

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2005  
LEVEL I CERTAMEN  
ROUND ONE**

1. What is the term for the series of offices an ambitious man might hold in the Roman Republic?

**Answer: CURSUS HONORUM**

- B1. Which officer served as public treasurer?

**Answer: QUAESTOR**

- B2. Which office in the cursus honorum was held first?

**Answer: QUAESTOR(SHIP)**

2. For the verb porto, give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural, future active indicative.

**Answer: PORTABITIS**

- B1. Make portabitis perfect.

**Answer: PORTAVISTIS**

- B2. Make portavistis future perfect.

**Answer: PORTAVERITIS**

3. Name the daughter of Zeus and Metis who sprang from Zeus' head.

**Answer: ATHENA (NOT MINERVA)**

- B1. Whom did Zeus father with Mnemosyne?

**Answer: THE NINE MUSES**

- B2. Whom did Zeus father with Eurynome?

**Answer: THE THREE GRACES**

4. What word do the mottoes of the Coast Guard and the Marine Corps have in common?

**Answer: SEMPER**

- B1. Viz. is the abbreviation for what Latin word?

**Answer: VIDELICET**

- B2. What is the meaning of videlicet?

**Answer: NAMELY**

5. Translate the entire direct object in the following sentence: I saw many men in the narrow road.

**Answer: MULTOS VIROS (MULTOS HOMINES)**

- B1. Translate the entire direct object in the following sentence: I saw the good farmer in the field.

**Answer: AGRICOLAM BONUM**

- B2. Translate the entire indirect object in the following sentence: I gave the beautiful daughters all my money.

**Answer: FILIABUS PULCHRIS**

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6. In what year was the First Triumvirate formed?

**Answer: 60 B.C.**

B1. Who were the members of the First Triumvirate?

**Answer: POMPEY, CRASSUS, JULIUS CAESAR**

B2. Which of these men was the last to die?

**Answer: JULIUS CAESAR**

7. What is the astrological name for Castor and Pollux?

**Answer: GEMINI**

B1. Who were the sisters of Castor and Pollux?

**Answer: HELEN AND CLYTEMNESTRA**

B2. Name the brothers to whom each of the sisters was married.

**Answer: HELEN – MENELAUS; CLYTEMNESTRA –  
AGAMEMNON**

8. In what year were Pompeii and Herculaneum buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?

**Answer: A.D. 79**

B1. Who was emperor when Vesuvius erupted that year?

**Answer: TITUS**

B2. To what dynasty did Titus belong?

**Answer: THE FLAVIAN DYNASTY**

9. Complete the analogy: puer : puella :: frater : \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer: SOROR**

B1. What 2<sup>nd</sup> declension noun is a **SYNONYM** for ager?

**Answer: CAMPUS**

B2. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from campus: champion, camp, campaign, chance?

**Answer: CHANCE (FROM CADO)**

10. On which day after his birth did a Roman boy receive his name?

**Answer: THE NINTH DAY**

B1. What was this day called?

**Answer: DIES LUSTRICUS**

B2. Give the dictionary entry for the Latin noun from which the praenomen Lucius was derived?

**Answer: LUX, LUCIS, F. LIGHT**

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ROUND TWO**

1. Give the Latin for the motto of Colorado.

**Answer: NIL SINE NUMINE**

- B1. Give the Latin for the motto of its neighbor, Wyoming.

**Answer: CEDANT ARMA TOGAE**

- B2. Translate both of these mottoes.

**Answer: COLORADO – NOTHING WITHOUT DIVINE GUIDANCE  
WYOMING – LET ARMS YIELD TO THE TOGA**

2. Translate the noun in the following sentence: Son, write clearly.

**Answer: FILII**

- B1. Translate the verb in that same sentence: Son, write clearly.

**Answer: SCRIBE**

- B2. Now translate the word "clearly" in the same sentence: Son, write clearly.

**Answer: CLARE**

3. Where would a Roman find a palaestra, unctorium, tepidarium, calidarium, and a frigidarium?

**Answer: BATHS (THERMAE, BALNEA)**

- B1. What was the name of the room used for changing clothes?

**Answer: APODYTERIUM**

- B2. What is the name of the scraping tool used in the unctorium?

**Answer: STRIGIL**

4. Name the son of Marcus Aurelius who became emperor in A.D. 180.

**Answer: COMMODUS**

- B1. Who succeeded Commodus as emperor in A.D. 193?

**Answer: PERTINAX**

- B2. Commodus thought he was the reincarnation of which deity?

**Answer: HERCULES**

5. Speaking of Hercules, how many labors did he perform?

**Answer: TWELVE**

- B1. What was the last of these labors?

**Answer: TO BRING CERBERUS FROM THE UNDERWORLD**

- B2. Name the cousin for whom Hercules had to perform these labors.

