

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2004  
CERTAMEN LEVEL I  
ROUND ONE**

1. What was the usual number of laps in a chariot race?  
**Answer: SEVEN**
  - B1. Name the dividing wall which ran down the center of the Circus Maximus.  
**Answer: SPINA**
  - B2. Name the two longest-lasting factiones.  
**Answer: BLUE AND GREEN**
  
2. Who was the fifth Julio-Claudian emperor?  
**Answer: NERO**
  - B1. In what year did Augustus die?  
**Answer: A.D. 14**
  - B2. What was the real name of Caligula?  
**Answer: GAIUS**
  
3. What case does trans govern?  
**Answer: ACCUSATIVE**
  - B1. What use of the accusative is illustrated in this sentence: "The children walked into the forest"?  
**Answer: PLACE TO WHICH**
  - B2. What use of the ablative is illustrated in this sentence: "The grain was brought to Rome in a ship"?  
**Answer: MEANS**
  
4. Give the Latin motto and its meaning for the state of Maine.  
**Answer: DIRIGO; I POINT THE WAY**
  - B1. Another state has a one-word motto, Excelsior. Identify the state and translate the motto.  
**Answer: NEW YORK; EVER UPWARD**
  - B2. A third state also has a one-word motto, but it is in Greek. Name the state and give the motto.  
**Answer: CALIFORNIA; EUREKA**
  
5. What is the Roman name of Demeter?  
**Answer: CERES**
  - B1. Name the daughter of Demeter.  
**Answer: PERSEPHONE**
  - B2. Who was the father of Persephone?  
**Answer: ZEUS**

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6. Which gladiator used a trident and a net?

**Answer: RETIARIUS**

B1. Which gladiator rode in a chariot?

**Answer: ESSEDARIUS**

B2. Which gladiator had a fish symbol on his helmet?

**Answer: MYRMILLO**

7. Give the Latin noun and its English meaning which is the root of the word "equanimity."

**Answer: ANIMUS; MIND, SPIRIT**

B1. Which of the following is **NOT** derived from animus: magnanimous, animosity, annalist, unanimity?

**Answer: ANNALIST**

B2. Give the Latin noun and its meaning which is the root of "annalist."

**Answer: ANNUS; YEAR**

8. Name the third king of Rome.

**Answer: TULLUS HOSTILIUS**

B1. Who was born a slave but brought up as a king's son because of an omen witnessed by Tanaquil?

**Answer: SERVIUS TULLIUS**

B2. Who became king by murdering Servius Tullius?

**Answer: TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS (TARQUIN THE PROUD)**

9. Say in Latin: "a bad sailor."

**Answer: NAUTA MALUS**

B1. Change nauta malus to the dative plural.

**Answer: NAUTIS MALIS**

B2. Change nautis malis to the genitive plural.

**Answer: NAUTARUM MALORUM**

10. What Olympian was born to Zeus and Maia?

**Answer: HERMES (not MERCURY)**

B1. Who was the maternal grandfather of Hermes?

**Answer: ATLAS**

B2. To what group of sisters did Maia belong?

**Answer: PLEIADES**

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ROUND TWO**

1. What general defeated the Romans at Cannae?  
**Answer: HANNIBAL**
  - B1. In what year did this battle take place?  
**Answer: 216 B.C.**
  - B2. Where was Hannibal finally defeated?  
**Answer: ZAMA**
  
2. What name is given to the forms -ne and -que?  
**Answer: ENCLITICS**
  - B1. What answer is expected to a question beginning with num?  
**Answer: NO**
  - B2. Which case can never stand first in a sentence?  
**Answer: VOCATIVE**
  
3. Which couple lived across the Hellespont from each other?  
**Answer: HERO AND LEANDER**
  - B1. Which couple turned into trees at their death?  
**Answer: BAUCIS AND PHILEMON**
  - B2. With which couple is the mulberry associated?  
**Answer: PYRAMUS AND THISBE**
  
4. What was the marketplace and center of daily life in Rome?  
**Answer: FORUM**
  - B1. What was the speaker's platform called?  
**Answer: ROSTRA (not ROSTRUM)**
  - B2. What were the law courts called?  
**Answer: BASILICAE (BASILICA acceptable at this level)**
  
5. Distinguish in meaning between casa and castra.  
**Answer: CASA = HOUSE; CASTRA = CAMP**
  - B1. Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive the word "camp."  
**Answer: CAMPUS = FIELD, PLAIN**
  - B2. Give the Latin word which means "a cultivated field."  
**Answer: AGER**
  
6. Between what two hills was the Circus Maximus located?  
**Answer: AVENTINE AND PALATINE**
  - B1. What were the turning posts called?  
**Answer: METAE**
  - B2. What measured the laps in a chariot race?  
**Answer: DOLPHINS (EGGS)**

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7. Which Olympian was the son of a mortal woman?

