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LATIN LITERATURE

1. Who is the author of the Res Gestae?  
a. Caesar b. Pompey c. Cicero d. Augustus
2. The modern play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is based primarily on three plays of  
a. Plautus. b. Seneca. c. Terence. d. Ovid.
3. Who wrote a famous poem about "The Ship of State"?  
a. Horace b. Ovid c. Catullus d. Vergil
4. The vulgarity of the nouveau riche Trimalchio is described in a very funny account by  
a. Seneca the Elder. b. Statius. c. Juvenal.  
d. Petronius
5. What school of philosophy is the basis of the Meditations by Marcus Aurelius?  
a. Academic b. Stoic c. Neoplatonic d. Epicurean
6. What goddess is invoked at the beginning of the De Rerum Natura?  
a. Juno b. Venus c. Minerva d. Ceres
7. Who was the literary patron of the poet Tibullus?  
a. Maecenas b. Gaius Memmius c. Valerius Messalla  
d. Asinius Pollio
8. Where did Ovid live out his final years?  
a. Rome b. Massilia c. Tomi d. Pandateria
9. According to Quintilian, the most important qualification for an orator is  
a. good acting techniques. b. integrity. c. a noble bearing. d. intelligence.
10. In what work does Cicero discuss the three basic forms of government--monarchy, aristocracy, democracy--and conclude that the ideal form is a combination of all three?  
a. De Legibus b. De Officiis c. Tusculanae Disputationes  
d. De Republica
11. Sallust wrote a history of the war against a king who claimed that Rome was a "city for sale." Who was that king?  
a. Mithridates b. Antiochus c. Ptolemy d. Jugurtha
12. Who wrote a work purporting to be a series of correspondences between famous historical and mythological lovers?  
a. Tacitus b. Ovid c. Catullus d. Lucan

13. What author and rhetorician was made the first paid professor in Rome by the emperor Vespasian?  
a. Varro b. Suetonius c. Quintilian d. Pliny the Younger
14. Who describes Catiline as "nobili genere natus, fuit magna vi et animi et corporis, sed ingenio malo pravoque"?  
a. Caesar b. Sallust c. Cicero d. Livy
15. Pyrgopolynices is a famous character found in a play by  
a. Terence. b. Accius. c. Plautus. d. Pacuvius.
16. Who wrote a work entitled Ars Poetica?  
a. Cicero b. Ovid c. Horace d. Vergil
17. Suetonius begins each of his Lives with the \_\_\_\_\_ of his subject.  
a. offices held b. manner of death c. genealogy  
d. ascension to power
18. What prompted Cicero to write the De Consolatione?  
a. the death of his brother's wife b. the death of his best friend  
c. the death of his son d. the death of his daughter
19. Whom does Catullus tease for attempting to condense the history of the world into an enormous multi-volume compendium?  
a. Licinius Macer b. Sallust c. Cornelius Nepos  
d. Asinius Pollio
20. Who wrote a satirical work entitled Apocolocyntosis?  
a. Seneca b. Lucan c. Horace d. Juvenal
21. "Erat Athenis spatiosa et capax domus" begins a ghost story contained in a letter of  
a. Cicero. b. Pliny. c. Atticus. d. Cato the Younger.
22. The author of the Thebaid and the Achilleid:  
a. Seneca the Younger b. Ovid c. Statius d. Apuleius
23. What genre of literature is associated with Accius?  
a. epic b. history c. tragedy d. biography
24. Which poet participated as a soldier in the First Punic War and later used it as the subject of his most famous work?  
a. Livius Andronicus b. Naevius c. Ennius d. Pacuvius
25. Who wrote the last book of Caesar's Commentarii de Bello Gallico?  
a. Titus Labienus b. Aulus Hirtius c. Sallust  
d. Antony

