

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAPITAL CERTAMEN**  
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LEVEL I  
ROUND I

1. Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Certamen! To get us started, answer this question: what does the Latin word *certamen* mean?

CONTEST OR GAME

Bonus A: Speaking of contests, in what building in Rome did the gladiatorial contests take place? COLOSSEUM / FLAVIAN AMPHITHEATRE

Bonus B: What is another event besides gladiator fights that took place in the Colosseum? VENATIONES (BEAST FIGHTS) / NAUMACHIA (MOCK NAVAL BATTLES)

2. What is the meaning of the Latin word *puella*? GIRL

Bonus A: What is the Latin word for boy? PUER

Bonus B: Translate into English: *Puella laborat in casa.*

THE GIRL WORKS IN THE HOUSE

3. From what Latin word and its English meaning do we derive our English word *amorous*?

AMO, AMARE MEANING TO LOVE

Bonus A: Say in Latin, "we love." AMAMUS

Bonus B: Say in Latin, "I love." AMO

4. Translate into Latin: The man and the woman walk. VIR ET FEMINA AMBULANT.

Bonus A: Give one English derivative from the Latin word *vir*.

VIRILE, VIRTUE, etc

Bonus B: Now give one English derivative from the Latin word *femina*.

FEMININE, FEMALE, etc.

5. Give the Latin word the modern country of France. GALLIA

Bonus A: Now try Spain. HISPANIA

Bonus B: Now try Romania. DACIA

6. Define the Latin word *mater*. MOTHER

Bonus A: Now try *pater*. FATHER

Bonus B: Now try *frater*. BROTHER

7. What type of clothing was considered to be the national garment of Rome, worn only by Roman citizens? TOGA

Bonus A: What distinguishes the *toga praetexta*? A PURPLE/CRIMSON STRIPE

Bonus B: What is the Latin word for purple? PURPUREUS

8. Give the meaning of the Latin phrase *tempus fugit*. TIME FLIES

Bonus A: Speak of time, what is the Latin word for clock? HOROLOGIUM

Bonus B: Change *fugit* to the first person plural. FUGIMUS

9. Solve this math problem, and *responde Latine*. Unus plus duo sunt \_\_\_\_\_. TRES  
Bonus A: Now try this: Tres multiplicatum per duo sunt \_\_\_\_\_. SEX  
Bonus B: Now try this: Decem minus novem sunt \_\_\_\_\_. UNUS
10. Let's go to the Cinema Romana! What movie might the ancient Romans have called *Crustula Americana*? AMERICAN PIE  
Bonus A: How about
11. Complete this analogy: *Mensa* is to desk as *sella* is to \_\_\_\_\_? CHAIR  
Bonus A: Try this one – *tabula* is to chalkboard as *magister* is to \_\_\_\_\_? TEACHER  
Bonus B: And this one – *stylus* is to pencil as *creta* is to \_\_\_\_\_? CHALK
12. Who was the first king of Rome? ROMULUS  
Bonus A: Who was Romulus' brother? REMUS  
Bonus B: What animal was said to have nursed Romulus and Remus? A WOLF
13. Translate into English, *Salvete discipuli*. HELLO STUDENTS  
Bonus A: Now greet me in Latin. SALVE  
Bonus B: How would you say goodbye to me in Latin? VALE
14. Name one of the Romance languages descended from Latin. FRENCH, ITALIAN, PORTUGUESE, SPANISH, OR ROMANIAN  
Bonus A: Name another.  
Bonus B: And another.
15. Which word in the following sentence is in the accusative case? *Ursus cibum amat*. CIBUM  
Bonus A: What do we use accusative case for? DIRECT OBJECTS  
Bonus B: What case is *ursus*? NOMINATIVE
16. Who is the Roman god of wine? BACCHUS  
Bonus A: What is Bacchus' Greek name? DIONYSUS  
Bonus B: Of what is Bacchus' staff, the thyrsos, made? PINE CONE
17. Translate into Latin: The happy farmer runs. COLONUS LAETUS / AGRICOLA LAETUS CURRIT  
Bonus A: What person is the verb *currit*? THIRD  
Bonus B: Make *currit* second person plural. CURRITIS
18. In what month was Julius Caesar assassinated? MARCH  
Bonus A: What month is named after Julius Caesar's adopted son? AUGUST  
Bonus B: What number month was December, originally? TENTH
19. Complete the following analogy... oink is to porca as neigh is to \_\_\_\_\_. EQUUS  
Bonus A: Say in Latin, "with the horse." CUM EQUO  
Bonus B: Now say, "with the horses." CUM EQUIS
20. Where do the Roman gods live? MOUNT OLYMPUS  
Bonus A: What do they eat? AMBROSIA  
Bonus B: What do they drink? NECTAR

