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Advanced, Round 1

- TU # 1: Which of the following Latin words names a body of water?
flatus, ferīnus, faenum, FLUENTUM, fulica?
- B1: Which of the following Latin words would be used to describe a person who is generous?
MUNIFICUS, multiformus, monetālis, minax, marcidus?
- B2: Which of the following Latin words names a type of musician?
cophinus, cistifer, carnarius, cerasus, CORNICĒN?
- TU # 2: What did Agamemnon have to do to end a pestilence that had been sent upon the Greeks during the Trojan War?
GIVE BACK HIS CAPTURED CONCUBINE CHRYSEIS
- B1: How did Agamemnon make up for this personal loss?
HE TOOK ACHILLES' CONCUBINE, BRISEIS
- B2: Name the father of King Tenes of Tenedos, whom Achilles killed during the war.
APOLLO
- TU # 3: What office was restored to active use by the 367 BC passage of the Licinian-Sextian law?
CONSULSHIP
- B1: What stipulation on the consulship was made by this law, though it was sometimes ignored?
THAT ONE OF THE CONSULS SHOULD BE PLEBEIAN
- B2: What limit was placed on individual ownership of land from the ager publicus?
NO MORE THAN 500 IUGERA (320 ACRES) PER PERSON
- TU # 4: We have nearly 2300 verses in his 113 poems, though there were certainly more that have not survived to the present day. Who was this neoteric poet from Cisalpine Gaul?
CATULLUS
- B1: Give, within five years, the date of Catullus' birth.
BORN 87/84 BC (ACCEPT ANYTHING 92-79 BC)
- B2: Which poem of Catullus contains the story of the abandonment of Ariadne by Theseus?
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- TU # 5: Define the Latin adjective insepultus.
UNBURIED
- B1: Define the Latin adjective intectus.
UNCOVERED, UNCLOTHED
- B2: Define the Latin adjective inarātus.
UNPLOWED
- TU # 6: He was said to have invented the first sail in order to escape his imprisonment, along with his son. Who was this man, a native of Athens, whose escape is usually said to have been by the sky?
DAEDALUS
- B1: Who was the nephew of Perdix whom he killed out of jealousy?
PERDIX
- B2: Name one of the inventions that Perdix was said to have created.
SAW, POTTER'S WHEEL, COMPASS

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- TU # 7: Translate: **Claudiō imperatore, Romanī provinciam Britanniam vīcērunt.**
WHEN CLAUDIUS WAS EMPEROR THE ROMANS CONQUERED THE
PROVINCE (OF) BRITAIN
Translate: **Nero Athēnās ad carmina canenda īvit.**
NERO WENT TO ATHENS TO SING SONGS
Translate: *Arcessimur ut mandāta imperātōris conficiāmus.*"
WE ARE (BEING) SUMMONED IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE EMPEROR'S ORDERS
- TU # 8: In one of his plays an old man purchases two slaves in an attempt to trade them for his son, who was captured in warfare. He finds out that one of the slaves is his other son, stolen at birth. Who was the author of this play called 'Captivi'?
- PLAUTUS
- B1: In which of his plays does Plautus tell the story of identical twins separated at birth?
MENAECHEMI
- B2: In which of his plays does Plautus tell the story of the seduction of Alcmena?
AMPHITRUO
- TU # 9: What common purpose did items called *posca* and *acetum* serve?
THEY WERE BEVERAGES (FOR THE POOR)
- B1: For what purpose did a Roman use *carbatinae* and *soccī*?
AS FOOTWEAR (THEY WERE TYPES OF SHOES)
- B2: For what purpose did Romans use a *ustrinum*?
FOR CREMATION
- TU # 10: When a Latin poet wrote that "Neptune frightens me" but he really meant that the sea frightened him, what poetic device was he employing?
METONYMY
- B1: If "Aeneas carried his father and his grief from Troy", what device was being employed there?
ZEUGMA
- B2: What device is being employed when a character speaks to his distant, non-present dead ancestors?
APOSTROPHE
- TU # 11: Before it killed itself, who was the last victim of the Theban Sphinx?
HAEMON (SON OF CREON)
- B1: In what city did Oedipus grow up?
CORINTH
- B2: What caused Oedipus to send Creon to Delphi after Oedipus had been king for some time?
TO LEARN THE CAUSE OF A PLAGUE IN THEBES
- TU # 12: Which verb form in Latin grammar uses, as its second word, the form īrī?
FUTURE PASSIVE INFINITIVE
- B1: Change portātum īrī to the active.
PORTĀTŪRUS/A/UM ESSE
- B2: What form of the verb eō, īre is the form īrī?
PRESENT PASSIVE INFINITIVE

