

4th ANNUAL CAPITAL CERTAMEN
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LEVEL II
ROUND I

1. Welcome to the fourth annual Capital Certamen. What is the Latin word for fourth?
QUARTUS
 Bonus A: What is the Latin word for third? TERTIUS
 Bonus B: For second? SECUNDUS

2. This Certamen is being held at Queen Anne School. How would you say, “the school of Queen Anne” in Latin? LUDUS/SCHOLA REGINAE ANNAE
 Bonus A: In what case is the phrase Reginae Annae? GENITIVE
 Bonus B: Make Reginae Annae genitive plural. REGINARUM ANNARUM

3. One of the words for school in Latin is ludus. But what does ludus mean in the plural?
GAMES
 Bonus A: Say in Latin, “We were loving the games.” LUDOS AMABAMUS
 Bonus B: What tense is amabamus? IMPERFECT

4. Translate the relative pronoun in this sentence: “Vacca, quae celeriter currit, mugit.”
WHO/WHICH
 Bonus A. The Latin verb mugio, mugire means “moo.” What is the present active participle of that verb? MUGIENS
 Bonus B: Translate into English: “Vacca mugiens ad silvam ambulavit.” THE MOOING COW WALKED TO THE FOREST.

5. How many principal parts does a regular verb have? FOUR
 Bonus A: Give all four principal parts of the Latin verb meaning “to fortify.”
MUNIO, MUNIRE, MUNIVI, MUNITUS
 Bonus B: Do the same for “to praise.”
LAUDO, LAUDARE, LAUDAVI, LAUDATUS

6. In what conjugations do we find the endings bo, bis, and bit for the future tense? FIRST AND SECOND
 Bonus A: Translate into English: remanebimus. WE WILL REMAIN
 Bonus B: Translate into Latin: They will cry. FLEBUNT/LACRIMABUNT

7. From the head of whom was Athena supposedly born? ZEUS
 Bonus A: Who sprung from the thigh of Zeus? DIONYSUS
 Bonus B: Which Greek goddess was born of the sea foam? APHRODITE

8. At its fall event, the Maryland Junior Classical League held a bagel discus throwing contest. The discus throw was originally part of the ancient Greek Olympics, founded in what Greek city? OLYMPIA
 Bonus A: In what year were the Olympics founded? 776 BC
 Bonus B: In honor of whom were the Olympics held? ZEUS

9. The English word Junior, as in the Maryland Junior Classical League, is also a Latin word. Which degree of the adjective is iunior? COMPARATIVE
Bonus A: What is one of the other two degrees called? POSITIVE or SUPERLATIVE
Bonus B: What is the superlative of the phrase celer vacca? CELERRIMA VACCA
10. Which Roman king is most famous for establishing the Roman religion? NUMA POMPILIUS
Bonus A: Numa also created the office of Pontifex Maximus. What was the Pontifex Maximus? THE CHIEF PRIEST OF ROME
Bonus B: Which king succeeded Numa? TULLUS HOSTILIUS
11. We all know that Rome had seven hills. On which hill did Remus stand when he saw the sign of vultures? AVENTINE
Bonus A: Who is Remus' brother? ROMULUS
Bonus B: How many vultures did Remus see? SIX
12. Where might one find the apodyterium, palaestra, and frigidarium? THE BATHS
Bonus A: What was the caldarium? HOT ROOM
Bonus B: What was the frigidarium? COLD ROOM
13. How did the Romans count laps in a chariot race? USING DOLPHINS AND EGGS
Bonus A: How many laps was a standard chariot race? SEVEN
Bonus B: What is the Latin term for a charioteer? AURIGA
14. Complete the following analogy – laudo is to laudavi as ambulatis is to _____.
AMBULAVISTIS
Bonus A: In what tense is the verb ambulavistis? PERFECT
Bonus B: Make ambulavistis singular. AMBULAVISTI
15. How many declensions are there in Latin? FIVE
Bonus A: Identify the declension of the Latin noun res. FIFTH
Bonus B: Identify the declension of the Latin noun virtus. FOURTH
16. Translate the pronoun in the following sentence: Aeneas haec verba dixit. THESE
Bonus A: What gender is haec verba? NEUTER
Bonus B: Make haec verba singular. HOC VERBUM
17. From what Latin noun and its English meaning do we derive the word “pacifist”? PAX
MEANING PEACE
Bonus A: Give the gender of pax. FEMININE
Bonus B: Give the genitive singular of pax. PACIS
18. This is question 18. What is 18 in Latin? DUODEVIGINTI
Bonus A: Responde Latine. Quot sunt viginti minus duodeviginti? DUO
Bonus B: Response Latine. Quot sunt decem multiplicatum per tres. TRIGINTA
19. Translate the adverb in this sentence into English. Puella laetissime cenat. VERY HAPPILY
Bonus A: What degree is the adverb laetissime? SUPERLATIVE
Bonus B: Make cenat pluperfect. CENAVERAT