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LEVEL I  
ROUND II

1. Welcome to Round II! What is the Latin word for “two”? DUO  
Bonus A: Responde Latine, “duo multiplicatum per duo sunt...” QUATTUOR  
Bonus B: Responde Latine, “duo divisum per duo est...” UNUS
  
2. Welcome to question 2! How would you write “two” in Roman numerals? II  
Bonus A: Two times two is four. How would you write “four” in Roman numerals? IV  
Bonus B: How would you write “twenty-two” in Roman numerals? XXII
  
3. Welcome to question 3! Three men, named Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus were members of the first what? TRIUMVIRATE  
Bonus A: The English word triumvirate contains the Latin word for “man.” What is it? VIR  
Bonus B: What is the opposite of the Latin word for man? FEMINA
  
4. Ah, question 4! Who was the fourth king of Rome? ANCUS MARCIUS  
Bonus A: Who was the third king of Rome, who preceded Ancus? TULLUS HOSTILIUS  
Bonus B: Who was the fifth king of Rome, who followed Ancus? TARQUINIUS PRISCUS
  
5. Welcome to question 5! With what letter does the Latin word for “five” begin? Q  
Bonus A: Lots of question words in Latin begin with the letter “Q.” What is the Latin question word for “who”? QUIS  
Bonus B: And for “what”? QUID
  
6. Ah, question six! It seems appropriate at this juncture to have a question about Latin words that sound funny in English. Responde Latine, “quot sunt tres plus tres”? SEX  
Bonus A: Say in Latin, “What are you doing”? QUID FACIS?  
Bonus B: Now say in Latin, “We lead” DUCIMUS
  
7. Welcome to question 7! There are so many possibilities with this number. Rome was constructed on seven what? HILLS  
Bonus A: What hill is known as the religious center of Rome? CAPITOLINE  
Bonus B: We all know that Romulus stood on the Palatine Hill, but on what hill did Remus stand? AVENTINE
  
8. Enough silliness! Back to regular questions. Who am I? I am Roman. I have the peacock as my symbol, and I watch over marriage and childbirth. I am the Queen of the Gods. JUNO  
Bonus A: Who is Juno’s husband? JUPITER  
Bonus B: Why is the peacock Juno’s symbol? ARGUS, 100 EYES, etc.
  