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- TU # 13: Of what early Italian city was Mettius Fufetius the dictator?
ALBA LONGA
- B1: What was Mettius' punishment for betraying the Romans?
TORN APART BY CHARIOTS GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS
- B2: Which of Rome's seven hills was set aside for the Albans after Hostilius destroyed Alba Longa?
CAELIAN
- TU # 14: What *elegantiae arbiter* of the emperor Nero is said to have been the author of the novel called *Satyricon*?
PETRONIUS
- B1: What historian's description of Petronius has led to the conclusion that this Petronius was the author of the *Satyricon*?
TACITUS
- B2: What is the central event of Book 15 of the *Satyricon*?
THE DINNER/BANQUET OF TRIMALCHIO
- TU # 15: Listen carefully to the following epigram of Martial, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the question that follows.
"Sī meminī, fuerant tibi quattuor, Aelia, dentēs:
expulit ūna duōs tussis et ūna duōs.
Iam sēcūra potēs totīs tussire diēbus:
nil istīc quod agat tertia tussis habet." (repeat)
Question: What happened the first time that Aelia coughed?
SHE COUGHED OUT TWO OF HER TEETH
- B1: What happened the second time she coughed?
SHE COUGHED OUT TWO MORE TEETH
- B2: What observation does Martial make in the last two lines of the poem?
SHE CAN COUGH SAFELY NOW BECAUSE SHE HAS NO MORE TEETH
- TU # 16: Whom did Ajax Oileus (with bad consequences thereafter) rape in a temple of Athena at the end of the Trojan War?
CASSANDRA
- B1: Why is the following story from ancient sources generally said to be implausible at best:
"Cassandra's first prophecy was that Paris, if born, would bring destruction to Troy"?
PARIS WAS BORN BEFORE CASSANDRA, SO HOW COULD SHE HAVE PROPHESED
THAT IF SHE HERSELF HAD NOT BEEN BORN YET?
- B2: Who killed Cassandra?
CLYTEMNESTRA AND/OR AEGISTHUS
- TU # 17: What grammatical construction in Latin combines a form of sum with the future active participle?
FIRST (ACTIVE) PERIPHRASTIC
- B1: What is combined with sum to form the so-called "Second Periphrastic"?
GERUNDIVE / FUTURE PASSIVE PARTICIPLE
- B2: Translate this phrase into English: "amandus erō."
I WILL HAVE TO BE LOVED

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- TU # 18: Say in Latin, "Ten gladiators were chosen for fighting."
DECEM GLADIATORES AD PUGNANDUM ELECTI SUNT
(or CAUSĀ/GRATIĀ PUGNANDĪ) (or LECTI or DELECTI) (or ELIGEBANTUR or
LEGEANTUR or DELIGEBANTUR)
- B1: Say in Latin, "If I were king, I would not be living here."
SI REX ESSEM, HIC NON HABITAREM (or VIVEREM)
- B2: Say in Latin, "The slave says that the togas are dirty."
SERVUS DICIT TOGAS SORDIDAS ESSE (or TURPES)
- TU # 19: Whom did the Roman general Lucullus send in 150 BC to obtain elephants from king Massinissa of
Numidia?
SCIPIO AEMILIANUS
- B1: In the following year, who acceded to the throne of Macedonia as its last king?
ANDRISCUS
- B2: Who defeated Andriscus in 148 BC at the second battle of Pydna?
QUINTUS CAECILIUS METELLUS
- TU # 20: Using your knowledge of derivatives, indicate which of the following items is 'bilabial':
a drinking glass, a lawnmower, an extension ladder, a presidential candidate, or a tollbooth.
A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE (has two lips)
- B1: Which of the following is 'ocellated'? a bald eagle, a leopard, a nail file, a sofa, or a coffee pot?
A LEOPARD (HAS SPOTS)
- B2: Which of the following is 'falciform'? a diving board, a paperclip, a fishing hook, a merry-go-
round, or a drink bottle?
A FISHING HOOK (hook-shaped)