

**2007 FJCL Certamen
Level I, Round 1**

1. Who was the second of the Five Good Emperors? TRAJAN
Which of the Five Good Emperors constructed a wall in Scotland? ANTONINUS PIUS
Which of the Five Good Emperors rebuilt the Pantheon? HADRIAN

2. Which case is governed by the preposition **prō**? ABLATIVE
Which case is governed by the preposition **prae**? ABLATIVE
Which case is governed by the preposition **sine**? ABLATIVE

3. Give the Latin and English for the motto of New York.
EXCELSIOR, EVER UPWARD
Give the Latin and English for the motto of North Carolina.
ESSE QUAM VIDERI, TO BE RATHER THAN TO SEEM
Give the Latin and English for the motto of Kansas.
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA, TO THE STARS WITH DIFFICULTIES

4. What form did Zeus assume when he carried off Europa? A BULL
What form did Zeus assume when he seduced Danae? A SHOWER OF LIGHT
What form did Zeus assume when he seduced Alcmena? AMPHITRYON

5. What structure in ancient Rome was located in the valley between the Palatine and
Aventine hills and hosted chariot races? CIRCUS MAXIMUS
What structure in ancient Rome was located between the Palatine and Esquiline hills
and hosted gladiatorial combats? COLOSSEUM
What structure in ancient Rome, built in 55 B.C., was located in the Campus Martius
and hosted theatrical performances? THEATER OF POMPEY

6. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive “important?” **PORTO, CARRY**
From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive “illegible?” **LEGO, READ**
From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive “amiable?” **AMO, LOVE**

7. What Roman general became consul for the first time in 107 B.C.? MARIUS
Whom did Marius replace as the commander of Roman forces in Africa in
107 B.C.? (Q.) CAECILIUS METELLUS (NUMIDICUS)
Against what king of Numidia did the Romans wage war in 107 B.C.? JUGURTHA

8. Translate: **Ille rēx lēgēs bonās scrīpsit.** THAT KING WROTE GOOD LAWS
Translate: **Fortis gladiātor leonem vulnerāverat.**
THE BRAVE GLADIATOR HAD WOUNDED THE LION
Translate: **Nōs multam pecuniam nostrīs amīcīs dedimus.**
WE HAVE GIVEN MUCH MONEY TO OUR FRIENDS

9. Which Greek god was the father of Asclepius and Phaethon? APOLLO
 Which Greek god was the father of Polyphemus and Triton? POSEIDON
 Which Greek god was the father of Pan and Myrtilus? HERMES
10. Shortly after their birth Roman children were given an amulet to ward off the “evil eye.” What was this amulet called? BULLA
 When would a boy stop wearing his **bullā**?
 WHEN HE BECAME A MAN / ASSUMED THE TOGA VIRILIS
 When would a girl stop wearing her **bullā**? ON THE EVE OF HER WEDDING
11. Differentiate in meaning between **laudō** and **claudō**. LAUDO, PRAISE / CLAUDO, CLOSE
 ...between **conficiō** and **dēficiō**. CONFICIO, FINISH / DEFICIO, FAIL, REVOLT
 ...between **mittō** and **amittō**. MITTO, SEND / AMITTO, LOSE
12. Change the phrase **celer milēs** to the genitive singular. CELERIS MILITIS
 Change **celeris militis** to the plural. CELERIUM MILITUM
 Change **celerium militum** to the dative singular. CELERI MILITI
13. In ancient Roman religion what name was given to the chief priest? PONTIFEX MAXIMUS
 What name was give to the priest of Jupiter? FLAMEN DIALIS
 Who were the priests of Mars who worshipped him by dancing? SALII
14. Which hero of Greek mythology, born in Corinth, tamed Pegasus and slew the Chimera? BELLEROPHON
 After killing his brother, to what city did Bellerophon flee? ARGOS
 What Argive king purified Bellerophon of his brother’s murder? PROETUS
15. Who was the third king of Rome? TULLUS HOSTILIUS
 On what hill was Tullus Hostilius’ palace located? CAELIAN
 According to the historiian Livy, how did Tullus Hostilius die?
DIED IN A FIRE AFTER HIS PALACE WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
16. In the sentence “Tiberius, give me that book,” translate Tiberius. TIBERI
 Translate the verb. DA
 Translate the entire sentence. DA, TIBERI, MIHI ILLUM LIBRUM
17. Give the principal parts of **fugiō**. FUGIO, FUGERE, FUGI, FUGITUM
 Give the principal parts of **augeō**. AUGEO, AUGERE, AUXI, AUCTUM
 Give the principal parts of **agō**. AGO, AGERE, EGI, ACTUM
18. Which emperor presided over the dedication of the Colosseum in A.D. 80? TITUS
 During the eruption of Vesuvius in A.D. 79, Titus was faced with two other coterminous crises. For both **bonī**, name them. PLAGUE / FIRE IN ROME