9. Using only one word, say in Latin, “she is.” EST  
Bonus A: Now try, “I am.” SUM  
Bonus B: And “y’all are.” ESTIS

10. Say in Latin, “the angry horse.” EQUUS IRATUS  
Bonus A: Make “equus iratus” accusative plural. EQUOS IRATOS  
Bonus B: Make “equus iratus” ablative singular. EQUO IRATO
11. In ancient Rome, married women could wear what special garment? STOLA  
Bonus A: Which famous Roman woman escaped from the Etruscan king Lars Porsenna by swimming across a river with her horse, only to be returned to the Etruscans?  
CLOELIA  
Bonus B: Which famous Roman woman was Julius Caesar’s third wife, the one who supposedly warned him against going to the Senate on that fateful day? CALPURNIA
12. Translate: “alea iacta est.” THE DIE IS CAST  
Bonus A: What is the FULL NAME of the individual who said those words?  
GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR  
Bonus B: Of Gaius, Julius, and Caesar, which is his praenomen? GAIUS
13. If Gaius Julius Caesar were to have a daughter, according to Roman tradition what would she be named? JULIA  
Bonus A: What is the genitive singular of Julia? JULIAE  
Bonus B: What is the accusative singular of Julia? JULIAM
14. Which two Greek gods and goddesses competed to name the city that is now the capital of Greece? POSEIDON AND ATHENA  
Bonus A: What did Poseidon offer to Athens? HORSE  
Bonus B: What did Athena offer? OLIVE TREE
15. Say in Latin, “Flaccus is a Roman boy.” FLACCUS EST PUER ROMANUS  
Bonus A: Why is it not, “Flaccus est puer Romana”? BECAUSE THE NOUN PUER IS MASCULINE AND THE ADJECTIVE ROMANUS MUST AGREE WITH IT  
Bonus B: Nouns and the adjectives that describe them must agree in what three things? CASE, NUMBER, GENDER
16. Which monster am I? I was killed by Perseus. I have snakes for hair. MEDUSA  
Bonus A: Of what mythological group was Medusa a member? GORGONS  
Bonus B: What happened to anyone who looked upon the face of Medusa?  
WOULD TURN TO STONE
17. What very versatile substance did the Romans use as soap, to light their lamps, to cook, and to eat? OLIVE OIL  
Bonus A: The so-called Mediterranean Triad of crops also includes grapes and grain. Who is the Roman goddess of grain? CERES  
Bonus B: What is the Roman name for her daughter? PROSERPINA
18. Translate into English, “cave canem.” BEWARE OF THE DOG  
Bonus A: This phrase can be seen on a famous type of Roman art that is constructed with small stones called tesserae. What type of art is this? MOSAIC  
Bonus B: The mosaic featuring the phrase “cave canem” was found in what famous city

that was destroyed by a volcano? POMPEII

19. What happened on August 24, 79 AD? MT VESUVIUS ERUPTED

Bonus A & B: We all know that Mt. Vesuvius destroyed Pompeii. Name two of the other cities that Pompeii destroyed. HERCULANEUM, STABIAE, OPLONTIS

20. We have reached question twenty. Say in Latin two numbers that add up to twenty. DECEM AND DECEM, QUINDECIM AND QUINQUE, etc etc

Bonus A: What is the Latin word for twenty? VIGINTI

Bonus B: What is the Latin word for nineteen? UNDEVIGINTI

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ROUND III

1. Welcome to the alphabet round! See if you can guess the pattern! What is the first declension, nominative singular ending? A  
    Bonus A: What is the second declension, nominative singular ending? US  
    Bonus B: What gender are most first declension nouns? FEMININE
  
2. In the Roman house, what was the cubiculum? BEDROOM  
    Bonus A: What was the peristylum? INDOOR GARDEN  
    Bonus B: And the latrina? BATHROOM
  
3. Which Roman Emperor's name means "little boot"? CALIGULA  
    Bonus A: What are the first five Roman Emperors called? JULIO-CLAUDIANS  
    Bonus B: Who was the second Julio-Claudian emperor? TIBERIUS
  
4. Which queen of Carthage fell in love with Aeneas? DIDO  
    Bonus A: On what continent is Carthage located? AFRICA  
    Bonus B: The wars between Carthage and Rome were known as what? PUNIC WARS
  
5. Using one word, say in Latin, "you are." ES  
    Bonus A: Make es plural. ESTIS  
    Bonus B: Make estis third person. SUNT
  
6. Vespasian was the last of what group of emperors? FLAVIANS  
    Bonus A: The Flavian Amphitheatre is also known as what? COLOSSEUM  
    Bonus B: A giant statue of which emperor once stood outside the Colosseum? NERO
  
