

FLORIDA JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE 1989 FORUM

MYTHOLOGY

1. What remained in Pandora's box after all else had escaped?  
a. despair      b. disease      c. health      d. hope
2. Which Olympian limped?  
a. Ares      b. Hades      c. Hephaestus      d. Poseidon
3. Apollo's most famous shrine was located at  
a. Argos      b. Delphi      c. Eleusis      d. Paphos
4. Who imprisoned his children within their own mother?  
a. Atlas      b. Erebus      c. Saturn      d. Uranus
5. What did the goddess of wisdom present to the people of Athens in order to win the patronage of their city?  
a. a double flute      b. the first bridle  
c. an olive tree      d. a ship with an oracular beam
6. Who was born from the blood of Medusa?  
a. the Chimaera      b. Pegasus  
c. Pytho      d. the Sphinx
7. Who took a sickle to Zeus and removed the sinews from his hands and feet?  
a. the Aloedae      b. the Corybantes  
c. Enceladus      d. Typhon
8. How did Danae and Perseus meet Dictys?  
a. He freed them from a bronze cell in which they were imprisoned.  
b. He was washed ashore near their home.  
c. They had been set adrift, and he rescued them.  
d. They showed him the secret of the labyrinth.
9. Who smuggled something sacred from Olympus in a hollow stalk of fennel and shared it with mankind?  
a. Ixion      b. Prometheus      c. Sisyphus      d. Tantalus
10. Which of the following was NOT responsible in any way for Io's misery?  
a. Argus Panoptes      b. the Curetes  
c. Hera      d. the queen of Byblus
11. Who fed Diomedes to his own man-eating mares?  
a. Heracles      b. Iolaus      c. Myrtilus      d. Theseus
12. Eleithyia, known to the Romans as Lucina, was the goddess of  
a. childbirth      b. fruit trees  
c. lyric poetry      d. weaving
13. Who supplied the potion which made Cronos spew forth his children?  
a. Amalthea      b. Gaea      c. Metis      d. Rhea
14. Iris and Hermes were both  
a. cupbearers      b. healers      c. messengers      d. musicians
15. Kore is another name for the goddess  
a. Aphrodite      b. Artemis      c. Hebe      d. Persephone

16. Who was the king of the Bebryces?
  - a. Amycus
  - b. Cyzicus
  - c. Lycus
  - d. Phineus
17. Who ruled an island inhabited only by women?
  - a. Cassiopeia
  - b. Circe
  - c. Hypsipyle
  - d. Pasiphae
18. In what way did Heracles contend with Antaeus?
  - a. archery
  - b. drinking
  - c. gambling
  - d. wrestling
19. Hephaestus was married to one of the
  - a. Graces
  - b. Hours
  - c. Muses
  - d. Pleiades
20. Which of the following muses is NOT correctly matched with the art that she inspires?
  - a. Clio: history
  - b. Melpomene: tragedy
  - c. Terpsichore: comedy
  - d. Urania: astronomy
21. Who was defeated in a contest of prophecy at Colophon?
  - a. Calchas
  - b. Mopsus
  - c. Polyidus
  - d. Teiresias
22. The avenger of slighted love who accompanied Eros was
  - a. Anteros
  - b. Cratos
  - c. Himeros
  - d. Phobos
23. Arcas attempted to kill his mother because
  - a. he misinterpreted a divine command
  - b. he mistook her for a wild beast
  - c. she had abandoned him as a child
  - d. she had murdered his father
24. As an infant, Zeus was hidden in a cave on the island of
  - a. Aegina
  - b. Crete
  - c. Lemnos
  - d. Samos
25. Hippolytus offended Aphrodite by his exclusive devotion to
  - a. Apollo
  - b. Ares
  - c. Artemis
  - d. Athena
26. What convinced Anchises to leave Troy?
  - a. the appeals of his lover Venus
  - b. the appearance of flames on Iulus' head
  - c. the dire predictions of Cassandra
  - d. a vision of Neptune uprooting the city's walls with his trident
27. Iapetus was a
  - a. monster
  - b. mountain
  - c. river
  - d. Titan
28. The boastful wife of Amphion was turned into a
  - a. disembodied voice
  - b. lotus tree
  - c. magpie
  - d. weeping rock
29. The death of Ischys was concurrent with
  - a. the birth of Asclepius
  - b. the death of his wife Dirce
  - c. the lifting of a plague at Athens
  - d. the placation of Achilles' ghost
30. Which of the following names does NOT refer to the god of wine?
  - a. Bromius
  - b. Dendrites
  - c. Lyaeus
  - d. Mulciber

