

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2012
CERTAMEN ADVANCED
ROUND I

TU1. What poet, patroned by Maecenas, wrote 4 books of elegy addressed to a woman named Cynthia?

Answer: **PROPERTIUS**

B1: What is the real name of Propertius' Cynthia?

Answer: **HOSTIA**

B2: What was the title given to Propertius' first book of elegy?

Answer: **MONOBIBLOS**

TU2. *Quid Anglicē significat "proles?"*

Answer: **OFFSPRING**

B1: *Quid Anglicē significat "sanguis?"*

Answer: **BLOOD**

B2: *Quid Anglicē signifcat "scelus?"*

Answer: **CRIME, WICKEDNESS**

TU3. What queen made Heracles wear a dress and spin while he was enslaved by her?

Answer: **OMPHALE**

B1: Why was Heracles enslaved by Omphale?

Answer: **HE HAD TO BE PURIFIED FOR MURDER (OF IPHITUS)**

B2: What Calydonian princess did Heracles eventually marry?

Answer: **DEIANEIRA**

TU4. At what battle in 315 BC did the Romans suffer a defeat from the Samnites which caused the Roman army to adopt a maniple-based system of organization?

Answer: **LAUTULAE**

B1: At which battle in the Third Samnite War did the commander Publius Decius Mus commit the act of *devotio* to secure victory for the Romans?

Answer: **SENTINUM**

B2: At what battle did Lucius Papirius Cursor defeat the famous 'Linen Legion' of the Samnites and obtain victory in the Third Samnite War?

Answer: **AQUILONIA**

TU5. Change the phrase *ingens amnis* to the dative singular.

Answer: **INGENTI AMNI**

B1: Change *ingenti amni* to the ablative.

Answer: **INGENTI AMNE**

B2: Change *ingenti amne* to the genitive plural.

Answer: **INGENTIUM AMNIUM**

TU6. What use of the subjunctive can be found in the following sentence: “*Servi timuerunt ne sui domini eos plangerent.*”

Answer: **FEAR CLAUSE**

B1: Translate that sentence.

Answer: **THE SERVANTS FEARED THAT THEIR MASTERS WOULD BEAT THEM**

B2: Give another verb in the proper form that could have been used in place of “*timuerunt*” without changing the meaning of the sentence.

Answer: **VERITI SUNT, METUERUNT**

TU7. What use of the accusative case is found in the following sentence: *O tempora, o mores!*

Answer: **EXCLAMATION**

B1: Name the use of the accusative case that can be found in this sentence: *Est malum vivere avidiam vitam.*

Answer: **COGNATE**

B2: What poetic use of the dative case can be seen in the phrase *inferretque deos Latio?*

Answer: **DIRECTION**

TU8. Into what kind of trees were the Heliades turned while they mourned their brother Phaethon?

Answer: **POPLARS**

B1: Into what kind of a bird was Phaethon’s friend Cynus changed?

Answer: **A SWAN**

B2: Into what kind of flower was Clytie turned into while she pined for Helios?

Answer: **SUNFLOWER**

TU9. What author of Iberian and Celtic ancestry who came to Rome from Spain circa 63 AD wrote a poem commemorating the opening of the Colosseum?

Answer: **MARTIAL**

B1: What was the title of this work?

Answer: **LIBER SPECTACULORUM**

B2: For what style of poetry was Martial most famous?

Answer: **EPIGRAM**

TU10. Which of the following words does not belong by derivation? Astonish, tonsil, astound, detonation.

Answer: **TONSIL**

B1: From what Latin word with what meaning do we derive “tonsil”?

Answer: **TONSILLAE—TONSILS**

B2: Name the principle parts and meaning of the verb from which we derive “astonish”, “astound”, and “detonation”.

Answer: **TONO, TONARE, TONUI, TONITUM—TO THUNDER**

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ROUND 2

TU1. What Numidian ally of Rome aided Scipio Africanus during his African campaign and was made king of Numidia following Carthage's defeat at Zama in 202 BC?

Answer: **MASINISSA**

B1. What rival Numidian chieftain had Scipio Africanus captured the previous year at the Battle of Cirta?

Answer: **SYPHAX**

B2. Who was Scipio Africanus' close personal friend and second-in-command in his Iberian and African campaigns?

Answer: **GAIUS LAELIUS**

TU2. For the verb *iungo*, give the 2nd person plural imperfect active subjunctive.

Answer: **IUNGERETIS**

B1: Change *iungeretis* to the corresponding pluperfect.

