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Novice, Round 1

- TU # 1: Name the husband of Amphitrite who was also the father of the Cyclops Polyphemus.
POSEIDON
- B1: Name the heroic son of Poseidon and Aethra.
THESEUS
- B2: What walls did Poseidon, with Apollo's help, build while disguised as mortals?
WALLS OF TROY
- TU 2: Say in Latin, "Ovidius used to be a poet."
OVIDIUS POETA ERAT
- B1: Now say, "Vergilius was a good poet, but he was not famous."
VERGILIUS BONUS POETA ERAT (FUIT) SED NON (ERAT/FUIT) CLARUS
- B2: Now say, "Caesar was a good soldier, and very famous."
CAESAR BONUS MILES ERAT (FUIT) ET CLARISSIMUS
- TU # 3: For what purpose would a Roman have worn a tunica recta?
TO GET MARRIED (IT'S THE BRIDAL DRESS)
- B1: Where would a bride have worn the 'knot of Hercules'?
AROUND HER WAIST / ON A BELT
- B2: What part of the ceremony was called the dextrarum iunctiō?
JOINING OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM'S RIGHT HANDS
- TU # 4: Which mythological character is described by the following: According to one version of the legend,
it was his stepfather who wanted to find out whether he or his brother was of divine origin, and
that the stepfather was the one who put the snakes in his crib.
HERACLES / HERCULES
- B1: According to the more common telling of the story, who sent the snakes into the crib?
HERA / JUNO
- B2: Name the mother and the stepfather of Heracles.
ALCMENE(-A) & AMPHITRYON
- TU # 5: Define the Latin verb sentīre.
TO FEEL, NOTICE, SENSE
- B1: Define the Latin verb referre.
TO BRING BACK, CARRY, DELIVER, REPORT
- B2: Define the Latin verb pulsāre.
TO HIT, PUNCH, KNOCK ON, STRIKE
- TU 6: When recognized, perform these directions: "Pone in summō capite ambās manūs."
STUDENT SHOULD PUT BOTH HANDS ON TOP OF HIS/HER HEAD
- B1: Perform these directions: "Tange pollice dextrō nasum sociī tuī"
STUDENT SHOULD USE HIS/HER RIGHT THUMB TO TOUCH THE NOSE OF A PERSON
SEATED NEXT TO HIM/HER
- B2: Perform these directions: "Tenēte genua vestra sinistrīs manibus"
MORE THAN ONE STUDENT SHOULD HOLD THEIR KNEES WITH THEIR LEFT HANDS

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- TU # 7: Name the father-in-law of the Roman king Servius Tullius.
L. TARQUINIUS PRISCUS
- B1: Servius Tullius built walls around Rome to protect it from what neighboring people?
ETRUSCANS
- B2: Name one of the assemblies of the people that were instituted by Priscus.
COMITIA CENTURIATA or COMITIA TRIBUTA
- TU # 8: What Latin preposition that takes the accusative case is an antonym for **post**?
ANTE
- B1: What Latin preposition can be a synonym for ob?
PROPTER
- B2: What Latin preposition can be an antonym for sub?
SUPER / SUPRA
- TU # 9: What mythological conflict is described by the following: Two of the first victims in this conflict were Philoctetes and Cycnus. Two of the last victims were Polyxena, the daughter of Priam, and Astyanax, the son of Hector.
TROJAN WAR
- B1: When Achilles killed Hector and took the body from the battlefield, who accompanied king Priam to the Greek camp to get Hector's body back?
(HERMES DISGUISED AS) IDAEUS
- B2: Whose bright idea was the large wooden horse the Greeks used to gain access to Troy?
ODYSSEUS'
- TU # 10: Pompey, Balbus, and Marcellus are the names attached in the city of Rome to what public entertainment structures?
THEATERS
- B1: What was the proscenium of a theater built to resemble?
A STREET / ROW OF BUILDINGS
- B2: What select group of people in Rome were allowed to sit in the seats closest to the stage?
SENATORS (AND THEIR FAMILIES) / MAGISTRATES
- TU # 11: What is the genitive singular of the Latin noun for 'danger', periculum?
PERICULI
- B1: What is the genitive singular of the Latin noun for 'painter', pictor?
PICTORIS
- B2: What is the genitive singular of the Latin noun for 'parent', parēns?
PARENTIS
- TU # 12: What is the meaning of the Latin noun from which we get the English word 'quadrilateral'.
SIDE
- B1: What is the meaning of the Latin noun from which we get the English word 'legitimate'.
LAW
- B2: What is the meaning of the Latin noun from which we get the English/Italian word 'linguini'.
TONGUE, LANGUAGE

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- TU # 13: What half-sister of Perseus helped him kill Medusa?
ATHENA
- B1: How did Perseus repay Athena after he had killed Medusa?
GAVE HER MEDUSA'S HEAD FOR HER SHIELD
- B2: Athena helped the hero Bellerophon by giving him a magic bridle. For what purpose did Bellerophon use this bridle?
TO TAME PEGASUS
- TU # 14: What event led a Roman senator to protest that the scales being used to weigh out an amount of gold were inaccurate, at which point a sword was angrily added to the scales?
SACK/CAPTURE OF ROME BY THE GAULS (BRENNUS, 390 BC)
- B1: How was the sentry Marcus Manlius alerted to the imminent invasion?
SACRED GEESE (OF JUNO)
- B2: From what location on the Capitoline was Marcus Manlius later thrown to his death?
TARPEIAN ROCK
- TU # 15: Define the Latin adjective īnfēlīx.
UNHAPPY, UNLUCKY
- B1: Define the Latin adjective īmmemor.
FORGETFUL
- B2: Define the Latin adjective īngēns.
HUGE, LARGE, BIG
- TU # 16: Identify this modern English saying, given here in Latin: "Puerī puerī erunt."
BOYS WILL BE BOYS
- B1: Identify this modern English saying, given here in Latin: "Optima in vītā libera sunt."
THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE
- B2: Identify this modern English saying, given here in Latin: "Omnēs viae Rōmam ducunt."
ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME
- TU # 17: Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in Latin the question that follows.
"Māter pessima liberōs suōs nōn amābat. Itaque liberōs in silvā relīquit, sed liberī ad villam revēnērunt. Iterum māter in silvā liberōs relīquit, sed liberī ad villam alteram ambulāvērunt, in quā villā aurum et pecūniam invēnērunt. Ad villam suam ambulāvērunt, et matrem mortuam invēnērunt. Liberī laetī erant." (repeat)
Question: Ubi māter liberōs relīquit?
IN SILVĀ
- B1: Quot rēs puerī in villā secundā invēnērunt??
DUĀS
- B2: Cūr liberī laetī erant?
MATER MORTUA FUIT
NOTE TO MODERATOR: YES, THIS IS AN ADAPTATION OF "HANSEL AND GRETEL"

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- TU # 18: Who captured the city of Rome in 82 BC?
SULLA
- B1: What somewhat unexpected action did Sulla take three years later, once his reforms were in place?
HE RESIGNED THE DICTATORSHIP AND RETIRED TO PRIVATE LIFE
- B2: Within two years of Sulla's death, what Roman also marched against the city for the purpose of being appointed to go to Spain and fight against Sertorius?
POMPEY
- TU # 19: Which goddess, according to one tradition, was born on the island of Ortygia and then went to the island of Delos to assist her mother in giving birth to a second child, the twin of this goddess?
ARTEMIS / DIANA
- B1: For what hunter did Artemis gain immortality after a scorpion was sent to kill him?
ORION
- B2: What city was the location of a famous temple to Artemis and one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?
EPHESUS
- TU # 20: Which of these words is NOT derived from the Latin word par meaning 'equal':
peer, parity, umpire, PREPARE, disparity?
- B1: Which of these words is NOT derived from the Latin word portāre meaning 'to carry'?
import, OPPORTUNITY, sport, important, support?
- B2: Which of these words is NOT derived from the Latin word valēre meaning 'to be strong'?
INTERVAL, equivalent, value, valedictorian, evaluate?