19. What group of women was condemned to carry water in leaky jars as a punishment
for killing their husbands? DANAIDS
How many of the Danaids were punished in Tartarus? 49
Which of the Danaids did not kill her husband? HYPERMNESTRA

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

**Olim erat parvus canis quī Brutus appellābātur. Brutus erat paene āter
sed pedēs albōs habēbat. Cum hic canis fēlem inimīcam conspēxit, perterritus
fuit. Deinde Brutus domum cucurrit. Eheu!**

- What did the dog Brutus see that made him so frightened? (AN UNFRIENDLY) CAT
Describe Brutus' appearance? HE WAS BLACK WITH WHITE PAWS
What did Brutus do after he saw the cat? HE RAN HOME (ALAS!)

**2007 FJCL Certamen
Level I, Round 2**

1. Which Greek goddess is known as “Cytherea” because her birth from the sea foam took place near that island? APHRODITE
Which tree was sacred to Aphrodite? MYRTLE
According to Homer’s *Iliad*, who was the mother of Aphrodite? DIONE

2. Which emperor of Rome fought wars against the Marcomanni and Quadi? M. AURELIUS
Which two emperors of Rome fought wars against the Dacians? DOMITIAN & TRAJAN
Which emperor launched a war to conquer Britain in A.D. 43? CLAUDIUS

3. Which of the following words, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin word as the others: invent, ventilate, convention, adventure? VENTILATE
From what Latin noun, with what meaning, do we derive “ventilate?” VENTUS, WIND
From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we derive the other three words in the toss-up? VENIO, COME

4. For the verb **capiō**, give the 2nd person plural present passive indicative. CAPIMINI
Change **capimini** to the corresponding future. CAPIEMINI
Change **capiemini** to the corresponding pluperfect. CAPTI ERATIS

5. What type of gladiator was known for fighting with a visored helmet which obscured his vision? ANDABATA
What type of gladiator was known for fighting from a chariot? ESSEDARIUS
What type of gladiator was known for the fish-crest which adorned his helmet? MYRMILLO

6. Give the Latin and English for the abbreviation **Rx**. RECIPE, TAKE
Give the Latin and English for the abbreviation **etc.** ET CETERA, AND THE REST OF
Give the Latin and English for the abbreviation **h.s.** HORA SOMNI, AT THE HOUR OF SLEEP

7. What Trojan warrior, second only to Hector, fled the city of Troy and established a new civilization in Italy? AENEAS
Name one of the first two places in which Aeneas and his crew attempted to found a settlement. THRACE / CRETE
Who revealed to Aeneas that his ultimate destination was Italy? THE PENATES

8. Give a third declension ANTONYM for **vīta**. MORS, NEX, FUNUS
Give a third declension ANTONYM for **aestas**. HIEMS
Give a third declension ANTONYM for **socius**. HOSTIS

