

HEPTATHLON

I. Vocabulary

1. Which Latin word means "follow"?
a. loquor b. vereor c. egredior d. sequor
2. The idiom iter dare means
a. to begin a journey. b. to show the route.
c. to march. d. to give the right of way.
3. Which Latin word means "build"?
a. instruo b. insto c. intego d. irruo
4. The Latin word puppis means
a. ship. b. orphan. c. dog. d. feather.
5. The Latin word lugeo means
a. play. b. drink. c. mourn. d. bind.
6. Which of the following is a SYNONYM of accedo?
a. adverto b. adfero c. accipio d. appropinquo
7. Which of the following is a SYNONYM of postulo?
a. polliceor b. posco c. possideo d. possido

II. Mottoes, etc.

8. Which poet begins a poem with the words "Arma virumque cano"?
a. Horace b. Catullus c. Propertius d. Vergil
9. What college has as its motto In deo speramus?
a. Duke b. Dartmouth c. Brown d. Boudoin
10. On a prescription a doctor might write p.r.n. What directions is he giving?
a. take at bedtime b. take as needed
c. take by mouth d. take three times a day
11. Which two states have a word for "sword" in their Latin mottoes?
a. Maryland, Massachusetts b. Missouri, Mississippi
c. Oregon, West Virginia d. Colorado, Connecticut
12. Which Latin phrase might you use if you were selling your car?
a. Ars longa, vita brevis b. In hoc signo vinces
c. Nolens volens d. Caveat emptor

13. Which state has a motto containing a subjunctive?
a. Wyoming b. Arkansas c. New Mexico d. Michigan
14. Which emperor said as he died, "Qualis artifex pereo"?
a. Nero b. Vespasian c. Augustus d. Claudius

III. Grammar

15. Which adjective ends in "-limus" in the superlative?
a. miser b. fortis c. facilis d. stabilis
16. Which noun can be modified by omni?
a. flumine b. servi c. regis d. rebus
17. Which of the following is a future active infinitive?
a. fregisse b. fractus c. fracturum esse
d. fractum esse
18. Which adjective is NOT a comparative?
a. maius b. acriorum c. brevius d. pulchrorum
19. Which of the following is a present participle?
a. sedentes b. diligentes c. potentes d. recentes
20. Which of the following is a present subjunctive?
a. rident b. videat c. laudat d. mittemus
21. Which use of the subjunctive has ut as a negative?
a. fearing b. purpose c. result d. characteristic

IV. History

22. Which of the following emperors did NOT die a violent death?
a. Caligula b. Nero c. Domitian d. Vespasian
23. The emperor who began the tetrarchy was _____;
the emperor who dissolved the tetrarchy was _____.
a. Septimius Severus; Constantine
b. Marcus Aurelius; Caracalla
c. Diocletian; Constantine
d. Diocletian; Romulus Augustulus
24. During the reign of which king did the sacred shield
(shaped like a figure 8) drop from heaven?
a. Romulus b. Numa c. Tullus Hostilius
d. Ancus Marcius
25. Which enemy of Rome was killed in a street fight in
Argos after many great victories?
a. Hannibal b. Masinissa c. Pyrrhus d. Mithridates

26. Which emperor is correctly matched with the enemy he fought?
a. Trajan/Palmyrans b. Marcus Aurelius/Marcomanni
c. Aurelian/Huns d. Theodosius/Dacians
27. Which Roman leader thoroughly defeated the Gauls and turned aside a wish by many Romans to transfer the city to Veii?
a. Caesar b. Camillus c. Manlius d. Fabricius
28. Which legendary figure was so conservative that he blocked the distribution of free bread to plebeians who were starving after their secession to the Mons Sacer?
a. Decius Mus b. Coriolanus c. Appius Claudius
d. Cassius

V. Derivatives

29. The word "nativity" comes from the Latin verb meaning
a. be born. b. be known. c. tie. d. tell.
30. The word "subjugate" comes from the Latin verb meaning
a. join. b. throw. c. help. d. lie down.
31. The word "horrible" comes from the Latin verb meaning
a. frighten. b. urge. c. arise. d. shudder.
32. The word "irrational" comes from the same Latin root as
a. realize. b. arraign. c. restore. d. arrears.
33. The word "famous" comes from the Latin verb meaning
a. speak. b. favor. c. carry. d. bend.
34. The word "impair" comes from the same Latin root as
a. dispel. b. counterpoise. c. pessimist.
d. compassion.
35. The word "concern" comes from the Latin verb meaning
a. produce. b. struggle. c. care. d. perceive.

VI. Customs

36. How long was a girl trained to be a Vestal Virgin?
a. 6 years b. 7 years c. 10 years d. 15 years
37. A haruspex was a priest who
a. looked for signs in the flight of birds.
b. inspected animal entrails.
c. led the worship of Romulus.
d. slit the throats of animals for sacrifice.

38. In the Colosseum there were two exits for the emperor and two for the gladiators. How many other exits were there?
a. 50 b. 67 c. 76 d. 80
39. Which of the following does NOT belong by function?
a. pilum b. pugio c. scutum d. gladius
40. A lararium was a _____ placed in the _____ of a Roman house.
a. shrine; atrium b. shrine; tablinum
c. cupboard; culina d. cupboard, triclinium
41. Which place is matched correctly with the special military skill of the inhabitants?
a. Syria/horsemen b. Greece/archers
c. Mauretania/scouts d. Balearic Islands/slingers
42. Which of the following does NOT belong by function?
a. toga libera b. toga picta c. toga pura
d. toga virilis

VII. Mythology

43. The sisters who were turned into birds after exacting vengeance on Tereus:
a. Cressida, Callisto b. Semele, Agave
c. Helen, Clytemnestra d. Procne, Philomela
44. Which characters are correctly paired with a modern film parallel?
a. Deucalion and Pyrrha/My Fair Lady
b. Pyramus and Thisbe/Romeo and Juliet
c. Heracles/Gandhi
d. Prometheus/Legends of the Fall
45. Althaea, who burned a log and thus ended her son's life, was the mother of
a. Oeneus. b. Telamon. c. Peleus. d. Meleager.
46. Which unhappy girl, beloved of Zeus, was changed into a heifer and tormented by a gadfly?
a. Io b. Europa c. Iole d. Evadne
47. Who gave the Golden Fleece to Aetes, king of Colchis?
a. Hera b. Phrixus c. Helle d. Jason
48. The daughter of Nisus who betrayed her father for the love of Minos:
a. Medea b. Niobe c. Scylla d. Circe

49. Which of the following was NOT loved by Apollo?
a. Clytie b. Coronis c. Cyane d. Clymene
50. Take the number of months in which the Ides fall on the fifteenth day, multiply it by the number of letters in the motto of California, divide by the number of Graces, multiply by the number of gerund forms there are, and subtract the number of times Pompey and Crassus held the consulship together. Your answer is
a. 30. b. 38. c. 50. d. 95.