

2003 Chancellor Certamen

LEVEL IA - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Welcome to the Chancellor Certamen. As we continue to tinker with the format and rules of the game, we ask that you write down the answers to your first five questions. Give the Latin for the verb in the following sentence: "Write your answers, students!"

SCRIBITE

BONUS: For the bonus, write the entire command in Latin.

*SCRIBITE (VESTRA) RESPONSA,
DISCIPULI!*

2) WRITE-DOWN: Into how many *horae*, or hours, was the Roman day divided?

TWELVE (12)

BONUS: Into how many *vigiliae*, or watches, was the Roman night divided?

FOUR (4)

3) WRITE-DOWN: Who supposedly fiddled while Rome burned?

NERO

BONUS: Nero took advantage of the great fire of AD 64 and built what magnificent palace?

DOMUS AUREA

4) WRITE-DOWN: *Scribe Latine: Quis est mater Romuli Remique?*

RHEA SILVIA (EST MATER)

BONUS: *Scribe Latine: Quis est pater Rheae Silviae?*

NUMITOR (EST PATER)

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the deity in this picture.

HERMES/MERCURY

BONUS: What is the name of the staff he is carrying?

CADUCEUS

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What Roman religious ceremony involved the sacrifice of three different animals? SUOVETAURILIA
BONUS: What three animals were sacrificed in a suovetaurilia? PIG, SHEEP, and BULL
- 7) TOSS-UP: In what three ways does an adjective agree with the noun it modifies? CASE, NUMBER, AND GENDER
BONUS: What is the ablative singular of the noun and adjective combination “short time”? BREVI TEMPORE
- 8) TOSS-UP: According to mythology, who disregarded his father’s advice and flew too close to the sun, thus falling to his death into the sea? ICARUS
BONUS: Also according to mythology, who was killed by Jupiter because he rejected his father’s pleas to change his wish and, while driving the chariot of the sun, lost control and set the world on fire? PHAETHON
- 9) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin name for southern Italy and Sicily controlled by the Greeks before the rise of Rome? MAGNA GRAECIA
BONUS: What major city in Southern Italy was founded by the Greeks and its Greek name originally meant “new city”? NAPLES
- 10) TOSS-UP: Speaking of Magna Graecia, Rome gained possession of the island of Sicily after what war? FIRST PUNIC WAR
BONUS: Against what city was the First Punic War fought? CARTHAGE
- 11) TOSS-UP: TOSS-UP: What genre of literature did Homer and Vergil write? EPIC POETRY
BONUS: What genre of literature did the following Greek and Roman authors write: Thucydides, Herodotus, Tacitus, Livy? HISTORY
- 12) TOSS-UP: How often does one figure *per annum* income? EACH YEAR
BONUS: When one is figuring *per capita* income, in relationship to what, literally speaking, does one count income? HEADS
- 13) TOSS-UP: What mythological beasts had the faces of maidens but the bodies of vultures? HARPIES
BONUS: In the myth of Jason and the Argonauts, harpies have been sent by Hera to foul and steal food from the table of what blind seer? PHINEUS
- 14) TOSS-UP: By what title are Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, and Marcus Aurelius known? THE FIVE GOOD EMPERORS
BONUS: Which of The Five Good Emperors is known as the “philosopher emperor”?

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MARCUS AURELIUS

- 15) TOSS-UP: *Quinctilis* was the original name for what month?
JULY
BONUS: What was the original name for August?
SEXTILIS
- 16) TOSS-UP: What Roman hero single-handedly prevented the attacking Etruscans from crossing the Tiber until the Romans could destroy the bridge?
HORATIUS
BONUS: What brave and amazing feat did Horatius accomplish after the bridge was destroyed?
HE JUMPED INTO THE RIVER IN FULL ARMOR AND SWAM TO THE ROMAN SIDE
- 17) TOSS-UP: By what river would the gods swear unbreakable oaths?
STYX
BONUS: What was the river of forgetfulness? LETHE
- 18) TOSS-UP: At what event in ancient Rome would you have seen a *retiarius*?
GLADIATORIAL CONTEST
BONUS: At what event would you have seen an *auriga*?
CHARIOT RACE
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the first person plural, future active indicative of the Latin verb from which we get the English word “navigate”? *NAVIGABIMUS*
BONUS: What is the first person singular, future active indicative of the Latin verb from which we get the English word “science”? *SCIAM*
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Domus Larvis Infesta*? *THE HAUNTED MANSION*
BONUS: What about *Mons Gelidus*? *COLD MOUNTAIN*