9. Which assembly of the people elected curule magistrates such as praetors
and consuls? **COMITIA CENTURIATA**
Which assembly elected mostly plebeian officials? **COMITIA TRIBUTA**
Which assembly was the oldest, existing from the time of the kings?
COMITIA CURIATA
10. Who became dictator of Rome in 82 B.C.? (L. CORNELIUS) SULLA
What battle of that same year gave Sulla control over Rome and all of Italy?
COLLINE GATE
In what year did Sulla retire and thus resign his dictatorship? 79 B.C.
11. From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive “abridge” and
“brevity?” **BREVIS, SHORT / BRIEF**
From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive “omniscient?”
OMNIS, ALL / EVERY
From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive “clairvoyant?”
CLARUS, CLEAR
12. Name the four men who could claim the title of **Princeps** in A.D. 69.
GALBA, OTHO, VITELLIUS, VESPASIAN
Which of the four emperors of A.D. 69 took his own life? OTHO
Which of the four emperors of A.D. 69 was murdered by the Praetorian Guard?
GALBA
13. In what two ways must a relative pronoun agree with its antecedent?
GENDER & NUMBER
What determines the case of a relative pronoun? ITS USE IN ITS OWN CLAUSE
How must an interrogative adjective agree with the noun it modifies?
IN CASE, NUMBER, & GENDER
14. What queen of Mycenae murdered her husband upon his return from Troy?
CLYTEMNESTRA
Why did Clytemnestra murder her husband Agamemnon?
BECAUSE AGAMEMNON HAD SACRIFICED THEIR DAUGHTER
(IPHIGENIA AT AULIS)
With whom did Clytemnestra conspire to commit this murder? AEGISTHUS
15. To what general category do **paenula**, **sagum**, and **lacerna** all belong? CLOAKS
What type of outer garment was worn by men at dinner parties? SYNTHESIS
What type of garment, similar to a modern bathrobe, was used by men
after exercise? ENDROMIS

16. What city in Sicily did the Romans capture in 211 B.C. during the Second Punic War? SYRACUSE
 Which Roman general, known as the “Sword of Rome,” captured Syracuse? (M. CLAUDIUS) MARCELLUS
 What rare honor had Marcellus earned over ten years earlier at Clastidium when he killed the enemy commander in battle in single combat? SPOLIA OPIMA
17. From what Latin noun, with what meaning, do we derive “loyal” and “illegal”? LEX, LAW
 What English noun derived from **lex, legis** means “a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people”? PRIVILEGE
 What English noun derived from **lex, legis** means “a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof”? ALLEGATION
18. What Roman **praenōmen** was abbreviated “P.”? PUBLIUS
 What **praenōmen** was abbreviated “Ser.”? SERVIUS
 What **praenōmen** was abbreviated “Mam.”? MAMERCUS
19. What Athenian king forced his wife’s sister Philomela into a pretended marriage and then cut out her tongue when she threatened to reveal the truth? TEREUS
 Who was the wife of Tereus and sister of Philomela? PROCNE
 How did Philomela reveal Tereus’ treachery? SHE WOVE IT IN A TAPESTRY
20. **Quot oculi tibi sunt?** DUO
Quot capita tibi sunt? UNUM
Quot aurēs tibi sunt? DUAE

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Level I, Semi Final Round**

1. Which Greek king, fearing that the suitors of his daughter would unite against him,
forced them all to swear an oath that they would champion her cause no
matter which of them won her hand in marriage? **TYNDAREUS**
Where was Tyndareus king? **SPARTA**
Who won the hand of Tyndareus' daughter Helen? **MENELAUS**

2. Which Roman general was victorious at the battle of Cynoscephalae?
(T. QUINCTIUS) FLAMININUS
Which Macedonian king did Flamininus defeat at Cynoscephalae? **PHILIP V**
In what year did the battle of Cynoscephalae occur? **197 B.C.**

3. Translate into Latin: "The students were being taught by the teacher."
DISCIPULI A MAGISTRO DOCEBANTUR
Translate: "The city had been captured by Scipio."
URBS A SCIPIONE CAPTA ERAT
What use of the ablative case is found in the previous two sentences? **AGENT**

4. Give the Latin term for the meal which consisted of bread, salad, olives, cheese, fruit,
nuts, and cold meat left over from the night before. **PRANDIUM**
Give the Latin term for the chief meal which, in early times, was eaten in
the middle of the day. **CENA**
Give the Latin term for the evening meal which on the farm would equate to "supper."
VESPERNA / MERENDA

