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Novice – Preliminary Round 1

Moderator should say: “I will now read one test question for no points. This question does not necessarily reflect the difficulty of the round that follows.”

0. What type of dog, which has a pronounced mandibular prognathism, was used in fighting with other animals and is also the mascot of Yale University?

BULLDOG(S)

B1: The bulldogs are also the mascot of Yale’s football team, which plays an annual game against what other Ivy league?

HARVARD (UNIVERSITY)

B2: What dean of Harvard College is a professor of sociology that seemingly spends a lot of his time using his Instagram to share pictures of events at Harvard?

(DEAN RAKESH) KHURANA

Moderator should inform the players that the questions after this will count for points.

1. At the beginning of a conversation, you might use what Latin form, which literally means “be well,” to say “hello”?

SALVĒ(TE)

B1: At the end of a conversation, you part ways with another Latin form that literally means “be well.” What is this form?

VALĒ(TE)

B2: As you may know, **salvĕ** and **valĕ** are both examples of imperative verbs. Another imperative verb form, **nōlī**, is used to express what sort of command? A description is fine.

TO NOT DO (SOMETHING) // PROHIBITION [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

2. What man visited Lake Stympalus, Lerna, and the Underworld — where he captured Cerberus — during his twelve labors?

HERACLES / HERCULES

B1: What cousin of Heracles assigned him the labors as punishment for murdering his own wife and children?

EURYSTHEUS

B2: Name Heracles’s mother, whom Zeus tricked and slept with in disguise as her husband Amphitryon?

ALCMENE / ALCMENA

3. From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive “prudence,” “review,” “providence,” and “evident”?

VIDEŌ – (TO / I) SEE

B1: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive “elusive” and “illusion”?

LŪDŌ – (TO / I) PLAY

B2: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive “disclose” and “seclude”?

CLAUDŌ – (TO / I) CLOSE

4. What man died in 14 A.D., having outlived his former allies Lepidus and Marc Antony and established a new form of government as Rome’s first emperor?

OCTAVIAN(US) / AUGUSTUS

B1: At what battle of 31 B.C. did Octavian defeat Antony, making it easy for him to become emperor a few years later?

(BATTLE OF) ACTIUM

B2: What daughter of Augustus was exiled to a small island after flagrantly disregarding the emperor’s harsh laws on morality?

JULIA (THE ELDER)

5. What type of person would pass by the **mētae** while being cheered on by the “reds,” “whites,” or the “greens” during races at stadia like the **Circus Maximus**?

CHARIOTEER(S) / AURĪGA(E)

B1: How many laps comprised a typical chariot race?

SEVEN

B2: In addition to the “reds,” “whites,” and “greens,” what other color represented one of the initial four factions during the classical period?

BLUE(S)

6. Please translate this sentence from English into Latin: “The messenger walks to the queen.”

NŪNTIUS AMBULAT AD RĒGĪNAM

B1. Now translate this sentence into Latin: “Aeneas sails with great fortune.”

MAGNĀ CUM FORTŪNĀ AENĒĀS NĀVIGAT

B2: Now translate this sentence into Latin: “Rome is not on an island, but it is near the sea.”

RŌMA NŌN EST IN ĪNSULĀ, SED EST {PROPE / AD} MARE

7. Respond either in Latin or in English. **Quae urbs “dēlenda erat,” ut Catō dīcēbat, et ā Scīpiōne Aemiliānō dēlēta est post tertium bellum contrā populum Hannibalis?**

CARTHĀGŌ / CARTHAGE

B1: **Respondē Anglicē. Quod proelium erat finis bellī Pūnicī secundī?**

(BATTLE OF) ZAMA

B2: **Respondē Latīnē. Quae animālia prō Hannibale apud Zamam pugnāvērunt, sed nōn eum iūvērunt?**

ELEPHANTĪ / ELEPHANTĒS

8. What Egyptian god’s aspects include Khepri, [blank]-Horakhty, and [blank]-Atum, representations of him at dawn, mid-day, and evening as he sailed through the sky as the sun deity?

(AMUN-)RA / (P)RE

B1: What body part of Ra is an extension of his power and can take on the form of a fiery snake?

EYE

B2: What divine craftsman helped Ra create life, and is most famous for inventing the ritual known as the “Opening of the Mouth”?

PTAH

9. What three qualities must an adjective have in common with the noun it modifies, though they do not need to have the same declension?

CASE; GENDER; NUMBER

B1: Latin has six possible tenses. Name five.

ANY FIVE OF: PRESENT; IMPERFECT; FUTURE; PERFECT; PLUPERFECT; FUTURE PERFECT

B2: Latin has three possible moods. Name one.

INDICATIVE or IMPERATIVE or SUBJUNCTIVE

10. What woman took pleasure in providing hospitality to sailors that passed her island of Aeaea, but then used her magic to turn them into swine?

CIRCE

B1: What god, who had helped extricate Odysseus from the clutches of Calypso, helped Odysseus resist her magic by giving him the herb moly?

HERMES

B2: When Odysseus’s crew was leaving Circe’s island, what youngest crew member fell to his death from Circe’s roof after consuming too much alcohol?

ELPENOR

11. What three-word Latin phrase effectively means “you scratch my back, I’ll scratch yours” or “tit-for-tat,” which closely reproduces its form?

QUID PRŌ QUŌ

B1: Give the three-word Latin phrase that means “an unwelcome person.”

PERSŌNA NŌN GRĀTA

B2: Give the three-word Latin phrase that means “perfection” or, literally, “nothing more beyond.”

NĒ PLŪS ULTRĀ

12. What man’s forces shamelessly fixed the scales used to measure the ransom for the city of Rome after his Gallic forces captured and sacked it around 390 B.C.?

BRENNUS

B1: The Gauls launched an attack on a Roman garrison stationed on what hill but were repulsed by Marcus Manlius?

CAPITOLINE HILL

B2: When the Romans said that Brennus used false weights to measure the ransom, Brennus allegedly replied with what two-word Latin phrase, meaning “woe to the conquered?”

