, prohibit, ability?

Answer: **APPROBATION**

B2. From what verb do we derive "approbation"?

Answer: **PROBO (PROBARE, PROBAVI, PROBATUS = TEST, PROVE, APPROVE)**

10. There are many stories of transformation in mythology. One involves Apollo and his pursuit of a young lady who changed into a tree. Name her.

Answer: **DAPHNE**

B1. Into what type of tree was she transformed?

Answer: **LAUREL (BAY LAUREL)**

B2. The laurel tree became sacred to Apollo, and its leaves were used to crown victors at the games. Which games were sacred to Apollo – Isthmian, Olympian, Pythian, or Nemean?

Answer: **PYTHIAN**

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ROUND THREE**

1. Translate into Latin, "You won't sail to Italy, will you?"
Answer: **NUM AD ITALIAM NAVIGABIS (NAVIGABITIS)?**
 - B1. Now say in Latin, "Will you sail to Spain?"
Answer: **NAVIGABISNE AD HISPANIAM (NAVIGABITISNE)?**
 - B2. Now say in Latin, "You will tell Cornelia the story, won't you?"
Answer: **NONNE CORNELIAE FABULAM NARRABIS (NARRABITIS)?**

2. Give the second declension noun which is a SYNONYM of amicus.
Answer: **SOCIUS**
 - B1. Give the third declension noun which is an ANTONYM of socius.
Answer: **HOSTIS**
 - B2. Hostis is a military term. Which of the following does NOT belong to that group: castra, praesidium, copiae, mundus?
Answer: **MUNDUS (world)**

3. What type of gladiator fought from a two-wheeled chariot?
Answer: **ESSEDARIUS**
 - B1. What type of gladiator had to fight blind but was so heavily armed his name means "safe-walker"?
Answer: **ANDABATA**
 - B2. What was a gladiator given who won his freedom?
Answer: **A WOODEN SWORD**

4. To which group do Thalia, Polyhymnia, and Euterpe belong?
Answer: **MUSES**
 - B1. Name the muse of epic poetry.
Answer: **CALLIOPE**
 - B2. Name the muse of dance.
Answer: **TERPSICHORE**

5. Name the Roman patriot who demonstrated his bravery by holding his hand in a fire.
Answer: **MUCIUS SCAEVOLA**
 - B1. For what king did Mucius Scaevola demonstrate his strength?
Answer: **LARS PORSENNA**
 - B2. Why was Lars Porsenna besieging Rome?
Answer: **TO RESTORE TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS TO THE THRONE**

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6. Say in Latin, "the new law."

Answer: **LEX NOVA**

B1. Change lex nova to the genitive singular.

Answer: **LEGIS NOVAE**

B2. Change legis novae to the accusative plural.

Answer: **LEGES NOVAS**

7. From what first declension noun do we derive "impervious"?

Answer: **VIA**

B1. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from via: visit, trivial, previous, convey?

Answer: **VISIT**

B2. From which second conjugation verb is "visit" derived?

Answer: **VIDEO**

8. Now that we are in the third round, let's ask about three-word mottoes and phrases. Give the motto in Latin and English of the state of Mississippi.

Answer: **VIRTUTE ET ARMIS; BY VALOR AND ARMS**

B1. Moving further west, what is the motto for the state of Colorado?

Answer: **NIL SINE NUMINE; NOTHING WITHOUT DIVINE GUIDANCE**

B2. A neighbor of Colorado has as its motto "Cedant arma togae." Identify the state and translate the motto.

Answer: **WYOMING; LET ARMS YIELD TO THE TOGA**

9. Psychopompus was a title given to the son of Maia and Zeus. Name him.

Answer: **HERMES (not Mercury)**

B1. What gift made from a tortoise shell did the baby Hermes present to Apollo?

Answer: **LYRE**

B2. What did the mischievous Hermes invent to hide his tracks when he stole Apollo's cattle?

Answer: **SANDALS**

10. You probably know that A.D. 69 is often called the Year of the Four Emperors. Who was the last of these emperors?

Answer: **VESPASIAN**

B1. With Vespasian began the dynasty of the Flavians. In what year did this dynasty end?

Answer: **A.D.96**

B2. Which of the Flavians presided over the dedication of the Colosseum?

Answer: **TITUS**

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CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

1. Name the patron brothers of athletes and sailors.

Answer: **CASTOR AND POLLUX (POLYDEUCES)**

- B1. The Romans called these brothers the Gemini. What did the Greeks call them?