Answer: **IUNXISSETIS**

B2: Change *iunxissetis* to the passive.

Answer: **IUNCTI ESSETIS**

TU3. What cyclops stoned to death his rival for the affections of a nymph?

Answer: **POLYPHEMUS**

B1: What was the name of the nymph?

Answer: **GALATEA**

B2: What was the name of the rival?

Answer: **ACIS**

TU4. What work of Tacitus, published in 98 AD was a biographical monograph recounting the life of his father in law?

Answer: **AGRICOLA**

B1: When writing *Agricola*, Tacitus included an invective against what emperor?

Answer: **DOMITIAN**

B2: What was Tacitus' earliest work?

Answer: **DIALOGUS DE ORATORIBUS**

TU5. Using an impersonal verb, say in Latin: It is thundering.

Answer: **TONAT**

B1: Using an impersonal verb, say in Latin: I pity the fool.

Answer: **STULTI MĒ MISERET**

B2: Using an impersonal verb, say in Latin: The farmer knew that it was raining.

Answer: **AGRICOLA SCIVIT PLUVERE.**

TU6. What massive work of stoic philosophy, dedicated to the emperor Titus, aims to summarize the state of things in its 37 books?

Answer: **NATURALIS HISTORIAE**

B1: Who was the author of *Naturalis Historiae*?

Answer: **PLINY THE ELDER**

B2: How many books were in *Naturalis Historiae*?

Answer: **37**

TU7. Differentiate in meaning between *nix* and *nux*.

Answer: **NIX – SNOW; NUX – NUT**

B1: Differentiate in meaning between *metus* and *vetus*.

Answer: **METUS – FEAR; VETUS – OLD**

B2: Differentiate in meaning between *flumen* and *flamen*.

Answer: **FLUMEN – RIVER; FLAMEN – PRIEST / BREEZE**

TU8. What mythological trio consisted of Deino, Enyo, and Pemphredo?

Answer: **THE GRAEAE**

B1: What musical trio consisted of Parthenope, Ligeia, and Leucosia?

Answer: **THE SIRENS**

B2: According to Ovid, why were the Sirens changed into bird-women?

Answer: **TO HELP CERES FIND PROSERPINA**

TU9. What derivative of *tango* means “to make impure or unsuitable by contact or mixture with something unclean”?

Answer: **CONTAMINATE**

B1: What derivative of “*tango*” means “having all the parts or elements; whole; complete”?

Answer: **ENTIRE or INTEGRAL**

B2: What derivative of “*tango*” means “the state of being whole, entire, or undiminished”?

Answer: **INTEGRITY**

TU10. Which two men were appointed emperors by the senate after the deaths of the first two Gordian emperors?

Answer: **BALBINUS AND PUPIENUS**

B1. Whom were Balbinus and Pupienus forced to adopt as heir to the imperial throne?

Answer: **GORDIAN III**

B2. Who was Gordian III’s praetorian prefect, successful, and possible instigator in the plot which had Gordian III killed?

Answer: **PHILIP THE ARAB**

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ROUND 3

- TU1. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive “mellifluous”?
Answer: **FLUO (FLUERE, FLUXI, FLUXUM)—TO FLOW**
B1: From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive “mellifluous”?
Answer: **MEL (MELLIS, N.)—HONEY, SWEETNESS**
B2: What derivative of “*mel*” means “a thick syrup produced during the refining of sugar varying from light to dark brown in color”?
Answer: **MOLASSES**
- TU2. What being was half-woman and half-snake and was the mother the sphinx?
Answer: **ECHIDNA**
B1: What creature, himself a son of Echidna, was the father of the sphinx?
Answer: **ORTHUS**
B2: Who killed Echidna while she slept?
Answer: **ARGUS (PANOPTES)**
- TU3. What author, whose genius was first recognized by Pollio, wrote a work containing 10 brief poems on pastoral themes that included the stories of Cordyon, Alexis, Tityrus, and the real poet Cornelius Gallus, which is collectively called the *Eclogues*?
Answer: **VERGIL**
B1: Which of Vergil’s *Eclogues* is called the “Messianic Eclogue?”
Answer: **4th**
B2: What other famous work of Vergil’s was edited posthumously by Varius and Tucca?
Answer: **THE AENEID**
- TU4. *Quid anglice significant “pulmo”*?
Answer: **LUNG**
B1: *Quid anglice significant “cardo”*?
Answer: **HINGE**
B2: *Quid anglice significant “acus”*?
Answer: **NEEDLE**
- TU5. In what year did Titus sack the city of Jerusalem?
Answer: **70 AD**
B1. Though a major victory for the Romans, the war against Judaea lasted for another three years. With the siege of which Jewish stronghold was the war brought to an end?
Answer: **MASADA**
B2. Which Roman commander led the successful siege of Masada?
Answer: **(LUCIUS) FLAVIUS SILVA**

TU6. The year 65 AD was not very good for authors. That year, at least 3 significant Roman authors were implicated in the Pisonian Conspiracy. Name any one author accused of involvement in this conspiracy.