20. Which Roman god holds the caduceus? MERCURY

Bonus A: Which Roman god holds the thyrsos? BACCHUS

Bonus B: From what Latin word and its English meaning does the object that Neptune holds, the trident, come? DENS MEANING TOOTH

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ROUND II

1. Identify the declension of the Latin words spes and facies. FIFTH
Bonus A: Identify the declension of the Latin words vox and carmen. THIRD
Bonus B: What is the genitive singular of spes? SPEI

2. What type of pronoun is found in the following sentence, “Pueri, qui discipuli optimi sunt, Latinam amant.” RELATIVE
Bonus A: Make the relative pronoun in that sentence singular. QUI
Bonus B: Now make it singular and feminine. QUAE

3. Which two lovers were separated from each other by a wall in Babylon? PYRAMUS AND THISBE
Bonus A: Who did Apollo love so much that he chased her through the forest until she was turned into a tree? DAPHNE
Bonus B: Who is the Roman god of love? CUPID

4. What is the Latin word for a mountain? MONS
Bonus A: For the sky? CAELUM
Bonus B: For a tree? ARBOR

5. What was the largest group of Roman military organization, comprised of some 5,000 men? LEGION
Bonus A: What is the Latin name for the field in Rome on which the Roman military would practice? CAMPUS MARTIUS
Bonus B: What is the name of the elite group of soldiers that guarded the emperor? PRAETORIAN GUARD

6. What are the two meanings of the Latin word “insula”? APARTMENT AND ISLAND
Bonus A: Most citizens in Rome lived in insulae as opposed to beautiful atrium-style houses. What the Latin root and its English meaning of the word “atrium”?
ATER MEANING BLACK
Bonus B: The atrium was characterized by a hole in the ceiling. What was this hole called? COMPLUVIUM

7. I am the king of Rome responsible for initiating the first ever Roman census. Who am I? SERVIUS TULLIUS
Bonus A: Which king immediately preceded Servius Tullius? TARQUINIUS PRISCUS
Bonus B: Who was responsible for plotting Servius Tullius’ death? TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS or TULLIA

8. Say in Latin, “we can.” POSSUMUS
Bonus A: What is the infinitive of possumus? POSSE
Bonus B: What is the second person plural of possumus? POTESTIS