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: On the back of the dollar bill, there is the Latin phrase *novus ordo seclorum*. What does it mean? "A NEW ORDER OF THE AGES"
BONUS: Also on the back of the dollar is *annuit coeptis*. Translate this Latin phrase. "HE HAS AGREED TO/SMILED UPON/NODDED TO OUR BEGINNINGS"
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: Complete the following analogy: **Forum** is to **Rome** as _____ is to **Athens**. AGORA
BONUS: Complete the following analogy: **Stoa** is to **Athens** as _____ is to **Rome**. BASILICA
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: When Julius Caesar was returning to Rome from his campaigns in Gaul, he crossed into Italy with the words "*Alea iacta est.*" Translate this into English. "THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST"
BONUS: What river did Caesar cross at the head of his army, setting in motion a civil war? RUBICON
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Who pined away for someone who would not return her love? She faded away until she was only able to repeat the last words she heard. ECHO
BONUS: What self-centered jerk flatly rejected Echo? NARCISSUS

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify this area of the city of Rome. ROMAN FORUM
BONUS: Which of the seven hills of Rome is visible in the background of this picture? PALATINE

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- 6) WRITE-DOWN: What was the seaport located closest to Rome? OSTIA
BONUS: What commodity obtained in and around Ostia did the Romans exploit and trade? SALT

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- 7) TOSS-UP: Cicero was a *novus homo*. Marius was also a *novus homo*. What is the Latin plural for the phrase *novus homo*? *NOVI HOMINES*
BONUS: Cicero and Marius were both from Arpinum. How would you say in Latin, “from Arpinum”? *ARPINO*
- 8) TOSS-UP: Name the Titan who defied Zeus by giving fire to mankind.
PROMETHEUS
BONUS: How did Zeus punish Prometheus?
BOUND HIM TO A WINTRY CLIFF
WHERE A VULTURE ATE OUT HIS
LIVER
- 9) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Tyrrhenian, Adriatic, and Aegean.
SEAS
BONUS: Which one of these seas (Tyrrhenian, Adriatic, and Aegean) is located in and around Greece?
AEGEAN
- 10) TOSS-UP: What animals are associated with both Pyrrhus and Hannibal?
ELEPHANTS
BONUS: What animals are associated with Manlius and the Temple of Juno Moneta?
GEESE
- 11) TOSS-UP: What work of the poet Ovid is one of our main sources of the stories from mythology?
METAMORPHOSES
BONUS: What recurrent theme is obvious in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*?
TRANSFORMATIONS
- 12) TOSS-UP: What are you afraid of if you suffer from arachnophobia?
SPIDERS
BONUS: What do you fear if you have acrophobia? HEIGHTS
- 13) TOSS-UP: Whose dead body did Achilles drag around the walls of Troy?
HECTOR
BONUS: How was Hector’s son Astyanax killed during the sack of Troy?
HE WAS THROWN DOWN FROM THE
WALLS
- 14) TOSS-UP: What man was awakened by the honking of the sacred geese in time to save the citadel of Rome from an attack by the Gauls?
(MARCUS) MANLIUS CAPITOLINUS
BONUS: To which deity were these geese sacred?
JUNO
- 15) TOSS-UP: What activity would a Roman expect to find in a *circus*?
CHARIOT RACING
BONUS: What was the function of the dolphins in the *circus*?

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MARKED THE LAPS

- 16) TOSS-UP: During the rule of which emperor was Christ born?
AUGUSTUS
BONUS: During the rule of which emperor was Christ crucified?
TIBERIUS
- 17) TOSS-UP: What youth was appointed the judge of a divine beauty contest? The reward was a golden apple labeled "to the fairest." PARIS
BONUS: The beauty contest took place on what mountain where Paris was a shepherd?
MT. IDA
- 18) TOSS-UP: What was the *Regina Viarum*? THE APPIAN WAY
BONUS: The Appian Way began at Rome. At what seaport did it end?
BRUNDISIUM
- 19) TOSS-UP: What in ancient Rome were the *patres conscripti*?
SENATORS
BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *pater patriae*?
"FATHER OF THE COUNTRY"
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What current movie would the Romans call *Dominus et Imperator*? MASTER AND COMMANDER
BONUS: What movie would be called *Iudices Aufugientes*?
RUNAWAY JURY

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: How would you translate the following English preposition into Latin: "I saw many other people while traveling to Rome." ROMAM
BONUS: What about the prepositional phrase in this sentence: "I left my ship at Ostia."
OSTIAE or OSTIIS

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2) WRITE-DOWN: How long was a Roman consul's term of office?