**Answer: EURYSTHEUS**

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6. Identify the use of the ablative in this sentence: Marcus ad silvam cum patre ambulabat.

**Answer: ACCOMPANIMENT**

- B1. Identify the use of the ablative in this sentence: Milites Gallos armis pugnauerunt.

**Answer: MEANS**

- B2. Identify the use of the ablative in this sentence: Virtute superant.

**Answer: SPECIFICATION (RESPECT)**

7. Give the title of the chief Roman priest.

**Answer: PONTIFEX MAXIMUS**

- B1. What did a haruspex do?

**Answer: CHECK FOR OMENS IN THE ENTRAILS OF ANIMALS**

- B2. What did an augur do?

**Answer: CHECK FOR OMENS IN THE FLIGHT OF BIRDS**

8. What did Poseidon promise to the Athenians if they would choose him as their patron?

**Answer: A SPRING OF FRESH (SALT) WATER**

- B1. Athena was chosen as their patron. What was her gift?

**Answer: THE OLIVE TREE**

- B2. Name Poseidon's wife who was the mother of Proteus and Triton.

**Answer: AMPHITRITE**

9. Which war ended with the Battle of the Aegates Islands?

**Answer: FIRST PUNIC WAR**

- B1. Give the dates of the First Punic War.

**Answer: 264-241 B.C.**

- B2. Name the Roman general who was captured during this war and crucified by the Carthaginians.

**Answer: REGULUS**

10. Which ocean derives its name from the Latin word for "peace"?

**Answer: PACIFIC OCEAN**

- B1. Give the dictionary entry for the Latin word which means "peace."

**Answer: PAX, PACIS, F.**

- B2. From which Latin adjective do we derive "haughty"?

**Answer: ALTUS**

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**ROUND THREE**

1. Which emperor ruled from A.D. 98 to A.D. 117?

**Answer: TRAJAN**

B1. In which province was Trajan born?

**Answer: HISPANIA (SPAIN)**

B2. Which tribe north of the Danube River did Trajan defeat in A.D. 106?

**Answer: DACIANS**

2. Which of the following verbs is **NOT** in the future tense: amabit, capiet, scribit, dabit?

**Answer: SCRIBIT**

B1. What is the future of scribit?

**Answer: SCRIBET**

B2. What is the perfect of scribet?

**Answer: SCRIPSIT**

3. According to Ovid, who fell in love with his reflection in a pool?

**Answer: NARCISSUS**

B1. Who was the nymph who loved him but whose love he did not return?

**Answer: ECHO**

B2. Who turned Echo into a voice that could only repeat the last phrase spoken?

**Answer: JUNO (NOT HERA)**

4. From what Latin word do we derive the word "square"?

**Answer: QUATTUOR**

B1. Spell quattuor.

**Answer: QUATTUOR**

B2. Responde Latine: Quot sunt sex et quattuor?

**Answer: DECEM**

5. Which preposition does **NOT** belong: propter, ex, de, cum, sine?

**Answer: PROPTER**

B1. Why does propter not belong?

**Answer: PROPTER TAKES THE ACCUSATIVE CASE.**

B2. Give a **SYNONYM** for propter.

**Answer: OB**

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6. What would a raeda be used for in ancient Rome?

**Answer: TRAVEL**

B1. Why would a Roman visit a tonsor?

**Answer: TO GET A SHAVE/HAIRCUT**

B2. What might one purchase at a pistrina?

**Answer: BREAD**

7. Many Latin abbreviations are used in various mathematic disciplines. Give the Latin for the abbreviation Q.E.D. which is used in geometry.

**Answer: QUOD ERAT DEMONSTRANDUM**

B1. Translate the Latin for this abbreviation.

**Answer: WHICH WAS (HAD) TO BE SHOWN**

B2. Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation h.s.

**Answer: HORA SOMNI = AT BEDTIME (AT THE HOUR OF SLEEP)**

8. Who was the daughter of King Aeetes who helped Jason steal the Golden Fleece?

**Answer: MEDEA**

B1. Who usurped the throne of Iolcus from Jason's father?

**Answer: PELIAS**

B2. Who was Jason's father?

**Answer: AESON**

9. What is the more common name given today to the Amphitheatrum Flavianum?

**Answer: COLOSSEUM**

B1. What was the curia which was located in the Forum?

**Answer: SENATE HOUSE**

B2. What was the tabularium?

**Answer: STATE RECORD HOUSE**

10. Put the following emperors in correct chronological order: Caligula, Nero, Tiberius, Claudius.

**Answer: TIBERIUS, CALIGULA, CLAUDIUS, NERO**

B1. List in order the emperors who ruled in A.D. 69.

**Answer: GALBA, OTHO, VITELLIUS, VESPASIAN**

B2. Who was emperor when the world welcomed the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D.?

