

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2002
GREEK LITERATURE**

N.B. All dates are B.C.

1. Which of the following was **NOT** a tragic poet?
a. Aeschylus b. Menander c. Sophocles d. Euripides
2. Which work includes stories about a one-eyed giant and ladies with magical powers?
a. Odyssey b. Medea c. Iliad d. Electra
3. Which of the following is associated with the atomic theory?
a. Democritus b. Pythagoras c. Anaxagoras d. Thales
4. In which work would one read about the kidnapping of a daughter?
a. Hymn to Demeter b. Iliad c. Theogony d. Hymn to Aphrodite
5. Who wrote the History of the Peloponnesian War?
a. Herodotus b. Hellanicus c. Xenophon d. Thucydides
6. Which orator worked to improve his diction and delivery by proclaiming speeches with pebbles in his mouth?
a. Lysias b. Demosthenes c. Lycurgus d. Demades
7. How many forms of comedy were there?
a. one b. two c. three d. four
8. Which two authors both wrote a work entitled Symposium?
a. Plato and Xenophon b. Xenophon and Aristotle c. Aristotle and Demosthenes
d. Demosthenes and Plato
9. What famous resident of Cos is credited with over 60 treatises on various medical topics?
a. Aristotle b. Hippocrates c. Thales d. Protagoras
10. According to tragic tradition, what term was given to the flaw of excessive pride?
a. peripeteia b. hamartia c. hybris d. auxesis
11. Which character is correctly matched with the work in which he/she appears?
a. Antigone / Trojan Women b. Oedipus / Libation Bearers
c. Jason / Medea d. Phaedra / Suppliants
12. Which poet was also one of the Seven Sages of ancient Greece?
a. Simonides b. Pindar c. Homer d. Solon

13. According to modern thought, when did Homer probably live?
 - a. at the time of the Trojan War
 - b. about 100 years after the Trojan War
 - c. about 200-300 years after the Trojan War
 - d. about 400-500 years after the Trojan War
14. A dramatic performance at the City Dionysia would include a tragic trilogy and
 - a. a satyr play. b. comedies. c. a presentation of last year's winner.
 - d. readings of lyric poetry.
15. Who wrote 123 plays and won more first prizes than any other dramatist?
 - a. Phrynichus b. Euripides c. Agathon d. Sophocles
16. The orchestra in a Greek theater was
 - a. used by actors to deliver their lines. b. a place for the chorus to dance and sing.
 - c. a platform for the "deus ex machina." d. the stage.
17. What author reported that Darius commanded an attendant to say at each meal, "Sire, remember the Athenians"?
 - a. Xenophon b. Hecataeus c. Thucydides d. Herodotus
18. Who headed an embassy to Athens in 427 and stunned the Athenians with the brilliance and style of his speeches?
 - a. Anaxagoras b. Antiphon c. Gorgias d. Isocrates
19. Who wrote an indictment for treason against Leocrates?
 - a. Demosthenes b. Lycurgus c. Deinarchus d. Aeschines
20. Who wrote thirty descriptive sketches including one of a loquacious man whose children wanted him to talk to them at bedtime "so they could go to sleep"?
 - a. Plato b. Callimachus c. Theophrastus d. Archilochus
21. Which epithet is NOT correctly matched with the character it describes?
 - a. Eos / rosy-fingered b. Hera / swift-footed c. Zeus / cloud gatherer
 - d. Agamemnon / king of men
22. Which poet encouraged Spartans to fight bravely in war and wrote, "The youth's fair form is fairest when he dies"?
 - a. Tyrtaeus b. Alcman c. Anacreon d. Theophrastus
23. Who created true drama by introducing a second actor?
 - a. Thespis b. Aeschylus c. Euripides d. Sophocles

