

FLORIDA JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE 1991 FORUM  
ROMAN LIFE

- 1 Which of the following slaves were NOT considered a part of a Roman apartment house to be inherited by the building's owners?
  - a zetarii
  - b sebaciarii
  - c ostiarii
  - d aquarii
  
- 2 In a Roman villa, the "impluvium" was used for all of the following EXCEPT
  - a collecting water to be stored in the cistern.
  - b washing away dirty mop water.
  - c washing one's hands and face before a ceremony.
  - d catching the rain water.
  
- 3 When chilled, a Roman with no private bath in his home could
  - a use a portable heater.
  - b use more lucernae.
  - c turn up the central heater.
  - d use a thermopolium.
  
- 4 What did the Romans call furriers?
  - a fullones
  - b stuppatores
  - c corarii
  - d pelliones
  
- 5 At a dinner party, the most honored guest sat at which couch and at which position?
  - a middle couch, highest position
  - b middle couch, lowest position
  - c highest couch, highest position
  - d highest couch, lowest position
  
- 6 At formal dinner parties, how did Romans eat food that was bigger than one bite?
  - a They used forks, knives, etc.
  - b A specially trained slave carved food into bite-sized pieces.
  - c They held the food in their hands and bit off pieces.
  - d They never served food that had to be cut.
  
- 7 Aqueducts carried water to reservoirs. Who got water from the top of the reservoir (it was also most likely to lose water in a drought)?
  - a private users
  - b public baths
  - c public fountains
  - d private industry
  
- 8 The Romans would have written October 23rd as
  - a X a.d. Kal. Nov.
  - b VIII a.d. Kal. Nov.
  - c VIII a.d. Ides Oct.
  - d IX a.d. Ides Oct.
  
- 9 Minor dieties were thought to be present at important stages in a child's life. Which diety was there to help a baby learn to talk?
  - a Abeona
  - b Educa
  - c Levana
  - d Fabulinus
  
- 10 Roman children played with many toys. What were "trochi"?
  - a jacks
  - b hoops
  - c tops
  - d rattles
  
- 11 A Roman bride wore a veil of what color?
  - a white
  - b purple
  - c saffron
  - d magenta



- 26 Which was NOT usually an option for a woman bathing in public baths during the Republic?  
a baths for women only                      b different hours  
c smaller rooms away from men              d rooms adjacent to men's
- 27 Trigon was a ball game in which 3 players  
a juggled 2 or more balls.                  b hit a ball against a wall.  
c threw a ball as high as possible.        d threw 2 balls at a time.
- 28 Which part of the name Publius Cornelius Scipio Africanus is the agnomen?  
a Publius                      b Cornelius                      c Scipio                      d Africanus
- 29 If a Roman came upon a corpse of a citizen which he could not bury, he would probably  
a walk away without guilt.                  b say a prayer over it.  
c scatter 3 handfuls of dirt over it.      d cremate it.
- 30 The form of marriage called "usus" was equivalent to  
a commonlaw marriage.  
b sale of the wife to the husband.  
c marriage between a plebeian and a patrician.  
d marriage sanctioned by the gods of the state.
- 31 What would a Roman woman do on the evening before her wedding?  
a try on the veil                              b make up her wreath  
c try on her wedding dress                  d arrange her hair
- 32 The job of a lictor would be carried out by  
a freedmen                      b patricians                      c plebeians                      d slaves
- 33 The "cinctus Gabinus" was a method of arranging a toga for men who were  
a celebrating a triumph.                      b making sacrifices.  
c mourning the death of a relative.        d becoming magistrates.
- 34 Who was in charge of the sale of prisoners of war?  
a aediles                      b lictors                              c quaestors                      d praetors
- 35 In a country estate, who oversaw the processing of the wool?  
a farm manager                                  b farm manager's wife  
c master's wife                                  d master's daughter
- 36 From which group were Roman gladiators NOT chosen?  
a desperate men who volunteered              b intractable slaves  
c citizens who became criminals              d captives of war
- 37 Which of the following is NOT a means of transportation?  
a essedum                      b carruca                              c sarracum                      d mulleus
- 38 When ladies called on friends who lived a short distance out of town, they would take the four-wheeled  
a pilentum                      b cisium                              c basterna                      d arcera

- 39 It was generally forbidden for wheeled traffic to enter the city during the day. Three of the following were allowed in the city during the day. Which was NOT allowed?
- a carriages used by Vestal Virgins
  - b carriages used by senators and magistrates
  - c market wagons leaving from a night drop-off
  - d trucks carrying material for public buildings
- 40 Families formally remembered the death of a relative at all of the following EXCEPT
- a Feralia.
  - b dead person's birthday.
  - c Rosaria.
  - d beginning of each year.
- 41 The type of column which was a Roman invention was the
- a Doric
  - b Corinthian
  - c Composite
  - d Ionic
- 42 The phrase, "you could play 'micatio' in the dark with him" was used to identify a man of integrity. What was "micatio?"
- a a dice game
  - b heads or tails
  - c a guessing game using an odd or even number of pebbles
  - d a guessing game counting total number of raised fingers
- 43 Most elementary schools in Rome were held
- a in the home of the teacher.
  - b under the awning outside a shop.
  - c at the various homes of the pupils.
  - d in a small school building outside of town.
- 44 Which would be a likely subject in a public course of secondary instruction in Rome?
- a Physics
  - b Philosophy
  - c History
  - d Greek
- 45 What were banquets called which began early and ended late?
- a merenda
  - b tempestiva
  - c convivia
  - d munera
- 46 What was the instrument called which was used to lash slaves? It had metal buttons attached so that it would be able to tear flesh.
- a centenarius
  - b carnifex
  - c furcifer
  - d flagrum
- 47 What were uninvited guests called?
- a umbrae
  - b hospites
  - c convivae
  - d clientes
- 48 Which of the following would you usually find in a Roman house?
- a chest of drawers
  - b mirrors
  - c foot rests
  - d desk
- 49 Which was NOT a way to terminate "patria potestas?"
- a daughter became a Vestal Virgin
  - b father lost citizenship
  - c son was adopted by another man
  - d father was remarried
- 50 The quality of paper in Rome was determined by its
- a width
  - b smoothness
  - c thinness
  - d length