5. What is the meaning of the Latin adverb **cūr**? **WHY?**
What is the meaning of the Latin adverb **quandō**? **WHEN?**
What is the meaning of the Latin adverb **quōmodo**? **HOW?**

6. From what two Latin words do we derive "postpone?" **POST & PONO**
From what two Latin words do we derive "antecedent?" **ANTE & CEDO**
From what two Latin words do we derive "lieutenant?" **LOCUS & TENE**

7. In ancient Rome, what were **ludī scaenicī**? **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES**
What were **munera gladiatoria**? **GLADIATORIAL GAMES**
What were **ludī circensēs**? **CHARIOT RACES**

8. Who, believing that his love had been mauled by a lioness, took his own
life near a mulberry tree? **PYRAMUS**
Who was Pyramus' love? **THISBE**
In what land did Pyramus and Thisbe live? **BABYLON**

9. What group of barbarians sacked Rome in A.D. 410? VISIGOTHS
 What group of barbarians sacked Rome in A.D. 455? VANDALS
 What group of barbarians sacked Rome in 390 B.C.? GAULS
10. Give the Latin and English for the motto of Johns Hopkins University.
VERITAS VOS LIBERABIT, THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE
 ...of Hunter College. **MIHI CURA FUTURI**, MY ANXIETY IS FOR THE FUTURE
 ...of Tulane University
NON SIBI SED SUIS, NOT FOR HERSELF BUT FOR HER OWN
11. Complete the following grammatical analogy: **Ego: mihi:: Nos:** NOBIS
 Complete this analogy: **amō: amā:: dūcō:** DUC
 Complete this analogy: **videō: vidēri:: regō:** REGI
12. What law of 287 B.C. made **plēbiscīta** binding upon the Patrician community?
LEX HORTENSIA
 What law of 367 B.C. allowed for one Plebeian to be consul?
LEX LICINIA-SEXTIA
 What law of 445 B.C. allowed for intermarriage between patricians and plebeians?
LEX CANULEIA
13. Translate: **duodēvīgintī.** EIGHTEEN
 Translate: **trīginta et trēs.** THIRTY THREE
 Translate: **ducentī et duo.** TWO HUNDRED AND TWO
14. After he had killed his family, whom did the Delphic oracle instruct Herakles to
 seek out and to submit to whatever he demanded of him? EURYSTHEUS
 What was the first of the twelve great tasks which Eurystheus ordered Herakles
 to complete? KILLING THE NEMEAN LION
 How did Herakles kill the Nemean Lion? HE STRANGLERED IT
15. What type of Roman marriage would correspond to modern common-law marriages
 in which the husband and wife became so by living together for an extended
 period of time? USUS
 What type of Roman marriage involved a fictitious sale of the bride by her
pater familias? COEMPTIO
 What type of Roman marriage, although not legal, existed amongst slaves?
CONTUBERNIUM

16. Give the Latin verb at the ultimate root of “betray,” “vendor,” and “date.” **DO**
 Give the Latin verb at the ultimate root of “jurisprudence.” **VIDEO**
 Give the Latin verb at the ultimate root of “accountant.” **PUTO**
17. Which emperor of Rome abdicated in A.D. 305? **DIOCLETIAN**
 To what imperial province did Diocletian retire? **DALMATIA**
 While Diocletian was a participant in the Tetrarchy, what city served as his capital? **NICOMEDIA**
18. What was the significance of the letter “F” when branded upon the head of a slave? **THE SLAVE WAS A FUGITIVE**
 How else was a fugitive slave sometimes designated? **A (METAL) COLLAR AROUND THE NECK**
 What did it mean if at an auction a **pilleus** was placed on a slave’s head? **THE BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK**
19. Who was both the wife and sister of Oedipus? **JOCASTA**
 Who was Jocasta’s first husband and the father of Oedipus? **LAIUS**
 In what city was Oedipus raised by Polybus and Merope? **CORINTH**
20. What is the meaning of the Latin adverb **deinde**? **THEN / NEXT**
 ...of the Latin adverb **tandem**? **FINALLY / AT LAST**
 ...of the Latin adverb **magnopere**? **GREATLY / EXCEEDINGLY / VERY MUCH**

