

2014 FJCL State Latin Forum Greek Literature

Choose the best answer of the given question.

1. Which philosopher said, "No man can step in the same river twice"?
a. Plato b. Pythagoras c. Heraclitus d. Thales
2. Which comedy by Aristophanes is about a juror who hears a trial of two dogs fighting over cheese and which pots and pans are put on the stand as witnesses?
a. *The Wasps* b. *The Birds* c. *The Knights* d. *The Frogs*
3. In which play is the title character sentenced to death for giving her dead brother proper funeral rites?
a. *Elektra* b. *Iphigenia* c. *Hippolytus* d. *Antigone*
4. In which book of the *Iliad* is the famous "Catalogue of Ships"?
a. Book 1 b. Book 2 c. Book 3 d. Book 4
5. In which book of the *Iliad* is Achilles' shield described?
a. Book 18 b. Book 19 c. Book 20 d. Book 21
6. What does Odysseus say to Polyphemus when the cyclops asks him for his name?
a. Agamemnon b. Patroclus c. No one d. your father
7. Which Athenian orator was famous for his hatred of Philip of Macedon?
a. Lysias b. Demosthenes c. Isocrates d. Dinarchus
8. Which philosopher was also a prolific naturalist and particularly fascinated by marine biology?
a. Socrates b. Thales c. Chryssipus d. Aristotle
9. What genre of lyric poetry lavished praise on athletic victors?
a. panegyric b. epinikion c. Philippic d. elegy
10. According to Herodotus, how do Kleobis and Biton demonstrate their piety?
a. They die defending a temple from being plundered
b. They refuse to go to battle until a priest arrives to make a sacrifice
c. They honor an oath their grandfather had made
d. They pull a cart carrying their mother to the temple
11. In which city are new papyri of ancient literature continuing to be found in modern times?
a. Thebes b. Antioch c. Oxyrhinchus d. Alexandria

12. Which poet claimed the Muses had come to him announcing, "We know how to speak many false things as though they were true" and called humans "wretched things, mere bellies" ?
- a. Hesiod b. Homer c. Simonides d. Pindar
13. What is the overarching theme of Plato's *Symposium*?
- a. Elpis (hope) b. Dike (justice)
c. Gyne (woman) d. Eros (love)
14. In Greek, what does *historia* mean?
- a. chronology b. inquiry c. story d. repetition
15. What role did Thucydides play in the Peloponnesian War?
- a. He was a scout in the Athenian army during the war
b. He was a general in the Athenian army during the war
c. He was a scout in the Spartan army during the war
d. He was a general in the Spartan army during the war
16. In what meter are the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*?
- a. Iambic Pentameter b. Trochaic Tetrameter
c. Dactylic Hexameter d. Spondeic Trimeter
17. Which orator improved his enunciation by filling his mouth with stones while practicing his oratory?
- a. Lysias b. Isocrates
c. Pericles d. Demosthenes
18. What were Socrates' last words?
- a. "I have never tasted a sweeter drink."
b. "Crito, we owe a rooster to Asclepius. Please don't forget to pay the debt."
c. "We go our ways - I to die, and you to live. Which is better, only God knows."
d. "The unexamined life is not worth living."
19. How did Hesiod begin the *Theogony* and *Works and Days*?
- a. Explanation of purpose b. Invocation to Zeus
c. Invocation to Apollo d. Invocation to the Muses
20. According to legend, which playwright was killed when an eagle, thinking his head was a rock, dropped a turtle on it?
- a. Aeschylus b. Sophocles
c. Menander d. Euripides
21. What plot device would allow ancient writers to fix seemingly unsolvable problems through the intervention of a god?
- a. skene b. Non sequitur
c. Deus ex machina d. eisodos