VAE VĪCTĪS

13. Of the prepositions **ex**, **sine**, **ante**, and **cum**, which does not belong, because it takes a different case than the rest?

ANTE

B1: Some prepositions can take either the accusative or the ablative. What is the difference in meaning between **in** with the accusative and **in** with the ablative?

INTO and IN [RESPECTIVELY]

B2: Of the prepositions **trāns**, **circum**, **contrā**, and **prō**, which does not belong because it takes a different case from the rest?

PRŌ

14. What “twice-born” deity was born from Zeus’s thigh after his mortal mother, Semele, burned when she asked to see Zeus’s divine form?

DIONYSUS / BACCHUS

B1: Who had taken the form of one of Semele’s nurses to convince her to ask Zeus to show his divine form?

HERA

B2: What sister of Semele helped nurse Dionysus? Hera made her husband, Athamas, go mad and try to kill her, and she jumped into the sea with her son Melicertes.

INO

15. For swimming across the Tiber at the head of a group of like-minded women to escape captivity, what maiden was honored as a Roman hero and even gained Porsenna’s respect?

CLOELIA

B1: What early Roman hero led the defense of the **Pōns Sublicius** against Porsenna’s forces?

HORATIUS COCLES

B2: What precise action did Mucius Scaevola do to earn the respect of Porsenna?

STUCK HIS RIGHT HAND INTO A FIRE (AND LOST IT)
[ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS; PROMPT ON PARTIAL ANSWERS]

16. Give the present-tense equivalent of the perfect tense form **fuistī** or the future tense form **eris** — that is, give the form that means “you are.”

ES

B1: Make **es** imperfect and plural.

ERĀTIS

B2: Give the equivalent form of **eris** for the verb **possum**.

POTERIS

17. Which Greek god was worshipped under epithets such as *Ennosigaeus*, meaning “earthshaker,” and *Hippios*, meaning “horse-tamer,” though he is more widely recognized as the ruler of the sea?

POSEIDON

B1: Which Greek goddess had the epithets *Cytheria* and *Cypris*, which referred to locations where she may have come ashore after her birth from sea foam?

APHRODITE

B2: Which Greek god had the epithets *Smintheus*, meaning “mouse god,” and *Delphinus*, which is possibly connected to his famous oracle at Delphi?

APOLLO

18. What ruler had a huge complex — leading Calpurnius Piso to lead a conspiracy against his life in 65 A.D. — and built a huge complex on the fire-scorched Oppian Hill called the “Golden House,” or **Domus Aurea**?

NERO

B1: Of what earlier Julio-Claudian emperor was Nero the nephew?

GAIUS / CALIGULA

B2: What British queen revolted during Nero’s reign but was defeated by Suetonius Paulinus?

BOUDICCA

19. Complete the following analogy: **pater** is to **frāter** as **māter** is to [blank]?

SOROR

B1: Now, complete this analogy: **pater** is to **mater** as **marītus** is to [blank]?

UXOR

B2: Give a one-word Latin synonym of the phrase “**filiae et filii**.”

FĪLIĪ / PUERĪ / LĪBERĪ

20. Which river in the Underworld was used by souls returning to the world in order to cleanse their minds of their past memories?

LETHE

B1: On which river in the Underworld did the gods typically swear oaths?

STYX

B2: Which river in the Underworld was a fiery stream that ran parallel to the river Styx?

(PERI / PYRI)PHLEGETHON

Novice – Preliminary Round 2

Moderator should say: “I will now read one test question for no points. This question does not necessarily reflect the difficulty of the round that follows.”

0. What man, who spent a year teaching at Marquette High School in Wisconsin, attended Yale University, where he obtained a Masters in Classics that he often employed in producing his one-division tournament “K2”?

MICHAEL KEARNEY

B1: What protege of Michael Kearney, a current pre-med and Classics major at Yale University, is this year’s advanced finals moderator?

MATTHEW THOMAS

B2: What up and coming Yale CS student, also a former mythologist for the Massachusetts advanced division team in 2020, is this year’s intermediate finals moderator?

JIN(WOO) KIM

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1. From what entity did Erebus, Nyx, Tartarus, and Gaia emerge at the very beginning of creation?

CHAOS

B1: Hesiod says that what other deity also emerged from Chaos, although later authors generally view him as a son of Aphrodite?

EROS

B2: Which child of Chaos was the personification of darkness?

EREBUS

2. What use of the dative case appears in the Latin sentence “**mihi duo oculi sunt**,” which idiomatically means “I have two eyes”?

(DATIVE OF) POSSESSION

B1: Using a dative of possession, say in Latin, “You have few enemies.”

{**TIBI / VŌBĪS**} **PAUCĪ** {**INIMĪCĪ / HOSTĒS**} **SUNT**

B2: What change would have to be made to that Latin sentence in order to say, “You had few enemies”?

{**ERANT / FUĒRUNT**} REPLACES **SUNT** // THE (PRESENT) VERB IS MADE IMPERFECT / PERFECT

3. Which of these is a Latin noun that cannot mean “battle” or “fight”: **pugna, proelium, pōns, certāmen**?

PŌNS

B1: What Latin noun means “soldier”?

MĪLES

B2: Give the genders of any three of the four nouns from the tossup.

ANY THREE OF: **PUGNA** – F., **PROELIUM** – N., **PŌNS** – M., **CERTĀMEN** – N.

4. Along with the neighboring cities of Stabiae and Herculaneum, what town was blanketed in volcanic ash during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?

POMPEII

B1+B2: According to the traditional sources, in what month and in what year A.D. did Vesuvius erupt, destroying Stabiae, Herculaneum, and Pompeii? Five points for each!

AUGUST of 79 (A.D.) [DO NOT ACCEPT “OCTOBER,” FOUND IN SOME MODERN SOURCES]

5. In a cruel twist of irony, what man was tasked with building a home for the beastly Minotaur by king Minos, but was then forced to stay inside of that home, the Labyrinth?