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Level I, Final Round**

1. Who became emperor of Rome upon the death of his cousin Elagabalus in A.D. 222?
ALEXANDER SEVERUS
Give the name of Alexander's mother who exerted a great amount of influence over
imperial policy during his reign. JULIA MAMAEA
Who murdered Alexander Severus and his mother on the Rhine front thus plunging
the Empire into decades of military instability? MAXIMINUS THRAX
2. Translate the relative pronoun in the following sentence: "The generals, whose
orders we follow, will lead us to victory." QUORUM
... "That consul, whom you see walking into the Forum, is a great orator." QUEM
... "This is the sword with which Seneca killed himself." QUO
3. When the Trojan Aeneas arrives at the shores of Latium in book VII of Vergil's
Aeneid, what Rutulian prince becomes his primary antagonist? TURNUS
Turnus initiated a conflict with Aeneas because the woman to whom he was betrothed
was then given by her father to Aeneas. Who was she? LAVINIA
In book XII of the *Aeneid* Aeneas kills Turnus in a fit of rage after seeing whose
sword belt? PALLAS'
4. Quid Anglicē significat "tōtus"? WHOLE / ALL / ENTIRE / COMPLETE
Quid Anglicē significat "tertius"? THIRD
Quid Anglicē significat "tantus"? SO GREAT / SO MUCH
5. What room in the Roman baths was equipped with benches and couches where
bathers would bring their own scrapers and oils in order to rub themselves
with oil or to receive a massage? UNCTORIUM
Which emperor's bath complex, built in the 3rd century A.D., was the most
magnificent **thermae** in the city? CARACALLA'S
Which emperor's bath complex, completed almost a century after Caracalla's, and
located in the northeastern portion of Rome, was the largest **thermae**
in the city? DIOCLETIAN'S
6. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer
in LATIN the question about it:

**Erat in Britannīā puer quī vīxit nomine Harrius Potterus. Puer,
cuius māter paterque ā virō malō necātī erant, cum sorore mātris habitābat.
Quōdam die, epistula ad casam māterterae missa est quae dīxit "Statim,
Harrī Pottere, dēbēs venīre ad scholam Hogvartensem!"**

In quā patriā puer vīxit? (IN) BRITANNIA
A quō parentēs Harrī Potterī necātī sunt? (A) VIRO MALO
Ad quem locum Harrius ire dēbet? (AD) SCHOLAM (HOGVARTENSEM)

7. On their quest for the golden fleece, whom did Jason and his crew rescue from the Harpies? **PHINEUS**
 Which two Argonauts chased off the Harpies? **ZETES & CALAIS**
 What objects did Phineus warn the Argonauts about in gratitude for their deed? **SYMPLEGADES**
8. Which of the following battles did NOT take place during the civil war of Caesar and the Pompeians: Pharsalus, Alesia, Thapsus, Munda? **ALESIA**
 What enemy commander did Caesar defeat at Alesia in 52 B.C.? **VERCINGETORIX**
 Who commanded the army that Caesar defeated at Munda in 45 B.C.? **THE SONS OF POMPEY / (T. LABIENUS)**
9. What two word Latin phrase might be written or stamped in a book by a librarian to designate that it belongs to the library's collection? **EX LIBRIS**
 What Latin phrase would be used to describe a narrative which does not start at the "beginning" per se, but at some other critical junction in the text? **IN MEDIAS RES**
 What Latin phrase would be used to describe someone who always invites themselves to the party without being asked? **PERSONA NON GRATA**
10. What derivative of the Latin noun **pax, pacis** means "to placate someone by acceding or giving into their demands"? **APPEASE / PACIFY**
 What derivative of the Latin adjective **sōlus** means "deserted of people and in a state of bleak and dismal emptiness"? **DESOLATE**
 What derivative of the Latin adjective **aequus** means "to use ambiguous language in order to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself"? **EQUIVOCATE**
11. For the verb **dicō**, give the 3rd person plural future perfect passive indicative. **DICTI ERUNT**
 Change **dicti erunt** to the corresponding active. **DIXERINT**
 Change **dixerint** to the corresponding future. **DICENT**
12. What lover in mythology disguised himself as a woman in order to win the heart of Pomona? **VERTUMNUS**
 What lover in mythology, a king of Thessaly, revealed to his wife Alcyone that he had perished at sea? **CEYX**
 What lover in mythology accidentally killed his wife Procris with a javelin that never missed? **CEPHALUS**
13. What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **grātiās agere**? **TO GIVE THANKS**
 ...**verba facere**? **TO SPEAK**
 ...**consilium capere**? **TO FORM A PLAN**