9. Complete the following analogy. Caeruleus is to blue as _____ is to purple. PURPUREUS
Bonus A: What is the Latin word for the color of grass? VIRIDIS or PRASINUS
Bonus B: What is the Latin word for the color of blood? RUBER
10. Who is the mother of Aeneas? VENUS
Bonus A: To what god was Venus married? VULCAN
Bonus B: How did Vulcan catch Mars and Venus in a compromising position? USING A NET OF GOLD
11. Which emperor of Rome made his horse a senator? CALIGULA
Bonus A: A colossal statue of what emperor once stood next to the Colosseum? NERO
Bonus B: What year was known as the year of the four emperors? 69 AD
12. Responde Latine. Decem multiplicatum per decem. CENTUM
Bonus A: Responde Latine. Centum multiplicatum per decem. MILLE
Bonus B: Give one English derivative from mille. MILLIPEDE, MILLENNIUM, etc
13. Give the vocative of Sextus. SEXTE
Bonus A: Give the vocative of Cornelius. CORNELI
Bonus B: Give the vocative of Tullia. TULLIA
14. What case follows the preposition cum? ABLATIVE
Bonus A: What type of ablative is seen in the following sentence: “Veni cum amicis meis?” ACCOMPANIMENT
Bonus B: What type of ablative is seen in the following sentence: “Gladiator pugnat gladio.” MEANS OR INSTRUMENT
15. Complete the following analogy. Amat is to amabat as manemus is to _____.
MANEBAMUS
Bonus A: What tense is manebamus? IMPERFECT
Bonus B: Change manebamus to the singular. MANEBAM
16. Who am I? I burned off my right hand to show loyalty to Rome. MUCIUS SCAEVOLA
Bonus A: Who am I? I singlehandedly defended the Sublician Bridge. HORATIUS COCLES
Bonus B: Who am I? I am a famous woman who was traded to King Lars Porsenna in exchange for peace with Rome. I escaped across the river on my horse, only to be returned to Porsenna by the Romans. CLOELIA
17. What tense is the verb muniverant? PLUPERFECT
Bonus A: Make muniverant future perfect. MUNIVERINT
Bonus B: Now make it future. MUNIENT
18. What is the infinitive of the irregular verb eo? IRE
Bonus A: Translate into English, “Ibimus.” WE WILL GO
Bonus B: Now translate “Ii.” I WENT
19. From what Latin noun and its English meaning does our English word “senile” come?
SENEX MEANING OLD MAN

Bonus A: What Latin word means young man? IUVENIS

Bonus B: What Latin word means old woman? ANUS

20. What winged animals are well known for saving Rome by alerting its citizens in the night?
GEESE

Bonus A: Speaking of animals, what are vespertiliones? BATS

Bonus B: And what are ursi? BEARS

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ROUND III

1. Using an irregular verb, translate “I wish” into Latin. VOLO
Bonus A: Using an irregular verb, translate “I do not wish” into Latin. NOLO
Bonus B: Make “nolo” plural. NOLUMUS

2. Complete the following analogy cupimus is to cupiebamus as facit is to _____. FACIEBAT
Bonus A: Make faciebat perfect tense. FECIT
Bonus B: Make fecit pluperfect tense. FECERAT

3. What is the imperative of dico, dicere? DIC
Bonus A: What is the imperative of facio, facere? FAC
Bonus B: What is the imperative of duco, ducere? DUC

4. Translate the pronoun in this phrase into Latin, “this girl.” HAEC
Bonus A: What is the genitive masculine plural of the demonstrative pronoun hic?
HORUM
Bonus B: What is the accusative masculine plural of hic? HOS

5. What declension is the noun “imperator”? THIRD
Bonus A: Using the noun “imperator,” say in Latin, “I will walk towards the leader.”
AMBULABO AD IMPERATOREM
Bonus B: Make ambulabo plural. AMBULABIMUS

6. Of what large animals did Hannibal make use on his journey from Carthage to Rome?
ELEPHANTS
Bonus A: What is the name of Hannibal’s father? HAMILCAR (BARCA)
Bonus B: What is the name of Hannibal’s brother? HASDRUBAL (BARCA)

7. What is the name for the series of three wars between Carthage and Rome? PUNIC WARS
Bonus A: Of the 2nd century AD, the 3rd century AD, or the 4th century AD, in what
century did the 1st Punic War take place? 3rd CENTURY AD
Bonus B: It wasn’t until the 20th century AD, hundreds and hundreds of years later, that
the governments of Carthage and Rome signed a peace treaty. What is the Latin word for
a treaty? FOEDUS