26. What did Horace once do which earned him the ire of the young Octavian?
  - a. fought for the tyrannicides at Philippi
  - b. wrote a poem insulting Octavian's wife
  - c. fought for Antony at Actium
  - d. participated in the conspiracy against Caesar
27. Whom does Catullus call "disertissime Romuli nepotum"?
  - a. Cicero
  - b. Vergil
  - c. Caesar
  - d. Horace
28. Which province was truly the most fertile source of literary genius during the early empire, being the birthplace of Martial, Lucan, Quintilian, and the two Senecas?
  - a. Gaul
  - b. Britain
  - c. Germany
  - d. Spain
29. What woman was loved by the poet Catullus and immortalized as Lesbia in his poems?
  - a. Clodia
  - b. Daphne
  - c. Pompeia
  - d. Bandusia
30. What writer was banished to Egypt by the emperor Domitian?
  - a. Suetonius
  - b. Pliny
  - c. Juvenal
  - d. Tacitus
31. What Roman playwright was born in Carthage?
  - a. Ovid
  - b. Plautus
  - c. Lucilius
  - d. Terence
32. In Book V of the Gallic Wars, what event incites the Romans to put aside fear, leave the ships, and attack the Britons?
  - a. Caesar jumps overboard.
  - b. The Britons attack the ships.
  - c. A standard-bearer leads the way.
  - d. The ships begin to sink.
33. Which author was commissioned to write the first Latin comedy for the Ludi Romani of 240 B.C.?
  - a. Plautus
  - b. Naevius
  - c. Ennius
  - d. Livius Andronicus
34. What actor is known to us not so much for his ability on the stage as for a lawsuit involving his citizenship which Cicero argued?
  - a. Phaedrus
  - b. Roscius
  - c. Laberius
  - d. Maccius
35. What two famous Silver Age authors were accused of participating in the Pisonian conspiracy and took their lives on account of it?
  - a. Lucan and Seneca
  - b. Lucan and Martial
  - c. Juvenal and Tacitus
  - d. Pliny and Persius
36. Whose work describes the adventures of a certain Lucius?
  - a. Ovid
  - b. Apollodorus
  - c. Apuleius
  - d. Cornelius Nepos
37. What term did Catullus use to describe his poems?
  - a. nugae
  - b. humera
  - c. fabulae
  - d. palliata

38. What author said he wrote "sine ira et studio"?  
a. Caesar b. Tacitus c. Suetonius d. Livy
39. Who wrote a series of works on formal rhetoric entitled Controversiae and Suasoriae?  
a. Seneca the Elder b. Varro c. Quintilian d. Pliny the Elder
40. Which of the following was a famous satirist and member of the Scipionic circle?  
a. Horace b. Seneca c. Terence d. Lucilius
41. What Roman orator is credited with 150 speeches but is perhaps most famous for his hatred of Carthage?  
a. Cicero b. Scipio Africanus c. Hortensius  
d. Cato the Elder
42. What is the title of Lucan's famous epic?  
a. Bellum Civile b. Punica c. Annales d. Origines
43. What author wrote a panegyric on the life of the emperor Trajan?  
a. Seneca b. Martial c. Tacitus d. Pliny the Younger
44. What Roman wrote an incredibly bad poem about his own consulship?  
a. Caesar b. Pompey c. Cato the Elder d. Cicero
45. What author's works include a violent attack on women in which he describes the insatiable lust of Messalina?  
a. Juvenal b. Seneca the Younger c. Tacitus d. Martial
46. The Metamorphoses of Apuleius is better known as  
a. The Golden Ass. b. Pharsalia. c. Cena Trimalchionis.  
d. Satires
47. Who described Caesar's writing as "nudi enim sunt, recti et venusti, omni ornationis tamquam veste detracta"?  
a. Cato the Younger b. Antony c. Augustus d. Cicero
48. What man, author of the Menippean Satires, was called by Quintilian "the most learned of the Romans"?  
a. Cicero b. Varro c. Cato the Younger d. Horace
49. Rope is the name of a wonderful Alfred Hitchcock movie which everyone should see, but it is also the title of a work by  
a. Terence. b. Juvenal. c. Plautus d. Ennius
50. Of what author did St. Augustine say that he read so much it was a wonder that he could write and wrote so much it was a wonder he could read?  
a. Quintilian b. Varro c. Cicero d. Cato