7. What is the Latin word for the Roman province of Greece? GRAECIA  
    Bonus A: How about Italy? ITALIA  
    Bonus B: And Germany? GERMANIA
  
8. To what body part does the Latin word "caput" refer? HEAD  
    Bonus A: How about "pes"? FOOT  
    Bonus B: And "cor"? HEART
  
9. From what Latin word and its English meaning do we derive the word "entrance"? INTRARE  
    MEANING TO ENTER  
    Bonus A & B: Now tell me both Latin words and their English meanings that show up  
    in the word "malefactor." MALUS MEANING BAD or FACERE MEANING TO  
    DO/MAKE
  
10. Of ius, iubeo, and iustitia, which is the Latin word for "soup"? IUS  
    Bonus A: What are nuces? NUTS  
    Bonus B: What are uvae? GRAPES

11. Of Karthago, Kalends, and Kardo, which is the Latin word referring to a date on the calendar? KALENDS  
Bonus A: Which month was originally the ninth month in the sequence? NOVEMBER  
Bonus B: March 15, 44 BC is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of March. IDES
12. From what Latin word and its English meaning does the word “library” come? LIBER  
MEANING BOOK  
Bonus A: Say in Latin, “The book is good and large.” LIBER EST BONUS ET  
MAGNUS  
Bonus B: Which word in that Latin sentence (Liber est bonus et magnus) is a  
conjunction? ET
13. Who is the Roman goddess of war? MINERVA  
Bonus A: Who is her male counterpart? MARS  
Bonus B: Who among the goddesses was the lover of Mars? VENUS
14. I am Roman. I hold the trident and rule over the waters. Who am I? NEPTUNE  
Bonus A & B: From what two Latin words and their English meanings does the word  
“trident” come? TRES MEANING THREE AND DENS MEANING TOOTH
15. Responde Latine. Quot sunt decem minus duo? OCTO  
Bonus A: Responde Latine. Quot sunt decem plus duo? DUODECIM  
Bonus B: Responde Latine. Quot sunt viginti minus duo? DUODEVIGINTI
16. Name the shawl worn by Roman women to provide warmth and modesty. PALLA  
Bonus A: I am a famous Roman woman. I was the second wife of the emperor Augustus,  
and the mother of the emperor Tiberius. Who am I? LIVIA  
Bonus B: I am also a famous woman. I am queen of the Amazons. Hercules took my  
girdle from me. Who am I? HIPPOLYTA
17. What Latin word means “how many”? QUOT / QUANTUS  
Bonus A: What is the meaning of “ubi”? WHERE / WHEN  
Bonus B: What is the meaning of “cur”? WHY
18. Speakers in the Forum Romanum stood at this location, made from the prows of ships, in  
order to speak. ROSTRA  
Bonus A: What gender is the Latin word “forum”? NEUTER  
Bonus B: Make “forum” plural. FORA
19. These mythological creatures sang beautiful yet deadly songs. Odysseus had himself tied to  
the mast of his ship so that he could hear the songs without succumbing to them. Who are these  
creatures? SIRENS  
Bonus A: What did Odysseus’ men do so that they would not succumb to the songs?  
PLUGGED THEIR EARS WITH WAX  
Bonus B: What is Charybdis? A WHIRLPOOL
20. Give the meaning of the Latin phrase “carpe diem.” SEIZE THE DAY  
Bonus A: What does the abbreviation i.e. stand for? ID EST  
Bonus B: What does the abbreviation e.g. stand for? EXEMPLI GRATIA