14. What general was granted an **imperium infinitum** over the Mediterranean Sea in 67 B.C. in order to pursue and destroy pirates? POMPEY
 What was the name of the tribune who proposed this law? (A.) GABINIUS
 What tribune in the following year sponsored a law which gave Pompey the supreme command against Mithridates? (C.) MANILIUS
15. Translate: **Nēmō nostrum illam novam discipulam audivit.** NO ONE OF US HEARD THAT NEW STUDENT
...Mihi urbs pulchra fuerat grata. THE BEAUTIFUL CITY HAD BEEN PLEASING TO ME
...Quibus puellis rōsās puerī dōnāvērunt? TO WHICH GIRLS DID THE BOYS GIVE ROSES?
16. VISUAL TOSS UP. Pass out visual question to all players.
- The following toss up question is a visual. We are currently providing each player with a copy of the visual. Please do not turn over the visual until instructed to do so. Also, please be mindful that this is a toss up question, so do not consult or communicate with your teammates. Please turn over the visual; you will have 10 seconds to examine it (wait 10 seconds). Here is your question:
- In the sentence labeled “C” identify the use of the ablative case. SEPARATION
 In the sentence labeled “A” identify the use of the ablative case and translate the sentence. MEANS / THE ROMAN CITIZENS DEFENDED THE WALLS WITH FORCE AND ARMS
 In the sentence labeled “D” identify the use of the ablative case and translate the sentence. MANNER / THE TEACHER HAD TAUGHT HIS STUDENTS WITH GREAT CARE
17. What do the men Publius Aper, Petronius Secundus, Tiberius Macro, and Lucius Aelius Sejanus all have in common? THEY WERE ALL PRAETORIAN PREFECTS
 Which Praetorian Prefect became emperor in A.D. 244 by convincing the eastern troops to remove Gordian III? PHILIP THE ARAB
 Which Praetorian Prefect became emperor in A.D. 217 after he was involved in a plot to murder Caracalla? MACRINUS
18. Who in mythology, the son of Ctesius, was stolen away as a child by his Phoenician nurse and sold as a slave to Laertes, the king of Ithaka? EUMAEUS
 In what fashion did Eumaeus serve both Laertes and his son Odysseus? SWINEHERD
 What goatherd in the Odyssey was a rival to Eumaeus and went so far as to kick Odysseus while disguised as a beggar? MELANTHIUS

19. The Romans used many different adjectives to describe the word **toga** depending upon the use of the garment. What adjective would the Romans have used to describe a **toga** worn by a general who was celebrating a triumph? **PICTA**
What adjective would the Romans have used to describe the **toga** of one mourning the death of a family member? **PULLA / SORDIDA / ATRA**
What adjective would the Romans have used to describe the **toga** worn by a dictator? **PRAETEXTA**
20. **Audī diligenter et respondē aut Anglicē aut Latīnē. Quis sum? Postquam Aeneas ad Italiam navigāverat, in rīvum Tiberim cum fratre Remō ab Amuliō positus sum. Lupa mē servāvit. Sum prīmus rēx Romanōrum.**
ROMULUS
- ...Quis sum? Cum Rēx Etruscōrum, Lars Porsenna nomine, urbem Romam oppugnāvit, Pontem Sublicium contra hostem sine auxiliō dēfendī. “Coclēs” appellātus sum.**
HORATIUS
- ...Quis sum? Secundō punicō bellō prō patriā pugnāvī. Unō proeliō vītam meī patris servāvī. Ad finem illius bellī Hannibalem auxiliō Massinissae superāvī.**
SCIPIO AFRICANUS