22. What is the only play by Menander to survive in its complete form?
a. *Aspis* b. *Encheiridion* c. *Dyskolos* d. *Agamemnon*
23. What Greek philosopher declared “all is number”?
a. Heraclitus b. Pythagoras c. Thales d. Zeno
24. Which trilogy of plays by Aeschylus detail the death of Agamemnon and its consequences?
a. the Oresteia b. the Theban plays
c. the Agamemnoneia d. the Atreideia
25. Which historian chronicled the Hellenistic period and detailed the rise of Rome to a position of dominance in the Mediterranean?
a. Herodotus b. Pausanias c. Plutarch d. Polybius
26. Which dialogue ends with the lines, “The hour of departure has arrived, and we go our ways - I to die, and you to live. Which is better, only God knows.”?
a. *Timaeus* b. *Euthyphro* c. *Apology* d. *Meno*
27. According to Herodotus, what poet penned the epitaph placed at Thermopylae, “Stranger, tell the Spartans that we lie here, obedient to their orders.”?
a. Simonides b. Pindar c. Bacchylides d. Aristides
28. Most of Isocrates’ writings belong to what genre?
a. Philosophy b. Lyric Poetry
c. Oratory d. Epic Poetry
29. In which comedy by Aristophanes is Socrates featured as a prominent character?
a. *The Frogs* b. *The Clouds* c. *The Birds* d. *The Wasps*
30. Which writer provides the earliest literary account of Pandora?
a. Homer b. Hesiod c. Archilochus d. Hipponax

Match the work with his author.

31. *Seven against Thebes*
a. Euripides b. Menander c. Sophocles d. Aeschylus
32. *Timaeus*
a. Plato b. Aristotle c. Euripides d. Aeschylus
33. *Argonautica*
a. Diodorus Siculus b. Apollonius of Rhodes
c. Aristophanes d. Pausanias

34. *The Trojan Women*
 a. Herodotus b. Aeschylus c. Euripides d. Hesiod
35. *Hippolytus*
 a. Euripides b. Sophocles c. Isocrates d. Lysias
36. *Anabasis*
 a. Plato b. Herodotus c. Xenophon d. Diodorus Siculus
37. "On the Crown"
 a. Lysias b. Glaucon c. Demosthenes d. Pericles
38. *Lysistrata*
 a. Aristophanes b. Menander c. Euripides d. Archilochus
39. *History of the Peloponnesian War*
 a. Herodotus b. Polybius c. Plato d. Thucydides
40. *Description of Greece*
 a. Polybius b. Pausanius c. Thucydides d. Diodorus Siculus

Answer these questions

41. Homer was claimed to be a native son of both Chios and _____.
 a. Rhodes b. Smyrna c. Naxos d. Lesbos
42. Whose stinging iambs caused the suicides of Neobule and her father Lycambes?
 a. Archilochus b. Hipponax c. Anacreon d. Alcman
43. Which nephew of Simonides wrote Odes and was a rival to Pindar?
 a. Callinus b. Hecataeus c. Aristeas d. Bacchylides
44. Who was the founder of the Eleatic school?
 a. Parmenides b. Zeno c. Epicurus d. Aristotle
45. Who was the lover of the poetess Sappho?
 a. Phaon b. Pittacus c. Phocylides d. Terpander
46. Which of the following was NOT one of the seven sages?
 a. Solon b. Bias c. Thales d. Plato
47. What native of Attic was said to have invented the play at the Dionysia?
 a. Sophocles b. Thespis c. Euripides d. Mimnermus
48. Whose *Geryoneis* told the story of Heracles' capture of Geryon's cattle?
 a. Critias' b. Pratinas' c. Ibycus' d. Stesichorus'

49. Which of his works did Aristotle dedicate to his son?
- a. Politics
 - b. Nicomachean Ethics
 - c. Poetics
 - d. Posterior Analytics
50. Whose "Lock of Berenice" was later translated into Latin by Catullus?
- a. Callimachus'
 - b. Apollonius'
 - c. Carneades'
 - d. Euhemerus'