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LEVEL I  
ROUND IV

1. Welcome to the fourth and final round of the Capital Certamen! To start us off, tell me what style of column has a capital that looks like two scrolls. IONIC  
Bonus A: Of Doric, Ionic, or Corinthian, which style of column is the most elaborate? CORINTHIAN  
Bonus B: What are the indentations on many columns called? FLUTING
2. Say in Latin, “in the forest.” IN SILVA  
Bonus A: Now say “through the water.” PER AQUAM  
Bonus B: Now try “for the boy.” PRO PUERO
3. How many Romance languages are there? FIVE  
Bonus A & B: Name two of them. SPANISH, FRENCH, PORTUGUESE, ITALIAN, ROMANIAN
4. What is the name of the groups into which we divide Latin nouns? DECLENSIONS  
Bonus A: What declension is the noun horologium? SECOND  
Bonus B: What declension is the noun palla? FIRST
5. If Emeril Lagasse were an ancient Roman, in what room of the Roman house would he cook? CULINA  
Bonus A: Emeril is Portuguese. What is the Latin name for the country directly to the east of Portugal? HISPANIA  
Bonus B: In the sentence “Emeril is Portuguese,” translate the verb into Latin. EST
6. From what Latin verb and its English meaning do we derive the word perambulator? AMBULARE MEANING TO WALK  
Bonus A: Is “ambulare” an imperative, infinitive, or interjection? INFINITIVE  
Bonus B: To what conjugation does “ambulare” belong? FIRST
7. The name of the television brand Magnavox comes from two Latin words, magna and vox. What is the meaning of the word magna? BIG, GREAT  
Bonus A: What gender must the word vox be? FEMININE  
Bonus B: How did you know this? BECAUSE MAGNA IS FEMININE, ADJECTIVES AND NOUNS AGREE IN CASE, NUMBER, AND GENDER
8. Who was the second king of Rome? NUMA POMPILIUS  
Bonus A: What was Numa Pompilius’ major accomplishment? ORGANIZED THE ROMAN RELIGION  
Bonus B: Which king succeeded Numa Pompilius? TULLUS HOSTILIUS
9. How many singers are in a sextet? SIX  
Bonus A: How many in an octet? EIGHT  
Bonus B: From what Latin word and its meaning does the word dodecahedron come?



## DUODECIM MEANING TWELVE

10. Give the Latin for the province from which the Romans imported most of their tutors.

GRAECIA

Bonus A: Speaking of tutors, what is the Latin word for “teacher”? MAGISTER/TRA

Bonus B: Unfortunately, these Greek tutors were generally slaves. What is the Latin word for “slave”? SERVUS

11. Which road, known as the Regina Viarum, ran the entire width of Italy? VIA APPIA / APPIAN WAY

Bonus A: What case is “viarum”? GENITIVE

Bonus B: What disability afflicted Appius Claudius Caecus, the constructor of the Appian Way? BLINDNESS

12. From what Latin verb and its English meaning do we derive the word “viaduct”? DUCERE MEANING TO LEAD

Bonus A: Say in Latin, “I lead.” DUCO

Bonus B: Say in Latin, “he leads.” DUCIT

13. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase “cogito ergo sum”? I THINK THEREFORE I AM

Bonus A: What is the infinitive of sum? ESSE

Bonus B: What is the English meaning of esse? TO BE

14. What does the Latin word “frater” mean? BROTHER

Bonus A: Try “soror.” SISTER

Bonus B: Now try “avus.” GRANDFATHER

15. What is the Latin word for “and”? ET

Bonus A: Translate into English, “Vacca et porca et equus in casa currunt.”

THE COW AND THE PIG AND THE HORSE RUN IN THE HOUSE.

Bonus B: What is another Latin word for house, besides casa? DOMUS

16. Who am I? I am god of the sun and my symbol is the lyre. APOLLO

Bonus A: Who is the sister of Apollo? DIANA

Bonus B: What is Diana’s Greek name? ARTEMIS

17. Which Roman Emperor was said to have fiddled while the city of Rome burned in 64 AD? NERO

Bonus A: How would you put 64 into Roman numerals? LXIV

Bonus B: How would you put 100 into Roman numerals? C

18. Complete the following analogy: nose is to nasus as hand is to \_\_\_\_\_. MANUS

Bonus A: Which famous Roman hero burned off his right hand to show his loyalty to Rome? MUCIUS SCAEVOLA

Bonus B: