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Novice Level, Round One

- TU 1: Which of the major Olympian gods drove a chariot every day?  
APOLLO
- B1: What gift did Apollo give to his girlfriend Cassandra?  
GIFT OF PROPHECY/FORTUNE-TELLING
- B2: What did Hermes steal from Apollo on the day Hermes was born?  
CATTLE
- TU 2: Translate into English: "**Hī puerī nōs vocant.**"  
THESE BOYS ARE CALLING US
- B1: Translate into English: "**Cui amīcō illud das?**"  
TO WHICH FRIEND ARE YOU GIVING THAT?
- B2: Using a form of **ille**, say in Latin, "At that time."  
**ILLO TEMPORE**
- TU 3: Where in the ancient world would you be if you were looking at an **aurīga** scrape the **meta**?  
A CIRCUS / CHARIOT RACE
- B1: What was the **meta**?  
TURNING POST AT THE END OF THE WALL
- B2: What was the **mappa**?  
NAPKIN/CLOTH DROPPED TO START THE RACE
- TU 4: What is the gender of most Latin nouns that end with the letter **-x**?  
FEMININE
- B1: What third declension masculine noun ending in **-x** names a person's position in government?  
RĒX
- B2: What declensions, other than third, contain nouns ending with the letter **-x**?  
NONE
- TU 5: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase '**pax vobīscum**'?  
(MAY) PEACE BE WITH YOU
- B1: What is the case and usage of **vobīscum** in this example?  
ABLATIVE OF ACCOMPANIMENT
- B2: What Latin phrase means 'may he rest in peace'?  
**REQUIĒSCAT IN PACE**
- TU 6: Which Roman emperor had two wives, one daughter, and a stepson who succeeded him?  
AUGUSTUS
- B1: What blood-relation to Tiberius was his successor, Caligula?  
GRANDSON OF HIS BROTHER
- B2: What blood-relation to Caligula was his successor, Claudius?  
UNCLE

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- TU 7: For the verb **spectō**, give the 1st person plural, perfect active indicative.  
**SPECTĀVIMUS**
- B1: Change **spectāvimus** to the present passive.  
**SPECTĀMUR**
- B2: Change **spectāmur** to the corresponding perfect.  
**SPECTĀTĪ SUMUS**
- TU 8: Who was the god of hospitality and weather?  
ZEUS / JUPITER
- B1: Who made Zeus' weapons, the thunderbolts?  
CYCLOPES
- B2: With how many of his sisters did Zeus have children?  
TWO
- TU 9: Give the Latin name of the area inside a Roman house in which there could be plants, fountains, or bird baths.  
PERISTYLIUM
- B1: Give the Latin name of the feature inside the atrium where sacrifices were made.  
LARARIUM
- B2: Give the Latin name of the room at the front of the house that could be rented out for commercial purposes.  
TABERNA
- TU 10: From what Latin noun, with what meaning, do we derive “servile”?  
**SERVUS, SLAVE**
- B1: What English adjective, derived from **servus**, means “prepared to obey others unquestioningly”  
SUBSERVIENT / SERVILE
- B2: What English noun, derived from **servus**, means “an agricultural laborer bound under the feudal system to work on his lord’s estate”? SERF
- TU 11: Give all four principal parts of the verb **faciō**.  
**FACIO, FACERE, FĒCI, FACTUM**
- B1: ...of **vincō**.  
**VINCO, VINCERE, VĪCĪ, VICTUM**
- B2: ...of **dormiō**.  
**DORMIŌ, DORMĪRE, DORMĪVĪ, DORMĪTUM**
- TU 12: Who gave up a relationship with his consort Oenone in order to pursue a relationship with a Spartan woman named Helen?  
PARIS
- B1: Who had sent the three goddesses to Paris so that he could choose the winner of the golden apple?  
ZEUS / JUPITER
- B2: What was Paris' occupation at the time he judged the contest?  
SHEPHERD

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TU 13: Which Roman emperor ruled for about fifteen years, succeeding his brother as emperor?  
DOMITIAN

B1: By what method did Domitian die?  
STABBED TO DEATH BY A GROUP OF CONSPIRATORS

B2: What group chose Domitian's successor?  
SENATE

TU 14: **Quid Anglicē significat retrahere?**  
(TO) DRAG/DRAW BACK

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat recidere?**  
(TO) FALL BACK

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat reddere?**  
(TO) GIVE BACK

TU 15: Say in Latin, "Publis, your gift is beautiful."  
**PUBLĪ, TUUM / TIBI DŌNUM EST PULCHRUM**

B1: Now, say in Latin, "Tiberius and Gaius, your gifts are beautiful."  
**TIBERĪ ET GAĪ / GAĪQUE, VESTRA / VŌBĪS DŌNA SUNT PULCHRA**

B2: Now say in Latin, "These gifts will be the most beautiful."  
**HAEC DŌNA PULCHERRIMA ERUNT**

TU 16: Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in ENGLISH the question about it.

**In mediā arēna ūnus fortis gladiātor stābat. Subitō gladiātor ferum leōnem vīdit. Gladiātor nōn iam fortis erat sed timidus. Leō, autem, amīcus gladiātoris esse volēbat.**

Question: Who was standing in the middle of the arena?  
(ONE BRAVE) GLADIATOR

B1: How did the gladiator feel when he saw the lion?  
HE WAS SCARED

B2: According to the last sentence, why was fear an inappropriate emotion for the gladiator to feel?  
THE LION WANTED TO BE HIS FRIEND

TU 17: Between 193 AD and 235 AD, with the exception of a few years, what family of emperors ruled the empire?

SEVERI / SEVERAN

B1: Who was the first member of this dynasty?  
SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

B2: Who was the last member of this dynasty?  
ALEXANDER SEVERUS

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TU 18: Artistic representations of this group usually show one of them holding a long stick called a 'distaff', or sometimes sitting at a spinning wheel. Another member of the group holds an instrument with a sharp edge, and the third holds a measuring device. What mythological group is this?

FATES

B1: Which of the jobs was performed by Clotho?

SPINNING

B2: Which job was performed by Lachesis?

MEASURING

TU 19: Identify the use of the ablative case in the following sentence: **Poēta fābūlam verbīs multīs narrāvit.**

MEANS

B1: Translate that sentence.

THE POET TOLD THE STORY WITH / IN MANY WORDS

B2: Identify the use of the ablative in this sentence: **Medūsa ā Perseō necāta est.**

AGENT

TU 20: Which of the following four numbers is the largest?

the number of legs on four centaurs; the number of eyes on the guardian Argus; the number of arms of the giant Geryon; or the number of noses on the Argonauts?

B1: For whom did Argus do a favor by guarding the maiden Io, after she was disguised as a cow?

HERA / JUNO

B2: Approximately how many noses did the Argonauts have?

FIFTY (accept SIXTY)