**Answer: DIONYSUS (BACCHUS)**

B1. What was the name of Dionysus' mother?

**Answer: SEMELE**

B2. Who was the father of Dionysus?

**Answer: ZEUS (not JUPITER)**

8. For the verb voco, give the third person plural present active indicative.

**Answer: VOCANT**

B1. Change vocant to the corresponding future.

**Answer: VOCABUNT**

B2. Change vocabunt to the corresponding perfect.

**Answer: VOCAVERUNT**

9. Name the last of the Five Good Emperors.

**Answer: MARCUS AURELIUS**

B1. Name his son who succeeded him.

**Answer: COMMODUS**

B2. In what year did Commodus succeed his father as sole emperor?

**Answer: A.D. 180**

10. What advice does Horace give us when he tells us, "Carpe diem"?

**Answer: SEIZE THE DAY**

B1. Another famous quotation also gives us good advice. What is the meaning of "Mens sana in corpore sano"?

**Answer: A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY**

B2. Who is the author of this quotation?

**Answer: JUVENAL**

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**ROUND THREE**

1. I am a Titan. My brothers are Epimetheus and Prometheus. I was turned to stone by Perseus. I hold the heavens on my shoulders. Who am I?

**Answer: ATLAS**

B1. What hero asked me for help in obtaining the Golden Apples of the Hesperides?

**Answer: HERCULES**

B2. What king assigned Hercules the twelve labors?

**Answer: EURYSTHEUS**

2. What was the dressing room at the baths called?

**Answer: APODYTERIUM**

B1. What was the palaestra?

**Answer: EXERCISE AREA**

B2. What instruments were used in the unctorium?

**Answer: STRIGILES (STRIGILS)**

3. Using a substantive, say in Latin, "The gods do not like bad men."

**Answer: DEI MALOS NON AMANT.**

B1. In the sentence, "I love you, my son," translate "my son."

**Answer: MI FILI**

B2. Translate the prepositional phrase in this sentence: "We were walking with our daughters."

**Answer: CUM NOSTRIS FILIABUS**

4. Who was Caesar's adversary in the civil war of 49-48?

**Answer: POMPEY**

B1. At what battle did Caesar defeat Pompey?

**Answer: PHARSALUS**

B2. Where did Pompey die?

**Answer: EGYPT**

5. Distinguish in meaning between trado and traho.

**Answer: TRADO = HAND OVER (SURRENDER, HAND DOWN):  
TRAHO = DRAG (DRAW)**

B1. What third conjugation verb is an ANTONYM on traho?

**Answer: PELLO (REPELLO)**

B2. Which of the following is NOT derived from pello: repeal, surplus, propeller, expulsion?

**Answer: SURPLUS (from plus)**

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6. What mythological youth fell in love with his own image?

**Answer: NARCISSUS**

B1. Narcissus was turned into a flower. Another young man also became a flower. Who turned into an anemone?

**Answer: ADONIS**

B2. Two goddesses loved Adonis. One was Aphrodite. Who was the other?

**Answer: PERSEPHONE**

7. On what occasion would the words "Ubi tu Gaius, ego Gaia" be spoken?

**Answer: WEDDING**

B1. What was the bride's wedding dress called?

**Answer: TUNICA RECTA**

B2. What term was used for a marriage which involved a fictitious sale?

**Answer: COEMPTIO**

8. For the verb augeo, give the second person singular future active indicative.

**Answer: AUGEBSIS**

B1. Change augebis to the corresponding perfect tense.

**Answer: AUXISTI**

B2. Change auxisti to the corresponding imperfect.

**Answer: AUGEBAS**

9. Trajan's Column commemorates his victory over what country?

**Answer: DACIA**

B1. Which emperor visited every province of his empire?

**Answer: HADRIAN**

B2. In contrast to Hadrian, his successor never left Italy. Name this emperor.

**Answer: ANTONINUS PIUS**

10. What direction is given in the pharmacist's abbreviation t.i.d.?

**Answer: TAKE THREE TIMES A DAY**

B1. When would you take a prescription labeled h.s.?

**Answer: AT BEDTIME**

B2. When would you take a prescription labeled a.c.?