DAEDALUS

B1: What son of Daedalus fell victim to his inattentiveness during their escape and flew too close to the sun, resulting in the destruction of his wings and his death?

ICARUS

B2: What nephew of Daedalus also fell to his death, because Daedalus pushed him from the acropolis, jealous of his inventions?

PERDIX

6. Give the form of **cantō** that would be used to translate the sentences “You used to sing every day” and “You were singing when I saw you.”

CANTĀBĀ(T)S

B1: The third-conjugation verb **canō, canere** also means “to sing.” Give the form of **canō** that would be used to translate those sentences.

CANĒBĀ(T)S

B2: Translate the sentence “You used to sing every day” into Latin.

COTĪDIĒ CANTĀBA(T)S

7. What king of Rome completed the **Cloāca Maxima, Circus Maximus**, and temple to Jupiter Optimus Maximus, some of which may have been started by his relative, Tarquinius Priscus?

TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS // TARQUIN “THE PROUD”

B1: To what tribe of people, habitual enemies of Rome, did both Priscus and Superbus belong?

ETRUSCAN(S) / TUSCAN(S) / ETRURIAN(S) / TYRRHENIAN(S) / TYRSENIAN(S)

B2: Superbus’s arrogance caused Rome to lose out on six of the nine books that were offered to him by what woman?

(CUMAEAN) SIBYL

8. From what two Latin verbs, with what meanings, do we derive “scientific”?

SCIŌ – (TO / I) KNOW and FACIŌ – (TO / I) MAKE / DO

B1: From what two Latin words, with what meanings, do we derive “trident”?

TRĒS – THREE and DĒNS – TOOTH

B2: From what two Latin words, with what meanings, do we derive “principal”?

PRĪMUS – FIRST and CAPIŌ – (TO / I) TAKE

9. Who stopped to rest on the banks of the Nile River, where she bore a son to Zeus after being changed back into a mortal woman from a cow?

IO

B1: Which Greek deity had been sent from Olympus to free Io from the captivity of the monster Argus?

HERMES

B2: Name the son that Io bore to Zeus.

EPAPHUS

10. War efforts against the Marcomanni and the Quadi were spearheaded by what man, the author of the Stoic work *Meditations* and the last of the Five Good Emperors?

MARCUS AURELIUS

B1: What narcissistic son of Marcus Aurelius ended the period of the Five Good Emperors?

COMMODUS

B2: Marcus Aurelius began his reign alongside what co-emperor, with whom he ruled for eight years?

LUCIUS VERUS

11. Who transformed Actaeon into a deer because he accidentally saw her bathing with her entourage of virgin huntresses?

ARTEMIS / DIANA

B1: Besides Artemis, name either one of the goddesses who were also worshipped as moon goddesses.

SELENE / HECATE

B2: When Artemis fell in love with Orion, who became so jealous that he tricked Artemis into killing Orion with an arrow?

APOLLO

12. Please translate the following sentence from Latin into English: “**Parvus ager dat cibum agricolae.**”

THE SMALL FIELD GIVES FOOD TO THE FARMER

B1: Now translate this sentence from Latin into English: “**Est bona memoria discipulō.**”

THE STUDENT HAS A GOOD MEMORY // THERE IS A GOOD MEMORY FOR THE STUDENT

B2: Now translate this sentence from Latin into English: “**Malī discipulī numquam librōs legunt.**”

BAD STUDENTS NEVER READ BOOKS

13. Which of the following monuments, if any, was not found in Rome: Theater of Pompey, Parthenon, Colosseum, Trajan’s Column?

PARTHENON

B1: In what city was the Parthenon located?

ATHENS

B2: What monument in Rome celebrates victories over the Dacians with its friezes?

TRAJAN’S COLUMN

14. What state has the motto “**quī trānstulit sustinet**” and contains a private university with the motto “**lūx et vērītās**”?

CONNECTICUT

B1: What state has the motto “**dum spīrō, spērō**”?

SOUTH CAROLINA

B2: Give the motto of Oklahoma, a three-word Latin phrase.

LABOR OMNIA VINCIT

15. Earning the title “Shield of Rome,” what dictator chose to wage a war of attrition in 217 B.C. by refusing to commit to open battle with Hannibal?

(Q.) FABIVS MAXIMVS (CUNCTATOR)

B1: Name one of the two consuls of 216 B.C. who ignored Fabius’s warnings and suffered a disastrous defeat at Cannae.

(L. AEMILIVS) PAULLVS or (C. TARENTIVS) VARRO

B2: What contemporary was known as the “Sword of Rome” for his successful siege of Syracuse?

(M. CLAVDIVS) MARCELLVS

16. Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs **agō** and **amō**.

(TO / I) DO / DRIVE and (TO / I) LOVE [RESPECTIVELY]

B1: Now, differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs **dicō** and **dūcō**.

(TO / I) SAY and (TO / I) LEAD [RESPECTIVELY]

B2: Now, differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs **cūrō** and **currō**.

(TO / I) CARE and (TO / I) RUN [RESPECTIVELY]

17. What hero created the Atlas mountain range when he showed the severed head of Medusa to the Titan while returning home from slaying her?

PERSEVS

B1: After transforming Atlas into the mountain range, Perseus saved what Ethiopian princess from a sea-monster, before bringing her home as his bride?

ANDROMEDA

B2: What is the collective name for the daughters of Atlas, who would play a role in the story of another hero?

HESPERIDES

18. In contrast to his brother and father, what emperor, who ruled from 81 to 96 A.D., was seen as paranoid and autocratic, demanding to be called **dominus et deus**?

DOMITIAN

B1: Name both his brother and his father.

TITVS and VESPASIAN (RESPECTIVELY)

B2: Who was Domitian’s butler, who stabbed him in the groin to assassinate him?

STEPHANVS

19. Who used Ra’s drool to create a snake that would bite him and force him to expose his true name, which she would later use to empower her son by Osiris, Horus?

ISIS

B1: Who cut up all of Osiris’s body, forcing Isis to traverse all across Egypt in search of the various pieces?

SET(H)

B2: What sister of Isis helped her look for the body parts of Osiris?

NEPHTHYS

20. Please translate this sentence from English into Latin using the verb **agō**: “Drive the horses to the gate.”

{AGE / AGITE} EQUŌS AD PORTAM

B1: Now translate this sentence from English into Latin: “Marcus, do not drink the water!”

NŌLĪ BIBERE AQUAM, MĀRCE

B2. Now translate this sentence from English into Latin: “Caesar, lead the men into the battle.”

DŪC VIRŌS IN PROELIUM, CAESAR

Novice – Preliminary Round 3

Moderator should say: “I will now read one test question for no points. This question does not necessarily reflect the difficulty of the round that follows.”

0. What city, known for its pizza, was founded in 1638 by English Puritans and in recent years has welcomed over 60 teams from all over the country to play the first collegiate tournament of the year at Yale?

NEW HAVEN

B1: What Italian city is home to the world’s largest pizza, which was prepared in 2012?

ROME

B2: The city of Rome is known for speaking what ancient language that may be tested in this round?

LATIN // ANCIENT GREEK

Moderator should inform the players that the questions after this will count for points.

1. Your friend asks you to correct a Latin sentence he wrote: “**Multī virī in agrō clamābat.**” What was his mistake?

THE VERB SHOULD BE PLURAL // **CLĀMĀBAT** SHOULD BE **CLĀMĀBANT**

B1: You look at your friend’s next sentence and discover that it also has a mistake: “**Crās ad scholam ambulābō et multōs verbōs scrībam.**” What was his mistake?

VERBUM IS NEUTER // (**MULTŌS**) **VERBŌS** SHOULD BE (**MULTA**) **VERBA**

B2: Your friend realizes he had accidentally listed **verbum** as masculine in his flashcards and asks you to proofread them. In his “masculine” set, you see the words **ager**, **mulier**, **nūntius**, **poēta**, and **elephantus**. Which does not belong?

MULIER

2. What man — like Cicero a **novus homō** from Arpinum — reformed the Roman army at the turn of the first century B.C. and held the consulship a record seven times?

(GAIUS) MARIUS

B1: What Numidian king did Marius help defeat in a war that lasted from 112 to 105 B.C.?

JUGURTHA

B2: What two tribes did Marius fight off-and-on from 105 B.C. to 101 B.C.?

CIMBRI and TEUTONES

3. What man graciously accepted the performance-enhancing drugs of a woman madly in love with him, allowing him to best the tests of Aeētes, including the serpent guarding the Golden Fleece?

JASON

B1: Jason was the son of what man, who was driven from his native Iolcus by his evil half-brother, Pelias?

AESON

B2: Pelias was killed when what witch came to Iolcus with Jason and convinced Pelias’s daughters to restore their father’s youth by cutting him into pieces?

MEDEA

4. Please translate the following sentence from Latin into English: “**Vidēsne Mārcum in forō?**”
DO YOU SEE MARCUS IN THE FORUM?
B1: Now translate this sentence from Latin to English: “**Nōnne Mārcus laetus vir est?**”
{SURELY MARCUS IS // ISN’T MARCUS} A HAPPY {MAN / HERO}?
B2: Now translate this sentence from Latin to English: “**Num Mārcus multa bella gerēbat?**”
MARCUS {DID NOT WAGE // WAS NOT WAGING} MANY WARS, {DID / WAS} HE? //
SURELY MARCUS {DID NOT WAGE // WAS NOT WAGING} MANY WARS?
5. What sort of animal was spotted by Faustulus on the banks of the Tiber River after she pitied the crying infants who had recently been thrown into the water — Romulus and Remus?
(SHE-)WOLF
B1: What god was the father of Romulus and Remus by Rhea Silvia?
MARS
B2: Before founding Rome, Romulus and Remus helped their grandfather reclaim the throne of what city?
ALBA (LONGA)
6. On what type of object might the abbreviation **S.T.T.L.** or the phrase **requiēscat in pāce**, which is abbreviated **R.I.P.**, be written?
TOMBSTONE / GRAVESTONE [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
B1: The abbreviations **gtt.**, **t.i.d.**, **rx.**, and **a.c.** are all commonly found on medication. Give the Latin and English for any one of them. [*Note to moderator: Do not reveal the other answers*]
GUTTAE = DROPS, **TER IN DIĒ** = THREE TIMES PER DAY, **RECIPE** = TAKE,
ANTE {**CĒNAM** / **CIBŌS**} = BEFORE FOOD / MEALS / DINNER
B2: Now give the Latin and English for two more.
[SEE ABOVE]
7. What century A.D. saw the incursions of Attila the Hun, Honorius’s failure to prevent Alaric from sacking Rome, and the final fall of the Western Roman Empire?
5TH CENTURY (A.D.) // 400s (A.D.)
B1: Who was the last emperor of Rome?
ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS
B2: What emperor, the last to rule over a united empire, was the father of Honorius?
THEODOSIUS (I // THE GREAT)
8. After wandering the frozen earth for nine days, what deity came to the home of Helios, who explained the events that led to the abduction of her daughter Persephone?
DEMETER
B1: Despite Demeter’s best efforts, Persephone could not be returned fully to earth, since she had eaten some of the seeds of what kind of fruit?
POMEGRANATE
B2: After hearing of Persephone’s kidnapping, Demeter wandered the earth in disguise. What was this disguise Demeter used?
OLD WOMAN // DOSO

9. Give the form of the adjective **lentus** that agrees with the noun form **nautās** or the noun form **medicōs**.
LENTŌS
 B1: Change **lentōs medicōs** to the nominative.
LENTĪ MEDICĪ
 B2: Change **lentōs nautās** to the nominative.
LENTĪ NAUTAE
10. Who was either born from the lips of Ra or from the forehead of Set, the latter of which fittingly mirrors Athena's birth, because they are both deities of wisdom?
THOTH
 B1: Give either animal whose head has been depicted replacing Thoth's own.
BABOON or IBIS
 B2: What Greek god, who is not Athena, was Thoth identified with? This Greek god fittingly fled as an ibis from the monster Typhon.
HERMES
11. What people defeated Rome at Lautulae several years after they forced a Roman army under the yoke at Caudine Forks during the second of three wars against them?
SAMNITES
 B1: In what year did the battle of Caudine Forks take place?
321 B.C.
 B2: What Latin term refers to the act of ritual self-sacrifice performed by Decius Mus during the Third Samnite War?
DĒVŌTIŌ
12. What son of Glaucus and Eurynome was tasked by Iobates with taming a horse and killing the fire-breathing Chimaera?
BELLEROPHON
 B1: What mythical horse did Bellerophon tame and use to help fight the Chimaera?
PEGASUS
 B2: Bellerophon was later struck down by the gods for attempting to commit what arrogant act?
TRYING TO FLY (PEGASUS) TO OLYMPUS [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
13. **Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt septem minus quīnque?**
DUO
 B1: **Respondē Latīnē: Quot sunt quattuor et octo?**
DUODECIM
 B2: How does one say "one thousand" in Latin?
MĪLLE
14. Forming the border between the two parts of Gaul, what natural feature had to be crossed by Hannibal to reach Italy, though many elephants died among the snowy peaks?
ALPS

B1: What mountain range also had to be crossed by Hannibal to reach Transalpine Gaul from Spain?
PYRENEES

B2: What mountain range ran along the spine of Italy?
APENNINES // APENNINE MOUNTAINS

15. Which of the following English words, if any, is not derived from the Latin verb **mittō**: “transmit,” “misery,” “compromise,” “messenger”?
MISERY

B1: What other derivative of **mittō** means “to leave out or exclude, whether intentionally or not”?
OMIT

B2: What other derivative of **mittō** means “to suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it”?
SURMISE

16. Including such members as Euterpe and Urania, what mythological group consisted of nine daughters of Mnemosyne who served as patrons of the arts?
MUSES / MOUSAI

B1: Which muse was the patron of epic poetry?
CALLIOPE

B2: Which muse was the patron of choral dancing?
TERPSICHORE

17. What name is shared between the co-consul of Collatinus in the first year of the Republic and his descendant, who in 44 B.C. partnered with Cassius to kill Julius Caesar?
(JUNIOUS) BRUTUS

B1: Caesar had been forewarned of his assassination when a soothsayer told him to “beware” danger on what day?
MARCH 15 // THE IDES OF MARCH

B2: After the first Brutus expelled Tarquinius, the former king tried many times to regain power, culminating in what battle of 496 B.C., where Castor and Pollux supposedly came to the aid of the Romans?
(BATTLE OF) LAKE REGILLUS

18. What meaning is shared by the irregular verb **volō, velle** and the verb **cupiō**?
(TO / I) DESIRE / WANT / WISH

B1: What is the meaning of the Latin verb **timeō**?
(TO / I) FEAR

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin verb **rogō**?
(TO / I) ASK

19. Identify the case and use of **canis** in this sentence: “**Heri canem meum ad scholam portābam.**”
ACCUSATIVE OF DIRECT OBJECT

B1: In that sentence, what other use of the accusative is illustrated by the phrase **ad scholam**?
PLACE TO WHICH

B2: Translate into English the sentence from the tossup: “**Heri canem meum ad scholam portabam.**”
YESTERDAY, I {WAS CARRYING // CARRIED} MY DOG TO SCHOOL

20. Orpheus helped the Argonauts survive what dangerous group, who also couldn't harm Odysseus's crew because he instructed his men to put wax in their ears to drown out their singing?

(THE) SIRENS

B1: Odysseus did *not* plug his own ears with wax, because he wanted to hear the Sirens' song, but survived by having his men do what to him?

TIE HIM TO THE MAST [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

B2: Despite making it past the peril that was the Sirens, Odysseus's crew cursed themselves by completing what sacrilegious action? A description is fine.

ATE / KILLED THE SACRED CATTLE OF HELIOS [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

Novice Seed 5/6 Tiebreaker Qs

1. What hero, the son of Aethra and the king Aegeus, traveled to Crete as an Athenian sacrifice to the Minotaur, yet instead killed the beast himself?

THESEUS

B1: Theseus was aided in navigating the labyrinth by what princess of Crete, who gave him a ball of twine to help him find his way out?

ARIADNE

B2: Though Theseus promised Ariadne a full life of happiness, he instead cruelly left her on Naxos, where she was later rescued by what god?

DIONYSUS

2. What Roman served as a **quaestor** under Marius and began proscriptions against his enemies after being appointed **dictātor** in the late 80s B.C.?

(LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SULLA (FELIX)

B1: Sulla was the leading general in a war lasting from 89-85 B.C. against what king of Pontus?

MITHRIDATES (VI / EUPATOR / THE GREAT)

B2: Sulla became **dictātor** after what battle of 82 B.C., ending his civil war against Marius's supporters?

COLLINE GATE

3. Congratulations! You've been selected to go on an all expense paid trip to the country of your choice. What two-word Latin phrase could be used to describe the daily allowance you have to spend on food for the duration of your trip?

PER DIEM

B1: Winning such a trip is certainly a unique opportunity. What two word Latin phrase, literally meaning "rare bird", might be used to describe such a prize?

RARA AVIS

B2: Though grateful to be selected, you want to be sure the winning is **bonā fidē** and not a scam. What does **bonā fidē** mean?

IN GOOD FAITH // LEGIT(IMATE) [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

4. Which of the following pieces of clothing or jewelry would appear lowest on a person's body: **petasus**, **bullā**, **solea**, **stola**?

SOLEA

B1: Which of those pieces of clothing or jewelry would appear highest on a person's body?

PETASUS

B2: What is the Latin word for a "brooch"?

FIBULA

5. Give the form of the noun **liber**, meaning "book," to agree with the adjective forms **trīstibus** or **parvīs**.

LIBRĪS

B1: Make **parvīs librīs** singular.

PARVŌ LIBRŌ

B2: Make **trīstibus librīs** singular. The answer is the same whether you take it as dative or ablative.

TRĪSTĪ LIBRŌ

Novice – Semifinals

1. Translate into English the following Latin question: “**Cūr saepe trāns viās urbis curris?**”
WHY DO YOU OFTEN RUN ACROSS THE STREETS OF THE CITY?
B1: To answer that question, you may use a Latin word meaning “because.” Give any Latin conjunction meaning “because.”
QUOD / QUIA / QUŌNIAM / QUANDŌ / CUM [DO NOT ACCEPT **PROPTER** OR **OB**]
B2: Now, translate into English: “**Quandō gladiātōrēs in amphitheatrō spectāvistī?**”
WHEN DID YOU WATCH THE GLADIATORS IN THE AMPHITHEATER?
2. What creature ravaged the countryside around Psophis until Heracles drove it from a thicket and captured it in the deep snow to complete his fourth labor?
ERYMANTHIAN BOAR
B1: What did Heracles have to do for his fifth labor? A description is fine.
CLEAN AUGE(I)AS’S (CATTLE) STABLES [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
B2: For his eighth labor, Heracles was sent to retrieve the mares of Diomedes. What characteristic did these animals have that made them particularly dangerous?
MAN-EATING // ATE PEOPLE [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
3. What Latin word lies at the root of “maintain” and is the body part to which **digitī** are attached?
MANUS
B1: To what other part of the body are **digitī** attached? Please give the Latin word.
PĒS
B2: What Spanish phrase, a derivative of **manus** and twice featuring the word, is commonly used in English to describe “an intense confrontation, contest, or fight between two adversaries”?
MANO-A-MANO
4. What location saw Ammut wait to consume hearts that were heavier than the feather of Ma’at during a test administered by Anubis that determined if a person was worthy of entering Osiris’s kingdom?
(EGYPTIAN) UNDERWORLD // DUAT [DON’T REVEAL DUAT]
B1: What is the Egyptian name for the Underworld?
DUAT
B2: Vergil fittingly called Anubis the “**lātrātor**,” since he was often depicted with the head of what sort of animal?
DOG / WOLF / JACKAL
5. Buoyed by a speech from Appius Claudius Caecus, the Romans refused to make peace with what enemy leader, whose loss soon after at Asculum led him to declare “another such victory and I am lost”?
PYRRHUS
B1+B2: Name the other two battles that Pyrrhus fought against the Romans.
HERACLEA and BENEVENTUM
6. Identify the use of the ablative case in this sentence: “**Discipulus epistulam parentibus stilō scribet.**”
MEANS

B1: Translate that sentence into English.

THE STUDENT WILL WRITE A LETTER TO (HIS / HER / THEIR)
PARENTS WITH A {STYLUS / PEN}

B2: If the sentence were instead to read “**Discipulus epistulam parentibus magnā cum curā scribet,**”
what use of the ablative would be illustrated by **magnā cum curā**?

MANNER

7. What young boy blew his cover at the court of Lycomedes by reaching for Odysseus’s weapons and subsequently joined the Greeks at Troy, against the wishes of his mother, Thetis?

ACHILLES

B1: What mortal man, the king of Phthia, was the father of Achilles by Thetis?

PELEUS

B2: Both Achilles and his leader, Agamemnon, were at their worst when it came to women. What girl, a priest’s daughter, did Agamemnon stubbornly refuse to return to her father, even though this act sent a plague onto the Greek camp?

CHRYSEIS

8. What meaning is shared by the verbs “**ostendō**” and “**mōnstrō**,” the latter of which sometimes has the prefix “**de-**”?

(TO / I) SHOW // (TO / I) POINT OUT

B1: What is the meaning of the verb “**cēlō**”?

(TO / I) HIDE

B2: What is the meaning of the verb “**ardeō**”?

(TO / I) BURN

9. Vehemently opposed by the fourth-century emperor Julian, legalized by the Edict of Milan, and converted to by Constantine the Great, what religion dominated the Roman empire in its later stages?

CHRISTIANITY / CATHOLICISM

B1: Constantine converted to Catholicism after seeing what phrase appear in the sky prior to the battle of Milvian Bridge? Please give either the Latin or the English.

IN HŌC SIGNŌ VINCĒS // IN HŌC VINCE // IN THIS SIGN, (YOU WILL) CONQUER

B2: In what year A.D. — the year after the Battle of the Milvian Bridge — was the Edict of Milan promulgated by Constantine?

313 (A.D.)

10. What creatures, which disrupted the marriage-feast of Hippodameia and Pirithoüs when they characteristically got drunk, had the torso of a man and the body of a horse?

CENTAURS

B1: Which kindly Centaur trained several heroes, such as Perseus?

CHEIRON

B2: Pirithoüs belonged to what Thessalian tribe, which brawled with the centaurs when they disrupted the wedding?

LAPITHS / LAPITHAE

11. *Note to players: This question will have multiple clues.* For the verb **referō**, give the second-person singular, present active imperative. Keep in mind that **referō** forms its imperatives like **ferō**.

REFER

B1: Name the three other simple verbs that, like **ferō**, form these imperatives irregularly.

FACIŌ, DŪCŌ, DĪCŌ

B2: Now give the second-person singular, present active imperative of **conficiō**.

CŌNFICE

12. What region became Rome's first province after victories at Agrigentum and Mylae, among others, ended the First Punic War and brought it under Roman control?

SICILY

B1: What battle, presided over by the consul Lutatius Catulus, officially brought an end to the First Punic War?

(BATTLE OF) AEGATES ISLANDS

B2: What term refers to the grappling hooks with boarding bridges that Rome used to essentially turn their naval battles into land battles?

CORVĪ / CROWS

13. In what modern-day country were the cities of Smyrna, Carrhae, and Byzantium—which is now called Istanbul—found?

TURKEY

B1: To what name was Byzantium renamed at the behest of a Roman emperor?

CONSTANTINOPE / CONSTANTINOPOLIS

B2: What is the modern name for the city of Carrhae?