Answer: **(accept any 1) LUCAN, SENECA THE YOUNGER, PETRONIUS**

B1: While both Lucan and Seneca were put to death for their involvement, Petronius was not; however, he did die in 65 AD. How did he die?

Answer: **SUICIDE (KILLED HIMSELF AFTER RECEIVING AN ORDER FROM NERO DEMANDING THAT HE REMAIN AT CUMAE)**

B2: According to Tacitus, in what capacity had Petronius served in Nero's court?

Answer: **ARBITER ELEGANTIAE**

TU7. What use of the dative case is found in the following sentence?: *haec provincia nobis defendenda est.*

Answer: **AGENT**

B1: What is the grammatical construction of “*defendenda est*”?

Answer: **PASSIVE PERIPHRASTIC**

B2: Translate this sentence: *haec provincia nobis defendenda est.*

Answer: **WE MUST DEFEND THIS PROVINCE**

TU8. For the verb *disco*, give the 3rd person plural perfect active subjunctive.

Answer: **DIDICERINT**

B1: Change *didicerint* to the corresponding pluperfect.

Answer: **DIDICISSENT**

B2: Change *didicissent* to the passive voice.

Answer: **DISCITI /-AE /-A ESSENT**

TU9. What building, consecrated in 9 BC, celebrates Augustus' victories in Spain and Gaul?

Answer: **ARA PACIS**

B1. Rather than letting Agrippa handle military matters as usual, Augustus personally led the campaigns against two Spanish tribes. Name one of them.

Answer: **CANTABRI or ASTURES**

B2. Throughout his life, Augustus had made 5 choices for heirs. Name 3 of them.

Answer: **(any 3) MARCELLUS, AGRIPPA, GAIUS CAESAR, LUCIUS CAESAR, AND TIBERIUS**

TU10. What Thracian king unwittingly ate his son and was later turned into a hoopoe?

Answer: **TEREUS**

B1: Who was Tereus' wife, who killed and served her son for dinner?

Answer: **PROCNE (or METIS)**

B2: What was the name of the unfortunate boy?

Answer: **ITYS or ITYLOS**

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CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

TU1. What speech of Cicero, delivered in 70 BC at the request of the Sicilians, prosecuted an administrator on charges of extortion?

Answer: **IN VERREM**

B1: What speech of Cicero contains a famous attack against the character of Clodia?

Answer: **PRO CAELIO**

B2: What is the only speech of Cicero that failed to accomplish its purpose?

Answer: **PRO MILONE**

TU2. When Heracles was in the underworld, what hero begged him to marry his sister?

Answer: **MELEAGER**

B1: What was the name of Meleager's sister whom Heracles married?

Answer: **DEIANEIRA**

B2: Who were Deianeira and Meleager's parents?

Answer: **OENEUS AND ALTHAEA**

TU3. What do all of the following Latin nouns have in common: *vis, restis, puppis, securis, febris*.

Answer: **THEY ARE ALL PURE I-STEMS**

B1: Which of the following nouns, if any, is not an i-stem: *caedes, hostis, animal, civis, iuvenis, mare*.

Answer: **IUVENIS**

B2: Translate the Latin phrase *vires magnae*.

Answer: **GREAT STRENGTH**

TU4. What was the name of Romulus' Sabine wife?

Answer: **HERSILIA**

B1: During a festival in honor of which deity is the Rape of the Sabines said to have occurred?

Answer: **NEPTUNUS EQUESTER/CONSUS**

B2: Who is said to have announced to the Senate that he had a vision of Romulus announcing his status of godhood?

Answer: **JULIUS PROCULUS**

TU5. For the verb *fio*, give the 3rd person plural imperfect subjunctive.

Answer: **FIERENT**

B1: Make *fierent* present.

Answer: **FIANT**

B2: Make *fiant* perfect.

Answer: **FACTI SINT**

TU6. What late Christian author, born in Stridon, wrote a series of biographies modeled off of Suetonius about the lives of famous Christians?