ONE YEAR

BONUS: How much did each consul get paid?

NOTHING

3) WRITE-DOWN: What Roman hero proved his bravery by unflinchingly placing his hand in a fire?

(MUCIUS) SCAEVOLA

BONUS: What Etruscan leader was Scaevola seeking to impress?

LARS PORSEN(N)A

4) WRITE-DOWN: What arrogant Greek woman boasted that she was a greater mother than Latona, the mother of Apollo and Artemis, because she had fourteen children and Latona only two?

NIOBE

BONUS: To avenge her slighted honor, Apollo and Artemis killed all fourteen of Niobe's children. Into what was the grieving Niobe changed?

A WEEPING ROCK/SPRING

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the babies in this picture.

ROMULUS AND REMUS

BONUS: The babies were added in the Renaissance, but was the wolf carved by the ancient Etruscans, the Greeks, or the Romans?

ETRUSCANS

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6) TOSS-UP: Would one typically wear a *petasus* -- *in pede* or *in capite* or *in digito*?

IN CAPITE

BONUS: Would one typically wear *calcei* -- *in pedibus* or *in capite* or *in digitis*?

IN PEDIBUS

7) TOSS-UP: Students often confuse the meaning of similar looking words. Distinguish the meaning between *dico*, *duco*, and *doceo*.

DICO = "SAY/TELL", DUCO =

"LEAD/TAKE", and DOCEO =

"TEACH"

8) WRITE-DOWN: Mythological terms sometimes find their way into science. What light element, a major component of stars, is named after the Greek word for the sun?

HELIUM

BONUS: What radioactive element is named after a god of the Underworld?

PLUTONIUM

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9) TOSS-UP: Name four of the original seven hills of Rome.

CAPITOLINE, QUIRINAL, VIMINAL,
ESQUILINE, CAELIAN, AVENTINE,
PALATINE

BONUS: Name the other three.

(SEE ABOVE)

10) TOSS-UP: What Thracian slave led a slave revolt in 73 BC?

SPARTACUS

BONUS: Where did Spartacus hide his camp? MT.VESUVIUS

11) TOSS-UP: Is Marcus Tullius Cicero most famous for his oratory, history, or poetry?

ORATORY

BONUS: From what structure in the Roman Forum did orators usually address the crowd?

ROSTRA

12) TOSS-UP: What Latin phrase describes a duty or position one takes on by virtue of being elected to a particular office? *EX OFFICIO*

BONUS: What is the latin phrase for “sincerely” or “from the heart”?

EX ANIMO

13) TOSS-UP: In the Zodiac, what sign represents the Nemean Lion, one of the Labors of Hercules?

LEO

BONUS: In the Zodiac, what sign represents the bull which carried off Europa?

TAURUS

14) TOSS-UP: What road led through the Forum Romanum and up the Capitoline Hill?

VIA SACRA

BONUS: Triumphant Roman generals would take this road up the Capitoline to what temple?

TEMPLE OF JUPITER (OPTIMUS
MAXIMUS)

15) TOSS-UP: In ancient Rome, what was the profession of a woman who wore a toga?

PROSTITUTE

BONUS: On the back of her shoes she had written *sequere me*. What does this mean?
“FOLLOW ME”

16) TOSS-UP: What Roman general was able to defeat Hannibal and put an end to the Second Punic War?

(PUBLIUS CORNELIUS) SCIPIO
AFRICANUS

BONUS: What was the name of the battle where Scipio defeated Hannibal?

ZAMA

17) TOSS-UP: If you are successful at everything you attempt, it can be said that you have this Phrygian king’s touch, which turned everything into gold.

MIDAS

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BONUS: Who gave Midas “the golden touch”?

DIONYSUS/BACCHUS

18) TOSS-UP: In times of national emergency, usually one of the two consuls would be elevated to what position?

DICTATOR

BONUS: How long would this consul usually hold the office of dictator?

SIX MONTHS

19) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *ars longa, vita brevis*?

“ART IS LONGA, LIFE IS SHORT”

BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *cogito ergo sum*?

“I THINK, THEREFORE I AM”

20) TOSS-UP: Here we are back at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Dominus Anulorum: Reditus Regis*?