8. Whenever you hear the name of the Roman general Marius, you think of the name of what
other Roman general, against whom Marius fought, also a dictator in Rome? SULLA
Bonus A: What other Roman dictator returned to his farm peacefully after he had
completed his duties? CINCINNATUS
Bonus B: Julius Caesar was also the Roman dictator at one point in his career. What is
Julius Caesar’s praenomen? GAIUS

9. Which Roman Emperor is famous for seeing the sign of the cross above the battlefield?
CONSTANTINE

Bonus A: Constantine moved the capital of the Roman Empire to modern day Turkey. What did he call his new capital? CONSTANTINOPL

Bonus B: What is the name of Constantinople today? ISTANBUL

10. In what year did the Roman Empire in the West fall? 476 AD

Bonus A: In what year did the Roman Empire in the East fall? 1453 AD

Bonus B: At one point in its history, the Roman Empire was divided into four parts, led by four different emperors. What was this group of four emperors called? TETRARCHY

11. Which god, half-goat and half-man, plays the pipes? PAN

Bonus A: What is the name of the creatures who are half-horse and half-man? CENTAURS

Bonus B: What is the name of the creatures who are half-bird and half-woman? HARPIES

12. Who is the main character of Vergil's famous epic poem? AENEAS

Bonus A: From what city does Aeneas flee? TROY

Bonus B: Who is Aeneas' first wife? CREUSA

13. Which mythological character fell in love with his own reflection? NARCISSUS

Bonus A: Who is the maiden who loved Narcissus in vain? ECHO

Bonus B: Into what object does Narcissus turn after he wastes away? FLOWER

14. Complete this mythological pair. Orpheus and _____. EURYDICE

Bonus A: What instrument does Orpheus play? LYRE

Bonus B: To what god does Orpheus appeal? PLUTO

15. Who am I? I am the god who is in love with Hyacinthus. I accidentally killed Hyacinthus with a discus. APOLLO

Bonus A: Who is Apollo's son who once had a wild ride in the chariot of the sun? PHAETHON

Bonus B: What other young son, once imprisoned on Crete, flew close to the sun? ICARUS

16. What are lares? HOUSEHOLD GODS

Bonus A: Where were the lares kept? LARARIUM / ALAE

Bonus B: What is the name of the figurines of the family's ancestors? PENATES

17. What is the cursus honorum? THE SERIES OF SUCCESSION OF POLITICAL OFFICES IN ROMAN GOVERNMENT

Bonus A: What is the first office in the cursus honorum? QUAESTOR

Bonus B: What is the last office in the cursus honorum? CONSUL or CENSOR

18. Complete the name of this building – The ____ of Marcellus. THEATRE

Bonus A: What is the difference between a Greek theatre and a Roman theatre? GREEK THEATRES ARE BUILT INTO HILLSIDES, ROMAN THEATRES ARE FREESTANDING

Bonus B: What was the first stone theatre in Rome? THEATRE OF POMPEY

19. Which Roman government official was in charge of the public games? AEDILE

Bonus A: Which was a judge? PRAETOR

Bonus B: Who was in charge of the finances? QUAESTOR

20. What is the Latin word for lunch? PRANDIUM

Bonus A: For dessert? SECUNDA MENSA

Bonus B: For breakfast? IENTACULUM

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LEVEL II
ROUND IV

1. Welcome to Round Four! What is “four” in Roman numerals? IV
Bonus A: Now say two thousand eight hundred eighty-eight in Roman numerals. MMDCCCLXXXVIII
Bonus B: Now say “nine hundred ninety-nine” in Roman numerals. CMXCIX

2. From what Latin verb and its English meaning do we derive the word “vociferous”?
FERO/FERRE MEANING TO CARRY/BEAR/ENDURE
Bonus A: What is the third person singular of the verb fero? FERT
Bonus B: What is the imperative plural of fero? FERTE