Answer: **DIOSCURI**

- B2. Who was the immortal sister of these brothers?

Answer: **HELEN**

2. For the verb ago, give the third person plural present active form.

Answer: **AGUNT**

- B1. Change agunt to the corresponding future form.

Answer: **AGENT**

- B2. Change agunt to the corresponding future perfect.

Answer: **EGERINT**

3. What people defeated the Romans in 390 B.C.?

Answer: **GAULS**

- B1. Where was this battle fought?

Answer: **ALLIA RIVER**

- B2. Name the leader of the Gauls.

Answer: **BRENNUS**

4. Distinguish in meaning between terreo and timeo.

Answer: **TERREO = TO FRIGHTEN; TIMEO = TO BE AFRAID**

- B1. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from terreo: disinter, terrible, deter, terrific?

Answer: **DISINTER**

- B2. From what noun do we derive "disinter"?

Answer: **TERRA**

5. A day at the races should start with a parade. What is the Latin term for the parade that heralded the beginning of the day's events?

Answer: **POMPA**

- B1. What were the two towers called where the musicians were located?

Answer: **OPPIDA**

- B2. Which two racing companies lasted the longest?

Answer: **BLUES AND GREENS**

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6. Give the abbreviation and the Latin which means "after noon."

Answer: P.M.; POST MERIDIEM (ask the student to spell the word if you don't hear clearly the Latin accusative)

- B1. Games lasted all day during important festivals, but in order to compete you had to be in good physical and mental shape. Give the Latin quotation which gives this advice.

Answer: MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO

- B2. What Roman author coined this phrase?

Answer: JUVENAL

7. Which of the following is NOT derived from bonus: benign, bonanza, revelry, embellish?

Answer: REVELRY

- B1. "Revelry" is derived from the same noun as "duel." Give the dictionary entry for it.

Answer: BELLUM, BELLI, N. WAR

- B2. What Latin adjective is also a root for "duel"?

Answer: DUO

8. Which of the following nouns does NOT belong by gender: liber, pes, ver, civis?

Answer: VER

- B1. Say in Latin, "a short spring."

Answer: VER BREVE

- B2. Now say in Latin, "a short book."

Answer: LIBER BREVIS

9. What god gave Midas the golden touch?

Answer: DIONYSUS

- B1. What god gave Midas donkey's ears?

Answer: APOLLO

- B2. Midas was so burdened by the secret of his ears that he dug a hole and whispered his shame into it. How did the story become known?

Answer: A REED GREW THERE AND WHISPERED IT.

10. In what year did Julius Caesar invade Britain for the first time?

Answer: 55 B.C.

- B1. Under which emperor did Britain become a province?

Answer: CLAUDIUS

- B2. Under which emperor did Britain rise in revolt under Queen Boudicca?

Answer: NERO

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11. Give the dictionary entry for the third conjugation verb which means "to do up, complete, exhaust, consume, destroy."
Answer: **CONFICIO, CONFICERE, CONFECI, CONFECTUS (CONFECTUM)**
B1. Give a third conjugation SYNONYM for conficio which also means "finish" or "end" as well as "complete."
Answer: **PERFICIO**
B2. Now give a third conjugation ANTONYM for perficio.
Answer: **INCIPIO**
12. Roman brides, like modern ones, had bridesmaids. Give the Latin term for these attendants.
Answer: **PRONUBAE**
B1. What form of Roman marriage included a fictitious sale?
Answer: **COEMPTIO**
B2. What law was passed in 445 B.C. which legalized marriages between patricians and plebeians?
Answer: **LEX CANULEIA**
13. Translate the verb in this sentence: The horses were being led to the fields.
Answer: **DUCEBANTUR**
B1. Translate the verb in this sentence: She has been taught by good teachers.
Answer: **DOCTA EST**
B2. Now translate the prepositional phrase in that sentence: She has been taught by good teachers.
Answer: **A MAGISTRIS BONIS**
14. Hippomenes won his wife in a race. Name her.
Answer: **ATALANTA**
B1. Atalanta joined the hunt for the Calydonian boar and wounded it. Who killed it?
Answer: **MELEAGER**
B2. Who was responsible for the death of Meleager?
Answer: **HIS MOTHER (ALTHEA)**
15. Which of the Five Good Emperors had the shortest reign?
Answer: **NERVA**
B1. Which of the Five Good Emperors had the longest reign?
Answer: **ANTONINUS PIUS**
B2. How long did he rule?
Answer: **23 YEARS**