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING

BONUS: What about *Crudelitas Intolerabilis*? *INTOLERABLE CRUELTY*

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1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *quid pro quo*?

“SOMETHING FOR SOMETHING”/ “I DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME”

BONUS: What is the Latin phrase which describes an absolute necessity?

SINE QUA NON

2) WRITE-DOWN: What is the Latin term for the the male head of the household?

PATERFAMILIAS

BONUS: Which of the following was NOT a part of a Roman man’s *familia*: *uxor*, *liberi*, *servi*, *clientes*.

CLIENTES

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3) WRITE-DOWN: The combat between the three Horatii brothers and the three Curiatii brothers represented the conflict between Rome and what other neighboring city?
ALBA LONGA

BONUS: What refugee from Troy had founded Alba Longa a couple of centuries earlier?
ASCANIUS/IULUS

4) WRITE-DOWN: Jason led the Argonauts in search of the Golden Fleece. Not only did he bring back the Golden Fleece but he also brought back this witchy woman as his wife. Who was she?
MEDEA

BONUS: Jason later dumped Medea in favor of the princess Glauce. How did Medea seek revenge against Jason?
SHE KILLED THEIR CHILDREN and/or GLAUCE

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. What type or technique of artwork can be seen in this picture?

MOSAIC

BONUS: What is the name of the individual pieces of stone which make up a mosaic?
TESSERA

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6) TOSS-UP: On what date of the month did the Ides USUALLY fall?

13th

BONUS: In what four months did the Ides fell on the 15th day?

MARCH, MAY, JULY, OCTOBER

7) TOSS-UP: What movie, showing somewhere on TV at least once every night between now and Christmas, would the Romans have called *Est Vita Mirabilis*?

“IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

BONUS: What perennial favorite would have been called *Itum cum Ventis*?

“GONE WITH THE WIND”

8) TOSS-UP: What was unusual about the dog Cerberus?

THREE-HEADED

BONUS: Who was Cerberus’ master? HADES

9) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin name of the province around Rome? Today it is called Lazio.
LATIUM

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BONUS: What was the Latin name of the province directly to the north of Rome and inhabited by the Etruscans? Today it is called Toscano. ETRURIA

10) TOSS-UP: Who was the first of the Flavian emperors?
VESPASIAN

BONUS: Who was the last of the Flavian emperors?
DOMITIAN

11) TOSS-UP: Who wrote a letter to the Emperor Trajan detailing the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?
PLINY THE YOUNGER

BONUS: Pliny's letter also detailed the death of Pliny the Elder in the eruption. Of what relation was Pliny the Elder to Pliny the Younger?
UNCLE

12) TOSS-UP: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *Festina lente*?

"MAKE HASTE SLOWLY"

BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase *Errare humanum est*?
"TO ERR IS HUMAN"

13) TOSS-UP: What queen entertained Aeneas as he made his way from Troy to Italy?
DIDO (ELISSA)

BONUS: What queen entertained Julius Caesar and Mark Antony in Alexandria?
CLEOPATRA

14) TOSS-UP: At what battle did the forces of Octavian defeat those of Anthony and Cleopatra?
ACTIUM

BONUS: In what year was the battle of Actium fought?
31 BC

15) TOSS-UP: What garment was typically worn by everyone living in Rome?

TUNIC/TUNICA

BONUS: What is a *tunica recta*?
WEDDING DRESS

16) TOSS-UP: The Roman monarchy, Roman Republic, or Roman Empire -- during which period did Servius Tullius rule?
ROMAN MONARCHY

BONUS: The Roman Monarchy, Roman Republic, or Roman Empire -- during which period did Nero rule?
ROMAN EMPIRE

17) TOSS-UP: Who was the queen of Troy and wife of Priam?

HECUBA

BONUS: Who was the wife of Aeneas? The gods decreed that she would not make it out of Troy alive.
CREUSA

18) TOSS-UP: What is the term for the series of offices an ambitious man might hold in the Roman Republic?
CURSUS HONORUM

BONUS: What office was first in the *cursus honorum*?
QUAESTOR

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19) TOSS-UP: We are all awaiting the return of the Olympic Games to Greece in the summer of 2004. What is the Latin motto of the International Olympic Committee?

CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS

BONUS: Translate the motto into English. "FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER"

20) TOSS-UP: Our last trip to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Feles in Petaso*?

THE CAT IN THE HAT

BONUS: What about *Imbecilli Animati: Rursus Actiones*?

LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION

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