3. What tense is the verb feceram? PLUPERFECT
Bonus A: What tense is the verb fecerimus? FUTURE PERFECT
Bonus B: What tense is the verb fecimus? PERFECT

4. What is an arbor? TREE
Bonus A: A nubis? CLOUD
Bonus B: An apis? BEE

5. From what Latin word and its English meaning does the word “coronary” come? COR
MEANING HEART
Bonus A: What is the pectus? CHEST
Bonus B: What is the auris? EAR

6. Why is the triclinium called the triclinium? BECAUSE THERE WERE THREE COUCHES
IN IT
Bonus A: What is the gustatio? AN APPETIZER
Bonus B: What is a convivium? BANQUET

7. From what Latin number and its English meaning does the word “septentrional” come?
SEPTEM MEANING SEVEN
Bonus A: What is the Constellation made up of seven sister stars called? PLEIADES
Bonus B:

8. As one of his labors, Hercules attacked what man-eating animals of Diomedes?
MARES/HORSES
Bonus A: From where was the lion that Hercules killed? NEMEA
Bonus B: What creature featured in the labors was from Lernea? HYDRA

9. What Roman food is panis? BREAD
Bonus A: What Roman food is an uva? GRAPE
Bonus B: What Roman food is bubula? BEEF

10. Translate into English. “Navigaveramus per maria.” WE HAD SAILED THROUGH THE SEAS

Bonus A: What gender is maria? NEUTER

Bonus B: What type of 3rd declension noun is mare? I-STEM

11. What television show would the ancient Romans have called Ala Occidentis? THE WEST WING

Bonus A: What would they have called Viginti Quattuor? TWENTY-FOUR

Bonus B: What would they have called Lex et Ordo? LAW AND ORDER

12. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase bis in diem? TWICE PER DAY

Bonus A: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase sic transit gloria mundi? THUS GOES THE GLORY OF THE WORLD

Bonus B: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase ipso facto? BY THE VERY FACT

13. What profession utilizes the Latin phrase nolo contendere? LEGAL/LAW

Bonus A: What is the opposite of nolo? VOLO

Bonus B: How do you say “y’all do not wish” in Latin? NON VULTIS

14. When a Roman general was highly successful, had killed many enemy soldiers, and won many battles, the Senate might vote him a what, which entitled him and his army to march victoriously through Rome? TRIUMPH/POMPA

Bonus A: What does “Hominem Te Memento” mean? REMEMBER YOU ARE ONLY A MAN

Bonus B: Who spoke this to the victorious general? A SLAVE

15. What is a malum malum? A BAD APPLE

Bonus A: In Latin, what is the plural of malum malum? MALA MALA

Bonus B: What are liberi liberi? FREE CHILDREN

16. Which Greek hero, the King of Ithaca, spent 20 years on a journey to return to his wife? ODYSSEUS

Bonus A: Who is the wife of Odysseus? PENELOPE

Bonus B: Who is the son of Odysseus? TELEMACHUS

17. In Roman mythology, who is said to hold up the earth? ATLAS

Bonus A: Who briefly took Atlas’ place holding up the earth? HERCULES

Bonus B: For what king was Hercules performing his labors? EURYSTHEUS

18. Translate the following phrase into English, “illa carmina.” THOSE SONGS

Bonus A: Make illa carmina singular? ILLUD CARMEN

Bonus B: Make illud carmen dative plural. ILLIS CARMINIBUS

19. Welcome to question 19. How does one say “nineteen” in Latin? UNDEVIGINTI

Bonus A: What Latin preposition and its meaning is found in the word undeviginti? DE MEANING ABOUT OR DOWN FROM

Bonus B: What is the Latin word for “fifty”? QUINQUAGINTA

20. Translate into English. Decem horas ambulabamus. WE WERE WALKING FOR TEN HOURS

Bonus A: Say in Latin "for two years." DUOS ANNOS

Bonus B: What use of the accusative is duos annos? DURATION OF TIME