

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 1997

CUSTOMS

1. Business began in the Senate at the third hour which in modern terms would be
a. 7 A.M. b. 9 A.M. c. 10 A.M. d. 11 A.M.
2. What color was the veil of a Roman bride?
a. white b. purple c. blue d. flame-colored
3. What is the regular order of a Roman's name?
a. praenomen, nomen, cognomen
b. nomen, praenomen, cognomen
c. cognomen, nomen, praenomen
d. praenomen, cognomen, nomen
4. The chief room in a Roman house:
a. tablinum b. atrium c. culina d. triclinium
5. Which animal is **NOT** included in the suovetaurilia?
a. bull b. pig c. cow d. sheep
6. The businessmen of Rome:
a. nobiles b. equites c. patricii d. decuriones
7. Which group served as treasurers?
a. aediles b. praetors c. quaestors d. censors
8. Whose name is derived from the diminutive of the Latin word for "boot"?
a. Cato b. Caligula c. Caesar d. Catullus
9. A roll of papyrus was called a
a. volumen. b. charta. c. littera. d. titulus.
10. In which month did the Ides fall on the 13th?
a. July b. May c. November d. March
11. Naval battles staged on artificial lakes were called
a. naumachiae. b. dimachaeri. c. praecinctiones.
d. certamina.
12. The largest amphitheater in Rome was built by
a. Marcellus. b. Pompey. c. the Scipios. d. the Flavians.
13. Which type of fowl was **NOT** eaten in Rome?
a. peacock b. turkey c. chicken d. pigeon
14. The absolute power of the head of the house was called
a. patria potestas. b. dominica potestas. c. manus.
d. paterfamilias.

15. Which of the following is **NOT** a type of table?
a. monopodium b. abacus c. mensa delphica d. solium
16. The Via Appia was built in
a. 447 B.C. b. 312 B.C. c. 221 B.C. d. 198 B.C.
17. Each Vestal Virgin contracted to serve for
a. 16 years. b. 20 years. c. 30 years. d. life.
18. The guardian spirit of a girl was called her
a. Nutrix. b. Juno. c. Genia. d. Diana.
19. In which room would a bather be scraped, rubbed, and oiled?
a. laconicum b. unctorium c. apodyterium d. tepidarium
20. Which professions were considered respectable?
a. teachers and architects b. architects and doctors
c. doctors and undertakers d. undertakers and auctioneers
21. Which type of toga does **NOT** belong?
a. toga pulla b. toga libera c. toga virilis
d. toga pura
22. Tabelarii were
a. scribes. b. cooks. c. accountants.
d. special messengers.
23. Olives were used for all of the following **EXCEPT**
a. lamp fuel. b. perfume base. c. body oil. d. medicine.
24. A mother's brother:
a. patruus b. consobrinus c. atavus d. avunculus
25. In a Roman theater, the seats nearest the orchestra were assigned to the
a. Vestal Virgins. b. knights. c. senators.
d. city officials.
26. Which color does **NOT** represent a racing company?
a. red b. white c. orange d. purple
27. Which statement about the Roman legion is **NOT** true?
a. Roman citizens made up the infantry.
b. Each legion had ten cohorts.
c. Each maniple consisted of two centuries.
d. Each cohort was made up of eight centuries.
28. When an important man died, where would the laudatio be delivered?
a. in the Curia b. at the tomb c. in the Forum
d. outside his house

29. Which of the following does **NOT**, according to Cato, make an ideal location for a farm?
a. rich soil which is not too heavy
b. the foot of a hill facing south
c. near a market town and a good road
d. flat land to facilitate plowing
30. What was the first source of gladiators?
a. prisoners of war b. slaves c. condemned criminals
d. volunteers
31. The minimum legal marriage age for females and males, respectively:
a. 12 and 14 b. 13 and 17 c. 14 and 16 d. 16 and 18
32. Which of the following statements about imagines is **NOT** true?
a. Imagines were made of wax.
b. Imagines were kept in the alae of the atrium.
c. Actors wore the imagines in funeral processions.
d. All male ancestors were honored with imagines.
33. In the Circus Maximus one would **NOT** find
a. carceres. b. an oppidum. c. a cavea. d. quadrigae.
34. Who built the first aqueduct?
a. Cato the Elder b. Claudius Caecus
c. Quintus Marcius d. Gaius Flaminius
35. The burying or burning of dead bodies within the city walls was forbidden by the
a. Res Gestae. b. Lex Canuleia. c. Twelve Tables.
d. Lex Hortensia.
36. A lacerna was a type of
a. lamp. b. cloak. c. tool. d. couch.
37. The phrase "soleas poscere" came to signal
a. the emancipation of a slave.
b. a declaration of war.
c. the beginning of a triumph.
d. the end of a dinner party.
38. The large, heavy, covered wagon with four wheels and drawn by two or four horses:
a. cisium b. pilentum c. carpentum d. raeda
39. What was set up to mark the place where a slave sale was to be conducted under public authority?
a. spear b. notice board c. wreathed pole
d. stone marker

40. Which room in a house was laid out as a garden and located on a terrace or on a flat roof?
a. solarium b. sacrarium c. oecus d. exedra
41. A iugerum, the unit used to measure land in Roman times, is equivalent to
a. 1/4 acre. b. 1/2 acre. c. 2/3 acre. d. 7/8 acre.
42. What tribe is represented by the abbreviation PVB?
a. Pupinia b. Pomptina c. Pollia d. Pubilia
43. The first emperor to require birth registration:
a. Vespasian b. Marcus Aurelius c. Diocletian
d. Augustus
44. Which of the following statements about Roman elementary education is **NOT** true?
a. Great stress was laid on pronunciation in reading.
b. Students only had to learn to write capital letters.
c. Hard problems in arithmetic were worked out on an abacus.
d. Spelling was taught as a separate subject.
45. Which style of atrium lacked a compluvium?
a. Corinthian b. tetrastylon c. testudinatum
d. displuviatum
46. Who was the Roman god of marriage?
a. Talos b. Talassius c. Tecmessa d. Tages
47. On what date was the Neptunalia celebrated?
a. May 9 b. June 4 c. July 23 d. August 17
48. Who ruled that a man should lose all his property if he divorced his wife without just cause?
a. Marcus Aurelius b. Augustus c. Romulus d. Numa
49. The letter "l," when used as part of a name in formal documents, meant the person was
a. a freedman. b. a child. c. divorced. d. widowed.
50. How many holidays were on the calendar by the time of Marcus Aurelius?
a. 66 b. 102 c. 135 d. 173