HAR(R)AN

14. What son of Agenor followed a cow and established the citadel of his city where it finally lay down because he was instructed to never return home unless he found his sister, Europa?

CADMUS

B1: What was Cadmus's city, Cadmeia, later renamed to by the kings Amphion and Zethus?

THEBES

B2: Cadmus and his descendants were cursed because he committed what crime against the god Ares while laying the foundation of his city?

SLEW A SERPENT (AT A SPRING SACRED TO HIM) [ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]

15. After an extended blockade that lasted from 405 B.C. to 396 B.C — a period of ten years — what Etruscan city was finally captured by Roman forces under Camillus?

VEII

B1: Camillus later received the title **pater patriae**, which was also awarded to what man three centuries later for his leading role in defeating the Catilinarian conspiracy?

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

B2: In what year B.C. did Catiline raise his conspiracy against the Roman state?

63 (B.C.)

16. Translate the motto of Johns Hopkins University, **vērītās vōs liberābit.**

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

B1: Give the Latin and English for the motto of Hunter College.

MIHI CŪRA FUTŪRĪ – MY CARE IS FOR THE FUTURE

B2: Give the Latin and English for the motto of Brown University.

IN DEŌ SPĒRĀMUS – IN GOD WE TRUST

17. What man became the target of the first **Senātūs Cōsultum Ultimū**, leading to his death and that of 3,000 of his followers on the Aventine, after he tried to further the land reforms of his brother, Tiberius?

GAIUS GRACCHUS

B1: What consul of 123 B.C. organized an armed posse against Gaius Gracchus, killing Gaius's followers until Gaius himself eventually committed suicide?

(LUCIUS) OPIMIUS

B2: Gaius originally intended to committ suicide in what deity's temple on the Aventine, though he eventually did so elsewhere?

DIANA

18. Which of the following words, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: alternate, altitude, enhance, haughty?

ALTERNATE

B1: What derivative of the Latin word **altus**, the source of all the words besides "alternate," is a type of woodwind instrument whose name derives from French?

OBOE

B2: Which of these words, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: real, realty, republic, realm?

REALM

19. Translate the following sentence into Latin: "The cats were playing with the dogs."

FĒLĒS CUM CĀNIBUS LŪDĒBANT

B1: Give the perfect-tense form of **lūdō** necessary to complete the sentence if it read "The cats played with the dogs."

LŪSĒRUNT

B2: Now translate into Latin: "The mouse fears the cats."

MŪS TIMET FĒLĒS

20. What type of tree was first created by the river-god Peneus when he transformed his daughter, Daphne, to save her from Apollo, who turned its branches into a triumphant wreath?

LAUREL (TREE)

B1: What deity caused Apollo to go mad over Daphne?

EROS / CUPID

B2: Cupid accomplished this by piercing Daphne's heart with an arrow that repulsed love and Apollo's heart with an arrow that attracted it. Name both the metal used to inflict Daphne's heart and the metal used to inflict Apollo's heart.

LEAD and GOLD

Novice – Final Round

1. What meaning is shared by the conjunctions **ac**, **atque**, and the ending **-que**?

AND

B1: What term is used for words like **-que** and **-ne**, because they are found added to the end of words?

ENCLITICS

B2: What is the meaning of the Latin enclitic **-ve**, which is synonymous with **aut**?

OR

2. In the sentence “**Puerum Mārcum appellō**,” **Mārcum** exemplifies what use of the accusative, which is also a use of the nominative in sentences like “**Puer Mārcus est**”?

PREDICATE (ACCUSATIVE)

B1: Verbs like **appellō** that take the predicate accusative can also take the predicate nominative when used in what voice, the opposite of active?

PASSIVE (VOICE)

B2: Identify the case and use of Marcus in this Latin sentence: “**Amīca animālia in hortō Mārcō placent**.”

DATIVE (WITH) SPECIAL VERBS

3. Because he had been physically disabled for boasting of an affair with Aphrodite, who was carried from the burning city of Troy on the back of his son Aeneas?

ANCHISES

B1: What son did Aeneas hold by the hand as they fled from the city with a band of followers?

ASCANIUS / IULUS

B2: What wife of Aeneas died when she was left behind during the flight?

CREUSA

4. What position was thought to be desired by Publius Valerius Publicola, prophesied for a man whose head was flaming but who suffered no harm, and held by a man who sought counsel from Egeria?

KING OF ROME [PROMPT ON “KING” WITH “OF WHAT?”]

B1: What king of Rome was prophesied as king when a ring of fire appeared around his head?

SERVIUS TULLIUS

B2: What precise omen was taken to presage that Tarquinius Priscus would become king?

EAGLE TOOK HIS {CAP / HAT} AND RETURNED IT TO HIS HEAD

5. When he sought advice on how to find a murderer in his land, the seer Tiresias told what man “you are yourself the murderer you seek,” because he had unknowingly killed his father, Laius?

OEDIPUS

B1: Oedipus had many children with his loving wife-mother. What daughter of Oedipus ended up dying for her family, being buried alive by Creon for disobeying him?

ANTIGONE

B2: What hero hosted the exiled Oedipus in his native Athens, before going to Thebes and demanding the burial of the men who died in Polyneices’ attack on Thebes?

THESEUS

6. When you are recognized by the spotter, perform the following commands: “**Claude oculōs et latrā quasi cānis.**”

PLAYER SHOULD CLOSE THEIR EYES AND BARK LIKE A DOG

B1: Now perform the following command, taking **computātrum** to mean “computer”: “**Ūnus ex vōbīs computātrum tuum tolle, deinde cēterī plaudite.**”

ONE PLAYER SHOULD LIFT HIS COMPUTER UP, THEN THE OTHERS SHOULD CLAP

B2: Now perform the following command: “**Omnēs dīcite vōs certāmen timēre.**”

ALL PLAYERS SHOULD SAY “{WE’RE / I’M} SCARED OF CERTAMEN” OR THE LIKE

7. What battle saw a famous double fortification built by Julius Caesar in order to prevent reinforcements from reaching Vercingetorix, allowing him to effectively end the Gallic Wars?