**Answer: BEFORE DINNER (BEFORE A MEAL)**

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CERTAMEN LEVEL I  
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

1. For the verb sum, give the first person plural future perfect active indicative.  
**Answer: FUERIMUS**
  - B1. Translate the verb in this sentence: "You and I will be good friends."  
**Answer: ERIMUS**
  - B2. Now translate the verb in this sentence: "We have been called back to class."  
**Answer: VOCATI (AE, A) SUMUS**
  
2. Distinguish in meaning between auxilium and auxilia.  
**Answer: AUXILIUM = HELP, AID; AUXILIA = REINFORCEMENTS, AUXILIARY TROOPS**
  - B1. Distinguish in meaning between copia and copiae.  
**Answer: COPIA = SUPPLY, ABUNDANCE; COPIAE = FORCES, TROOPS**
  - B2. Roman soldiers had to do a lot of traveling. What is the Latin noun which means "journey" or "route"?  
**Answer: ITER**
  
3. To whom did Zeus appear in a shower of gold?  
**Answer: DANAE**
  - B1. Who was the son of this union?  
**Answer: PERSEUS**
  - B2. Whom did Perseus save from a sea monster and marry?  
**Answer: ANDROMEDA**
  
4. What was the ink used by students called?  
**Answer: ATRAMENTUM**
  - B1. At what age did students start school?  
**Answer: 7 (6)**
  - B2. Of what nationality were most teachers?  
**Answer: GREEK**
  
5. Name the first province of Rome.  
**Answer: SICILY**
  - B1. As a result of what war did Rome acquire Sicily?  
**Answer: FIRST PUNIC WAR**
  - B2. Which general was successfully trapped at Lake Trasimene by Hannibal?  
**Answer: (C.) FLAMINIUS**

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6. Say in Latin, "the tall mountain."

**Answer: MONS ALTUS**

B1. Change mons altus to the ablative.

**Answer: MONTE ALTO**

B2. Change monte alto to the genitive plural.

**Answer: MONTIUM ALTORUM**

7. Which of the following words does **NOT** belong by derivation: potion, essence, possibility, interesting?

**Answer: POTION (from POTO)**

B1. From what verb do the other three words (essence, possibility, interesting) derive?

**Answer: SUM**

B2. Which of the following words is also derived from sum: summary, assume entity, tint?

**Answer: ENTITY**

8. What was the rex bibendi?

**Answer: MASTER OF THE REVELS (TOASTMASTER, DRINKING MASTER)**

B1. How was the rex bibendi chosen?

**Answer: A ROLL OF THE DICE**

B2. What was the highest throw of the dice?

**Answer: VENUS**

9. Who put his captives on a bed and made them fit?

**Answer: PROCRUSTES**

B1. Who killed Procrustes?

**Answer: THESEUS**

B2. What sea is named after the father of Theseus?

**Answer: AEGEAN SEA**

10. Who was emperor when the Council of Nicaea was held in A.D. 324?

**Answer: CONSTANTINE**

B1. Which emperor was called "the Apostate"?

**Answer: JULIAN**

B2. How was Julian related to Constantine?

**Answer: NEPHEW**



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11. Say in Latin, "two towns."

**Answer: DUO OPPIDA**

B1. Change duo oppida to the dative.

**Answer: DUOBUS OPPIDA**

B2. Now say "100 towns" in the following sentence: "The treasure of 100 towns was stored in the mountain."

**Answer: CENTUM OPPIDORUM**

12. What state has as its motto "Ditat Deus"?

**Answer: ARIZONA**

B1. Some other Western states also have two-word mottoes. Which of the following does **NOT**: Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico?

**Answer: WYOMING**

B2. Give the Latin motto of Wyoming and the name of its author.

**Answer: CEDANT ARMA TOGAE; CICERO**

13. What was a conclamatio?

**Answer: OLDEST SON CALLED HIS DEAD FATHER BY NAME**

B1. What name was given to the festival of the dead celebrated on February 21?

**Answer: FERALIA**

B2. What was a cenotaphium?

**Answer: AN EMPTY TOMB**

14. In what year did Alaric sack Rome?

**Answer: A.D. 410**

B1. Name the leader of the Gauls who sacked Rome in 390 B.C.

**Answer: BRENNUS**

B2. The geese which aroused Manlius in time to save the citadel during the Gallic attack were sacred to what deity?

**Answer: JUNO**

15. How was Sisyphus punished in the Underworld?

**Answer: HE HAD TO ROLL A ROCK UP A HILL FOREVER.**

B1. Why were the Danaids punished in Tartarus?

**Answer: THEY KILLED THEIR HUSBANDS ON THEIR WEDDING NIGHT.**

B2. How many Danaids were punished?

**Answer: 49**