

2015 TSJCL Certamen
Novice Division, Final Round

- TU # 1: What Roman emperor, after ruling for 15 years in the late first century, was assassinated and then became the object of damnatio memoriae under the reign of his successor Nerva? DOMITIAN
B1: The biographer Suetonius wrote that Domitian was the first Roman emperor who insisted on being addressed by what three-word honorific Latin title meaning 'master and god'? DOMINUS ET DEUS
B2: Whom did Domitian honor with an arch in Rome commemorating the destruction of Jerusalem? HIS BROTHER TITUS
- TU # 2: How did the blood of the centaur Nessus become poisoned? HERCULES SHOT HIM
WITH AN ARROW THAT HE HAD DIPPED IN THE HYDRA'S BLOOD
B1: Who, soon after this, dipped a garment in the blood of Nessus? DEIANIRA
B2: Why did she do this? NESSUS CONVINCED HER THAT IT WOULD CAUSE THE
GARMENT TO BECOME A WAY FOR HER TO WIN BACK HERCULES'S LOVE SOME DAY
- TU # 3: Give the definition of the Latin verb from which we derive the English word 'tractor'. DRAW, DRAG, PULL
B1: Give the definition of the Latin noun from which we derive the English word 'sanguinary'. BLOOD, RACE, FAMILY
B2: Give the definition of the Latin verb from which we derive the English word 'inspiration'. BREATHE
- TU # 4: Define the Latin noun mappa. NAPKIN, HANDKERCHIEF
B1: Define the Latin noun manus. HAND, BAND
B2: Define the Latin noun mūrus. WALL
- TU # 5: Listen carefully to the following Latin passage, which I will read twice. Then answer in English the question that follows:
"Ulixēs et nautae iter ad patriam Ithacam faciēbant. Multōs annōs nāvigābant et ad īnsulam Aeolī, rēgis ventōrum, pervēnērunt. Ulixēs et nautae multōs diēs manēbant. Deinde Ulixēs rēgī ventōrum dīxit, "Cupiō nāvigāre ad īnsulam Ithacam." Aeolus respondit, "Tibi dōnum dabō. Est saccus qui omnēs ventōs habet." (repeat)
Question: Where were the sailors going?
TO (THEIR COUNTRY) ITHACA / TO THE HOME OF ULIXES
B1: How long did they remain on the island of Aeolus? MANY DAYS
B2: Why did Aeolus give Ulixes a gift? HE SAID HE WANTED TO SAIL TO ITHACA
- (score check)
- TU # 6: Let's peek in on ancient Greece's favorite reality show, "Life on Mt. Olympus". Over there is Zeus, wanting more to drink. What does Hebe pour in his cup? NECTAR
B1: Well, she doesn't pour enough, and Zeus swears he'll punish her. By what does he swear this most sacred of oaths? THE RIVER STYX
B2: Then he gets so mad that he throws a plate of food at Hebe. What kind of food hits her? AMBROSIA

- TU # 7: Translate into Latin this movie title: "To Catch a Thief".
 CATCH: CAPERE, DECIPERE, DEPRE(HE)NDERE, (COM)PRE(HE)NDERE, EXCIPERE
 THIEF: FŪREM, LEVĀTŌREM, LATRŌNEM
- B1: Translate into Latin this movie title: "The Birds". AVĒS, ACCIPITRĒS, VOLUCRĒS
 B2: To round out our Alfred Hitchcock trio of questions, translate this Hitchcock movie title back into English: "Agricolae Uxor". THE FARMER'S WIFE (accept THE WIFE OF THE FARMER)
- TU # 8: According to Pindar's version of the myth, the spirit of Phrixus also had to be brought home from Colchis along with what revered object left there by Phrixus? GOLDEN FLEECE
 B1: What 'wardrobe malfunction' had King Pelias, Jason's uncle, been told to look out for to know who would try to take his kingdom away from him? MAN WITH ONE SANDAL
 B2: Whom did Jason divorce after they moved to Corinth? MEDEA
- TU # 9: Under whose system did Galerius, Constantius, and Maximian each rule a fourth of the empire, along with him? DIOCLETIAN
 B1: What English name has been given to this system of rule by four men? TETRARCHY
 B2: What did Diocletian famously do from 303-311, the largest of such actions undertaken by the Romans? PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS
- TU # 10: Which of the following forms, if any, is NOT in the comparative degree? melior, melius, acrior, acerrimus, minor, clarior ACERRIMUS
 B1: Define acerrimus. MOST SHARP/SOUR/FIERCE/KEEN/VIOLENT/ETC.
 B2: Define melius. BETTER
- (score check)
- TU # 11: What was in the bag that Aeolus gave to Odysseus? ALL THE WINDS EXCEPT THE WEST WIND
 B1: What was in the bag that Perseus brought to Polydectes? THE HEAD OF MEDUSA
 B2: Psyche was told by Aphrodite to go to the underworld and bring back in a box a one day's supply of whose beauty ointment? PERSEPHONE
- TU # 12: Define the Latin adverb cotīdiē. DAILY, EVERY DAY
 B1: Define the Latin adverb lentē. SLOWLY
 B2: Define the Latin adverb diū. FOR A LONG TIME
- TU # 13: What was the most popular type of event in the form of public entertainment known as ludi circenses? CHARIOT RACING
 B1: The English word 'arena' comes from the Latin word for what substance found in amphitheaters? SAND
 B2: What type of public entertainment was presented in a facility called an odeum? MUSIC CONCERT / LITERARY RECITATION
- TU # 14: For the verb amō, amāre, give any two of its active, 1st person plural verb forms.
 B1: Name two more.
 B2: Name the last two.
 AMĀMUS, AMĀBĀMUS, AMĀBIMUS, AMĀVIMUS, AMĀVERĀMUS, AMĀVERIMUS

- TU # 15: Give a definition for the Latin phrase vīginti et octō. TWENTY-EIGHT
 B1: Give a definition for the Latin word undēvīginti. NINETEEN
 B2: Give a definition for the Latin word ducentī. TWO HUNDRED

(score check)

- TU # 16: Give the English meaning of the Latin number that is at the root of the English word 'squadron'. FOUR
 B1: Give the English meaning of the Latin number that is at the root of the English word 'square'. FOUR
 B2: Give the English meaning of the Latin number that is at the root of the English word 'duplicate'. TWO

- TU # 17: Who was the last Roman emperor to rule over both the eastern and western halves of the Empire? THEODOSIUS
 B1/B2: For five points each, name his sons who each took over half the empire at his death. HONORIUS, ARCADIUS

- TU # 18: What religious sanctuary was located on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus and was the most famous place to have your fortune told in ancient Greece? DELPHI
 B1: What type of animal did Apollo have to kill in order to claim Delphi for himself? SNAKE / DRAGON
 B2: What was unusual about the chair on which the priestess or oracle of Delphi sat? HAD 3 LEGS

- TU # 19: What was depicted on the 40 x 60-foot marble carving found in Rome called the Forma Urbis Romae or sometimes called the "Marble Plan"? (MAP OF) CITY OF ROME
 B1: What was the job in Italy of the curatores viarum? MAINTAIN PUBLIC HIGHWAYS
 B2: What office, the highest in the cursus honorum, was typically responsible for the construction of long-distance public highways in Italy? CENSOR

- TU # 20: Respondē Latīnē: Quot oculōs habent duo hominēs? QUATTUOR
 B1: Respondē Latīnē: Quot pedēs habent quattuor hominēs? OCTŌ
 B2: Respondē Latīnē: Quot dīgitōs habent duo hominēs? VĪGINTĪ