31. What kept Aeetes from pursuing the Argo?
  - a. his daughter's pleas
  - b. his son's death
  - c. Jason's threats
  - d. Poseidon's intervention
32. One of her sacred birds was the cuckoo. Lilies were her sacred flower. She renewed her virginity every year by bathing in the Spring Canathus at Temenium. Identify this deity.
  - a. Cybele
  - b. Hera
  - c. Hestia
  - d. Pallas
33. Some say that Apollo got his lyre from the infant
  - a. Bacchus
  - b. Cupid
  - c. Ganymede
  - d. Mercury
34. Achaemenides told Aeneas the story of
  - a. Aeneas' descendants and their glorious destiny
  - b. Dido's escape from her brother Pygmalion
  - c. Hercules and his fight with Cacus
  - d. his own harrowing stay on the island of the Cyclopes
35. How did Eurycleia recognize her master despite his altered appearance?
  - a. by a hunting scar which he had received in his youth
  - b. by a ring which he wore
  - c. by his misshapen feet
  - d. by his sword, which had belonged to his father before him
36. Apollo accidentally killed
  - a. Achilles
  - b. Daphne
  - c. Hyacinthus
  - d. Marpessa
37. Which hill of Rome was named for a deified king?
  - a. Aventine
  - b. Palatine
  - c. Quirinal
  - d. Viminal
38. Complete this analogy. Europa : bull :: Leda : \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dark cloud
  - b. serpent
  - c. shower of gold
  - d. swan
39. Who were Aquilo and Favonius?
  - a. centaurs
  - b. centimani
  - c. river-gods
  - d. winds
40. Which of the following was NOT among Poseidon's lovers?
  - a. Chione
  - b. Iphimedeia
  - c. Mestra
  - d. Thoosa
41. Canace committed suicide after
  - a. betraying her father Nisus to an enemy
  - b. causing the death of her son Meleager
  - c. committing incest with her brother Macareus
  - d. searching in vain for her lost husband Picus
42. With what was Alcestis willing to part for her husband's sake?
  - a. her authority as a Taurian priestess
  - b. her Ethiopian homeland
  - c. her own life
  - d. her most prized possession, the necklace of Harmonia
43. What physical trait among the descendants of Pelops recalled a grisly moment in their forebear's childhood?
  - a. black feet
  - b. a purple birthmark on one cheek
  - c. a single lock of golden hair
  - d. the white coloration of one shoulder

44. Some time after his successful escape from Crete, how did Daedalus' whereabouts become known to Minos?
- The bronze man Talos hunted him down.
  - He gave himself away by helping his host to solve a puzzle.
  - He was betrayed by the daughters of Cocalus.
  - His nephew Perdix revealed his hiding place.
45. What happened to Caeneus at the wedding of Perithous?
- He became the lover of the goddess Demeter.
  - He was pounded into the ground by riotous guests.
  - He was treacherously thrown onto hot coals.
  - Inspired by Apollo, he sang a prophetic hymn.
46. What task was completed by both Cadmus and Jason?
- avoiding the Symplegades
  - founding a Greek city
  - retrieving a national treasure
  - sowing dragon's teeth
47. What did Paris do that so impressed the gods with his sense of fairness that they later asked him to judge an important contest?
- He heeded the admonitions of his wife Oenone even though they lay counter to his strongest desires.
  - He lost graciously when Ares in the guise of a bull defeated the pick of his herd.
  - He made no attempt to retrieve his best bull when it was confiscated by King Priam.
  - He spared the life of his brother Deiphobus despite the latter's aggressive behavior.
48. Iphigenia came to Aulis expecting to marry
- Achilles
  - Antilochus
  - Palamedes
  - Protesilaus
49. What did Psyche do that enraged her husband Cupid?
- She gave ambrosia to her sisters.
  - She left the house without permission.
  - She looked at him in his sleep.
  - She slighted his mother.
50. The Emperor Tiberius, according to Suetonius, "had a particular bent for mythology and carried his researches in it to such a ridiculous point that he would test professors of Greek literature . . . by asking them questions like: 'Who was Hecuba's mother?' [and] 'What name did Achilles assume when he was among the girls?'"
- Sir Thomas Browne, centuries later, observed that these, "though puzzling questions, are not beyond all conjecture." That, after all, is the point of this test. Which of the following responses, therefore, would have satisfied the knowledgeable Tiberius on both counts?
- Hecuba's mother was Arisbe; Achilles' pseudonym, Briseis.
  - Hecuba's mother was Hesione; Achilles' pseudonym, Deidamia.
  - Hecuba's mother was Laodice; Achilles' pseudonym, Polymele.
  - Hecuba's mother was Eunoe; Achilles' pseudonym, Pyrrha.