(BATTLE OF) ALESIA

B1: Caesar suffered two notable defeats during his career, one at the hands of Vercingetorix, and the other at the hands of Pompey. Name either.

GERGOVIA or DYRRACHIUM

B2: What supporter of Pompey committed suicide after a Caesarian victory at Thapsus in 46 B.C., supposedly reading a book of Plato on the immortality of the soul first?

CATO THE YOUNGER

8. What Latin adjective, with what meaning, lies at the root of “cherish,” “charity,” and “caress”?

CĀRUS – DEAR

B1: What Latin adjective, with what meaning, lies at the root of “grief”?

GRĀVIS – HEAVY

B2: What Latin adjective, with what meaning, lies at the ultimate root of “umpire” and “apparel”?

PAR – EQUAL

9. A temple in Phrygia was once the house of what old and pious couple who showed hospitality to the disguised gods Jupiter and Mercury?

BAUCIS and PHILEMON

B1: Baucis and Philemon proved their piety when they were willing to kill what pet animal to provide a meal for their guests?

GOOSE

B2: When they died, into what were Baucis and Philemon transformed so that they could spend eternity together?

OAK and LINDEN TREE [PROMPT ON “TREES”]

10. Who had Thoth play a board game against the moon to earn her five days worth of moonlight that she could use to give birth to her children Nephthys, Set, Osiris, and Isis?

NUT

B1: What had Ra originally declared that forced Nut to have Thoth help her earn five days worth of moonlight?

HE SAID THAT SHE COULD NOT GIVE BIRTH ON ANY DAY OF THE YEAR

B2: Nut was either depicted as a woman or what other animal, with stars covering her body?

COW

11. What ruler — who executed his son Demetrius on a treason charge and thus made another son, Perseus, his successor — lost at Cynoscephalae in an ultimately doomed attempt to save Macedon from Rome?
PHILIP V
B1: What Roman general defeated Philip V at the battle of Cynoscephalae in 197 B.C.?
(TITUS QUINCTIUS) FLAMININUS
B2: At what event in 196 B.C. did Flamininus proclaim the freedom of Greece, though time proved otherwise?
ISTHMIAN GAMES
12. Of the Latin words **pānis**, **carmen**, **leō**, and **somnus** which is being described in the following sentence:
Accidit in cubiculō ubi nox venit et hominēs dormiunt.
SOMNUS
B1: Of the Latin words **pānis**, **carmen**, **leō**, and **frūmentum**, which two are most closely related?
PĀNIS and FRŪMENTUM
B2: Define the following Latin nouns: **carmen**, **leō**, **iuvenis**, **equus**.
SONG, LION, YOUTH, and HORSEMAN [RESPECTIVELY; ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS]
13. What woman took revenge for the sacrifice of her daughter at Aulis by maintaining an affair with Aegisthus and murdering her husband, Agamemnon, upon his return from Troy?
CLYTEMNESTRA
B1: Name the daughter of Clytemnestra and Agamemnon who was sacrificed at Aulis.
IPHIGENEIA / IPHIANASSA
B2: What lover of Agamemnon was also killed when he brought her back from Troy?
CASSANDRA
14. *Note to players: there will be another clue after the sentence.* Translate into Latin: “I love to annoy my sisters.” For “annoy,” you could use “**vexō**.”
AMŌ SORŌRĒS MEĀS VEXĀRE
B1: Now translate into Latin, using **appropinquō**: “The ship approached land.”
NĀVIS TERRAE APPROPINQUĀVIT
B2: Now translate into Latin: “Although I am tired, I will run.”
QUAMQUAM FESSUS SUM, CURRAM
15. As he lay dying at York—then called Eboracum—what man advised his sons to “agree with each other, enrich the soldiers, and despise everyone else,” though Caracalla and Geta ignored him?
SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS
B1: Name Septimius Severus’ wife, who attempted to mediate between her sons, Caracalla and Geta.
JULIA DOMNA [PROMPT ON “JULIA”]
B2: In what city in modern-day Libya was Septimius Severus born?
LEPTIS MAGNA
16. Give the form of the adjective **pulcher** that agrees with the noun form **urbium**, a feminine noun.
PULCHRĀRUM

B1: Make **pulchrārum urbium** singular.

PULCHRAE URBIS

B2: Now make the phrase **pulchra dea** dative plural.

PULCHRĪS DEĀBUS

17. Who noticed a hunting scar on the thigh of the stranger whose feet she was washing and immediately recognized the guest as her master, Odysseus?

EURYCLEIA

B1: What loyal swineherd was the first Ithacan to welcome the disguised Odysseus into his hut and provide him a meal?

EUMAEUS

B2: What treacherous goatherd was killed along with Penelope's suitors after trying to arm them with weapons from Odysseus's storeroom?

MELANTHIUS

18. What type of person would give out **sportulae** during each morning's **salūtātiō** when he was visited at his house by his **clientēs**?

PATRON // PATRŌNUS

B1: A **sportula** typically either consisted of a gift of money or what else?

(COLD) FOOD

B2: What is the name for the process in which a patron led his clients to the forum?

DĒDUCTIŌ

19. What man was defeated at the First Battle of Bedriacum — also called Cremona — by the generals of Vitellius, ensuring that his reign as the second of the emperors of 69 A.D. would be brief?

OTHO

B1: Before his ascension, Otho governed what province, where Viriathus had revolted two centuries before?

LUSITANIA

B2: Name either of the two generals that led the forces of Vitellius at Bedriacum.

(AULUS) CAECINA or (FABIUS) VALENS

20. What three-word Latin phrase was uttered after the battle of Zela by Caesar in allusion to his victory?

VĒNĪ, VĪDĪ, VĪCĪ

B1: Which quotation of Juvenal means "a sound mind in a sound body"?

MĒNS SĀNA IN CORPORE SĀNŌ

B2: What elliptical, four-word quotation from Horace means "life is short, art is long"?

ARS LONGA, VĪTA BREVIS