Answer: **SAINT JEROME**

B1: What was the title of this biographical work?

Answer: **DE VIRIS ILLUSTRIBUS**

B2: What was the last biography contained in Jerome's *De Viris Illustribus*?

Answer: **HIS OWN/JEROME'S**

TU7. Whose name was originally Podarces?

Answer: **PRIAM**

B1: Whose name was originally Asterius?

Answer: **THE MINOTAUR**

B2: Whose name was originally Alcaeus?

Answer: **HERACLES**

TU8. Translate the following sentence into English: *Flumen tam altum est ut id transpire non potuerimus.*

Answer: **THE RIVER IS SO DEEP THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO CROSS IT.**

B1: Translate this sentence into English: *Rex copiis imperavit nē pugnarent*

Answer: **THE KING ORDERED HIS TROOPS NOT TO FIGHT.**

B2: Translate this sentence into English: *Pater canem a casā expulit quō facilius dormiret.*

Answer: **THE FATHER KICKED HIS DOG OUT OF HIS HOUSE IN ORDER TO SLEEP MORE EASILY.**

TU9. Differentiate, in meaning, between *levo* and *lavo*.

Answer: **LEVO – TO LIGHTEN, RELIEVE; LAVO – TO WASH**

B1: Differentiate, in meaning, between *tego* and *texo*.

Answer: **TEGO – TO COVER, HIDE; TEXO – TO WEAVE**

B2: Differentiate, in meaning, between *sterno* and *struo*.

Answer: **STERNO – TO SPREAD, SCATTER, SREW; STRUO – TO BUILD, CONSTRUCT**

TU10. In what war, fought from 41-40 BC, did Marc Antony's wife Fulvia and brother Lucius attempt to make Marc Antony the sole ruler of Rome?

Answer: **PERUSINE WAR**

B1. To what leader of the *populares* and enemy of Cicero was Fulvia previously married?

Answer: **(PUBLIUS) CLODIUS (PULCHER)**

B2. To what distinguished orator and constructor of Rome's first amphitheater had Fulvia also been married at one point?

Answer: **(GAIUS SCRIBONIUS) CURIO THE YOUNGER**

TU11. Who was the author of the following works of Latin Literature? *Medea, Remedia Amoris, Medicamina Faciei Femineae, Fasti, Metamorphoses.*

Answer: **OVID (GAIUS OVIDIUS NASO)**

B1: What other work of Ovid's was most likely the "carmen" that helped cause his banishment?

Answer: **ARS AMATORIA**

B2: Where was Ovid exiled?

Answer: **TOMI**

TU12. From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive "juggle"?

Answer: **JOCUS (JOCI, M.)—JOKE, JEST**

B1: What derivative of *jocus* means "peril or danger"?

Answer: **JEOPARDY**

B2: What derivative of *jocus* means "a cut and polished precious stone"?

Answer: **JEWEL**

TU13. The name is the same: One was a daughter of Priam who was captured by Greeks, but was freed by Cybele and her mother-in-law, Venus. The other the wife of Xuthus, but was more famous for having a son, Ion, with Apollo. What was the name shared by these two women?

Answer: **CREUSA**

B1: A third Creusa almost married Jason, but was killed by Medea. What was this Creusa's other name?

Answer: **GLAUCE**

B2: What king of Athens was the father of Creusa, the mother of Ion?

Answer: **ERECHTHEUS**

TU14. What type of tunic did a senator wear?

Answer: **TUNICA LATICLAVIA**

B1: What was a knight's tunic called?

Answer: **TUNICA ANGUSTICLAVIA**

B2: What was different about a *tunica manicata*?

Answer: **SLEEVES TO THE WRIST**

TU15: When recognized by the spotter, perform the following command: *surge et loquere Anglicē tē amāre Latīnam plus quam Ciceronem.*

Answer: STUDENT STANDS AND SAYS THAT HE / SHE LOVES CICERO MORE THAN LATIN

B1: *Nunc, dīc nobīs tē esse Achillēn et tē Troiae multōs Graecōs necāvisse.*

Answer: THE STUDENT SAYS THAT HE/SHE IS ACHILLES AND HE/SHE KILLED MANY GREEKS AT TROY

B2: *Tandem, dīc nobīs tē Bellerophontā esse et deōs tē odisse.*

Answer: THE STUDENTS SAYS THAT HE/SHE IS BELLEROPHON AND THE GODS HATE HIM/HER