**Answer: TRAJAN**

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2005**  
**LEVEL ONE CERTAMEN**  
**FINAL ROUND**

1. What is the motto of North Carolina?

**Answer: ESSE QUAM VIDERI**

B1. Give one motto for South Carolina.

**Answer: DUM SPIRO, SPERO (ANIMIS OPIBUSQUE PARATI)**

B2. Now give the other motto for that state.

**Answer: ANIMIS OPIBUSQUE PARATI (DUM SPIRO, SPERO)**

2. Which word does **NOT** fit grammatically: vulnera, tempora, capita, via?

**Answer: VIA**

B1. Which of these words does **NOT** fit grammatically: flumini, cordi, amici, pectori?

**Answer: AMICI**

B2. What case is illustrated by flumini, cordi, and pectori?

**Answer: DATIVE**

3. What was the name of the deified Romulus?

**Answer: QUIRINUS**

B1. What was the name of Romulus' wife?

**Answer: HERSILIA**

B2. Romulus' successor was helped by a nymph. Name her.

**Answer: EGERIA**

4. On what day of the month did the Nones of February fall?

**Answer: FEBRUARY 5**

B1. In what four months did the Ides fall on the 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Answer: MARCH, JULY, OCTOBER, MAY**

B2. When did the Nones fall in those 4 months?

**Answer: 7<sup>TH</sup>**

5. What type of ablative is illustrated in this sentence: "He studied for the competition very diligently"?

**Answer: MANNER**

B1. Translate "very diligently" into Latin as an ablative of manner.

**Answer: MAGNA (CUM) DILIGENTIA**

B2. Now give the Latin for the phrase "in winter."

**Answer: HIEME**

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6. What does litterae mean in its singular form?

**Answer: A LETTER OF THE ALPHABET**

B1. What does impedimentum mean in its plural form?

**Answer: BAGGAGE**

B2. What 1<sup>st</sup> declension noun means "troops" in the plural?

**Answer: COPIAE**

7. What was the Cloaca Maxima?

**Answer: THE MAIN SEWER OF ROME**

B1. Who is credited with building the Cloaca Maxima?

**Answer: TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS**

B2. Which king is credited with building the Pons Sublicius?

**Answer: ANCUS MARCIUS**

8. The Lex Titia legally recognized the Second Triumvirate. Who were the members of the Second Triumvirate?

**Answer: LEPIDUS, ANTONY, OCTAVIAN**

B1. What was the decisive battle lost by Antony to Octavian?

**Answer: ACTIUM**

B2. In what year did Antony die?

**Answer: 30 B.C.**

9. Everyone knows that Pegasus was born from the blood of Medusa. Name the other child born with him.

**Answer: CHRYSAOR**

B1. Chrysaor was normal in appearance, but his son was not. Name this triple-bodied giant.

**Answer: GERYON**

B2. Who killed Geryon?

**Answer: HERACLES**

10. Give the Latin word and its meaning from which we derive abstain.

**Answer: TENEIO – HOLD, KEEP**

B1. Which of the following is NOT derived from teneo: tense, lieutenant, tennis, contain?

**Answer: TENSE**

B2. From which 3<sup>rd</sup> declension noun do we derive tense?

**Answer: TEMPUS**

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11. Translate into Latin the following sentence: The people are good.

**Answer: POPULUS BONUS EST.**

B1. Translate into Latin the following sentence: The book is free.

**Answer: LIBER LIBER EST.**

B2. Now translate into Latin the following sentence: The camp is large.

**Answer: CASTRA MAGNA SUNT.**

12. What was the name of Odysseus' faithful dog?

**Answer: ARGUS**

B1. Argus was a popular name in the old days. Describe the outstanding feature of the monster Argus.

**Answer: 100 EYES**

B2. Name the occupation of a mortal named Argus.

**Answer: SHIPBUILDER (ARGO)**

13. Translate the motto of the city of Chicago: Urbs in horto.

**Answer: A CITY IN A GARDEN**

B1. What is the Latin and English for the motto of Alabama?

**Answer: AUDEMUS IURA NOSTRA DEFENDERE / WE DARE TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS**

B2. What is the Latin and English for the motto of the University of Oregon?

**Answer: MENS AGITAT MOLEM / MIND MOVES THE MASS**

14. Name the first member of the Severan dynasty.

**Answer: SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS**

B1. In what year did Septimius Severus become emperor?

**Answer: A.D.193**

B2. Name the other two men who served as emperor in A.D. 193.

**Answer: PERTINAX AND DIDIUS JULIANUS**

15. The subject is mothers. Who was the mother of Helen?

**Answer: LEDA**

B1. Who was the mother of Hercules?

**Answer: ALCMENA**

B2. Who was the mother of Perseus?

**Answer: DANAE**