24. Which of the following does **NOT** belong?
a. Parmenides b. Heracleitus c. Zeno d. Gorgias
25. Which statement about Aristotle is **NOT** true?
a. He founded the Lyceum in Athens. b. Alexander the Great was his pupil.
c. He died in Chalcis. d. About half of his work has survived.
26. Which philosopher first proposed the theory that everything was composed of four substances?
a. Anaximander b. Leucippus c. Empedocles d. Anaxagoras
27. Speusippus, Xenocrates, and Polemon all successively headed the
a. Academy. b. Garden. c. Lyceum. d. Cynosarges.
28. The logographers were the earliest
a. epic poets. b. tragedians. c. historians. d. philosophers.
29. Plato set his Republic at the home of Polemarchus, who was a brother of the orator
a. Lysias. b. Andocides. c. Hypereides. d. Isaeus.
30. Who was associated with Alcibiades in the mutilation of the Herms?
a. Gorgias b. Xenophon c. Socrates d. Andocides
31. Who has been described as the world's first sightseer because of his travels and the descriptions he wrote of them?
a. Zeno b. Herodotus c. Heracleitus d. Xenophon
32. The terms "nome," "prosodian," "dithyramb," and "epinikia" all refer to _____
poetry.
a. epic b. tragic c. comic d. lyric
33. Which writer is **NOT** correctly matched with another role he played?
a. Sophocles / general at Samos b. Socrates / stonecutter
c. Thucydides / vegetable merchant d. Aeschylus / warrior at Marathon
34. Where does the opening scene of the Odyssey take place?
a. Mt. Olympus b. Ithaca c. Troy d. Ogygia
35. In what part of a comedy did the chorus suspend dramatic action and speak to the audience in the name of the author?
a. prologue b. agon c. parados d. parabasis
36. Which of the following was **NOT** a Cynic philosopher?
a. Diogenes b. Crates c. Anaximenes d. Antisthenes

37. Whose work is divided into nine books, each one named after a Muse?
a. Sappho b. Herodotus c. Pindar d. Thucydides
38. Which author wrote, "The cause of these evils was the desire for power which greed and ambition inspire"?
a. Thucydides b. Aeschylus c. Homer d. Aeschines
39. Who was known as "Beta" because he was the second best to the specialist in every subject?
a. Zenodotus b. Aristotle c. Eratosthenes d. Carneades
40. What poet was sometimes referred to as "Battiades" because he came from Cyrene?
a. Callinus b. Phrynichus c. Terpander d. Callimachus
41. In which work does the author give a compassionate picture of the pain suffered by a defeated people?
a. Persians b. Anabasis c. Seven Against Thebes d. Hellenica
42. Whose poetry invoked the Muses of Helicon?
a. Homer b. Pindar c. Bacchylides d. Hesiod
43. Which of the following did **NOT**, at one time or another, reside at the court of Hieron in Syracuse?
a. Simonides b. Bacchylides c. Pindar d. Alcaeus
44. Charaxus, Cercylas, and Cleis were all family members of
a. Sappho. b. Hesiod. c. Archilochus. d. Terpander.
45. Whom did Aristophanes describe in the Frogs as "contented among the living, contented among the dead"?
a. Euripides b. Socrates c. Sophocles d. Solon
46. Which philosopher thought he had been a Trojan warrior in an earlier life?
a. Plato b. Pythagoras c. Xenophanes d. Empedocles
47. The Eleatic school of philosophy believed that the basic matter of the universe was
a. fire. b. water. c. Nous. d. unchanging.
48. Which playwright was associated in people's minds with the Sophists?
a. Aristophanes b. Euripides c. Sophocles d. Menander
49. Alcaeus writes about all of the following **EXCEPT**
a. the role of the anti-hero. b. the need to "seize the moment."
c. war, wine, and love. d. a storm threatening the "ship of state."

50. Plato once advertised a lecture on the Good which surprised the audience by focusing on
- a. death.
 - b. the ideal forms.
 - c. mathematics.
 - d. political justice.

