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Novice Finals

- TU#1: Epimetheus and Prometheus were both sons of what Titan?
IAPETUS
- B1: Who was their mother?
ASIA / CLYMENE
- B2: Name another offspring of Iapetus and Clymene.
ATLAS / MENOETIUS
- TU#2: Translate into Latin: The boy was praised by everyone.
PUER AB OMNIBUS LAUDĀBĀTUR / LAUDĀTUS EST
- B1: Translate into Latin: The very beautiful temples had been seen both in Athens and in Rome.
PULCHERRIMA TEMPLA ET ATHĒNĪS ET RŌMAE VĪSA ERANT
- B2: Translate into Latin: The camp has been captured by the very brave soldiers.
CASTRĀ FORTISSIMĪS MĪLITIBUS CAPTA SUNT
- TU#3: How was a gladiator known as a laqueārius armed?
WITH A LASSO / ROPE
- B1: What for the gladiators was the cēna libera?
BANQUET GIVEN THE DAY BEFORE THE FIGHTS
- B2: Under what circumstances would a gladiator leave the arena through the porta libitinensis?
WHEN HE HAD BEEN KILLED
- TU#4: Distinguish in meaning between dum and tum.
DUM = WHILE, UNTIL // TUM = THEN
- B1: Distinguish in meaning between ostendō and contendō.
OSTENDŌ = TO SHOW // CONTENDŌ = TO HURRY, CONTEND, FIGHT
- B2: Distinguish in meaning between dēsum and praesum.
DĒSUM = TO BE LACKING, TO BE WANTING, TO BE AWAY // PRAESUM = TO BE IN CHARGE OF, TO BE AHEAD
- TU#5: For the verb tollō, give the third person plural, pluperfect passive indicative.
SUBLĀTĪ (-AE, -A) ERANT
- B1: Change sublātī erant to the future perfect.
SUBLĀTĪ ERUNT
- B2: Change sublātī erunt to the active.
SUSTULERINT
- TU#6: Which favorite sister did the emperor Caligula honor as the goddess Panthea, the first woman in Roman history to receive this dubious distinction?
DRUSILLA
- B1: To what attachment in Rome did Caligula's assassin, Cassius Chaerea, belong?
PRAETORIAN GUARD
- B2: What prefect of the praetorian guard had helped Caligula accede to the throne but then was forced by him the following year to commit suicide?
MACRO

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- TU#7: Supply the correct form of the relative pronoun needed if the following sentence were to be translated into Latin: The beautiful girls, whose father was a Roman senator, walked to the Forum.
QUĀRUM
- B1: Supply the correct form of the relative pronoun needed to translate the following sentence into Latin: I didn't support the candidates whom I used to trust.
QUIBUS
- B2: Supply the correct form of the relative pronoun needed to translate the following sentence into Latin: The gifts, which were given to the king, were very expensive.
QUAE
- TU#8: Whom was Paris fighting in single combat when Aphrodite saved him from injury?
MENE LAUS
- B1: According to one account of the war and its aftermath, Menelaus left Troy and went to what country in order to retrieve his wife Helen, since it had only been a phantom Helen that Paris kidnapped?
EGYPT
- B2: What was it that caused Menelaus and Helen to become immortal in the Isles of the Blessed?
HELEN WAS A DAUGHTER OF ZEUS
- TU#9: What Latin term was applied to a teacher who taught grammar, literature, and simply literary criticism?
GRAMMATICUS
- B1: The festival called Quinquatria from March 19-23 seems to have been for some people in Rome the last chance for vacation, given that March 24 was the traditional date for the start of what element of the lives of Roman children?
THE SCHOOL YEAR
- B2: What Latin term was applied to a teacher who taught the art of speech composition and delivery?
RHETOR
- TU#10: Quid Anglicē significat: cēlō?
TO HIDE
- B1: Quid Anglicē significat: dūrus?
HARD, HARSH
- B2: Quid Anglicē significat: lateō.
TO LIE HIDDEN, BE HIDDEN, BE CONCEALED
- TU#11: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which "journal" is derived.
DIĒS = DAY
- B1: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which "siege" is derived.
SEDEŌ = TO SIT
- B2: Give the Latin roots and their meanings from which "tergiversate" is derived.
TERGUM = BACK & VERTŌ = TO TURN

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- TU#12: Who used pine trees to catapult his victims to death?
SINIS / PITYOCAMPTES
- B1: Which of the brigands encountered by Theseus kicked people off of a cliff in order to feed his giant pet turtle?
SC(E)IRON
- B2: Which of the brigands encountered by Theseus was a great wrestler?
CERCYON
- TU#13: During the reign of which emperor did Rome cease to be the imperial residence and the administrative capital of the Empire when it was replaced by four strategically located cities?
DIOCLETIAN
- B1: In what city had Diocletian set up his court?
NICOMEDIA
- B2: Which member of the tetrarchy established himself at Milan in command of Raetia, Italy, North Africa, and Spaiian?
MAXIMIAN
- TU#14: Translate the verb form portāverāmus.
WE HAD CARRIED
- B1: Change the verb form portāverāmus to the passive.
PORTĀTĪ (-AE, -A) ERĀMUS
- B2: Change portāverāmus to the future perfect.
PORTĀVERIMUS
- TU#15: What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence: ‘puer cum celeritāte cucurrit’?
MANNER
- B1: What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence: ‘puer multō celerius quam āthlēta cucurrit’?
DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE
- B2: Say in Latin: ‘The boy hit the athlete with a discus’.
PUER ATHLĒTAM DISCŌ PERCUSSIT / PULSĀVIT / VERBERĀVIT (OR IMPERFECET TENSE FORMS)
- TU#16: Listen to the following Latin sentences, which I shall read twice; then answer the question that follows in Latin:
“postquam forum intrāvērunt, multī cīvēs subitō magnum clāmōrem audīvērunt et puerum clāmantem dē pugnā in mediā viā vīdērunt”
The question: Quid puer faciēbat?
CLĀMĀBAT
- B1: Ubi puer stābat?
IN MEDIĀ VIĀ
- B2: Cūr puer clāmābat?
ERAT PUGNA

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- TU#17: During the reign of which emperor did Simon Bar Kokhba lead a rebellion against Rome?
HADRIAN
- B1: What city did Hadrian establish on the site of Jerusalem, which may have been the last straw that led to the rebellion of Simon Bar Kokhba?
AELIA CAPITOLINA
- B2: After quelling the revolt of Simon Bar Kokhba, into what province did Hadrian consolidate Judaea, Galilee, and Samaria?
SYRIA PALAESTINA
- TU#18: With what constantly sleeping young man did Selene fall in love?
ENDYMION
- B1: How many daughters did Endymion and Selene have?
50
- B2: What did Zeus grant to Endymion?
PERPETUAL YOUTH AND SLEEP
- TU#19: Translate: 'necesse erit dominō servōs liberāre'.
IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE MASTER TO FREE THE SLAVES
- B1: Translate: 'nōn commōdum erat meīs filiābus ad tabernam ambulāre'.
IT WAS NOT CONVENIENT FOR MY DAUGHTERS TO WALK TO THE SHOP
- B2: Translate: 'difficile erat nōbīs celerrimē putāre'.
IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR US TO THINK VERY QUICKLY
- TU#20: Who killed Aegisthus, the lover of Clytemnestra?
ORESTES
- B1: What deity urged him to do this?
APOLLO
- B2: During the murder trial of Orestes, who cast the deciding, non-guilty vote?
ATHENA