

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2016

GREEK LITERATURE

1. Which of the following playwrights wrote Oedipus Rex?
a. Aeschylus b. Euripides c. Sophocles d. Aristophanes

2. Aeneas is a character in which Homeric work?
a. Iliad b. Odyssey c. Aeneid d. Dunciad

3. Which set of plays represents the only extant trilogy from Ancient Greek?
a. Eumenides, Suppliants, Agamemnon b. Eumenides, Agamemnon, Choephoroe
c. Choephoroe, Suppliants, Persians d. Oedipus Rex, Seven Against Thebes, Antigone

4. Which of the following heroes wins the armor of Achilles
a. Agamemnon b. Ajax c. Nestor d. Odysseus

5. Which of the four extant Athenian playwrights is famous for his comedies?
a. Aeschylus b. Aristophanes c. Euripides d. Sophocles

6. Which of Hesiod's poems concerns the rise of the Olympians?
a. Catalogue of Women b. The shield of Heracles c. Theogony d. Works and Days

7. Which of the following was not a member of the Seven Sages?
a. Tyrtaeus b. Solon c. Chilon d. Pittacus

8. Which of the following considered the greatest good to be the reduction of suffering?
a. Antisthenes b. Pyrrhon c. Epicurus d. Xeno

9. Which of the following wrote Geography?

- a. Strabo b. Herodotus c. Pausanias d. Thucydides

10. Which historian described the plague in Athens during the late fifth century?

- a. Herodotus b. Thucydides c. Polybius d. Xenophon

11. Which scientist first explained earthquakes?

- a. Anaximenes b. Archimedes c. Hippocrates d. Ptolemy

12. Whose geocentric model of the cosmos remained the standard until the early modern period?

- a. Aristarchus b. Aristotle c. Copernicus d. Ptolemy

13. Which of the following orators fled from the Thirty Tyrants?

- a. Lysias b. Isocrates c. Demosthenes d. Protagoras

14. Which of the following orators spoke against the growing power of Macedon?

- a. Antiphon b. Andocides c. Demosthenes d. Gorgias

15. Which of the following was the area for the spectators?

- a. Orchestra b. Thmele c. Parados d. Theatron

16. In honor of which god were the Athenian plays originally performed?

- a. Poseidon b. Athena c. Dionysus d. Apollo

17. Which dialect of Greek do the lyric passages of Athenian drama imitate?

- a. Doric b. Ionic c. Attic d. Aeolic

18. Which Hellenistic poet invented the bucolic genre?
a. Apollonius of Rhodes b. Theocritus c. Callimachus d. Hermesianax
19. Who wrote an epic in which Medea helps the hero gain the Golden Fleece?
a. Apollonius of Rhodes b. Euripides c. Homer d. Lycurgus
20. Which conqueror spared Pindar's home?
a. Xerxes b. Alexander the Great c. Cyrus d. Phillip of Macedon
21. Callimachus claimed that he was the descendant of the kings from which Greek colony?
a. Alexandria b. Syracuse c. Byzantium d. Cyrene
22. Which Greek philosopher wrote a biography of Cyrus the Great?
a. Socrates b. Pausanias c. Xenophon d. Theophrastus
23. Which work by Plato prominently features the character Diotima?
a. Republic b. Symposium c. Poetics d. Phaedo
24. Which Platonic dialogue tells of the fall of Atlantis?
a. Parmenides b. Laws c. Timaeus d. Laws
25. Which Homeric hymn concerns the origin of the Eleusinian mysteries?
a. Apollo b. Hermes c. Dionysius d. Demeter
26. Which Homeric hymn concerns the theft of Apollo's cattle and the invention of the lyre?
a. Apollo b. Hermes c. Dionysius d. Demeter

27. The Trojan horse appears in which of the following epics?

- a. Argonautica
- b. Dionysiaca
- c. Iliad
- d. Odyssey

28. Which writer wrote about werewolves, gold digging ants, and a man who rode a dolphin?

- a. Hesiod
- b. Apollodorus
- c. Aristophanes
- d. Herodotus

29. Which lost epic poem concerns the return of various heroes from Troy?

- a. Nostoi
- b. Iliad
- c. Odyssey
- d. Argonautica

30. Which playwright wrote a play in which the sons of Oedipus war for the throne of Thebes?

- a. Menander
- b. Euripides
- c. Sophocles
- d. Aeschylus

31. Which of Aristotle's works discusses the tragedy Oedipus Rex?

- a. Poetics
- b. Meteorlogica
- c. Constitution of Athens
- d. Nichomachean Ethics

32. Which of Aristotle's works concerns the golden mean?

- a. Politics
- b. Poetics
- c. Physics
- d. Nichomachean Ethics

33. Which philosopher wrote the allegory of the cave?

- a. Zeno
- b. Pyrrhon
- c. Plato
- d. Hypatia

34. Which elegiac poet exhorted his fellow Spartans to bravery on the battlefield?

- a. Archilochus
- b. Tyrtaeus
- c. Mimnermus
- d. Simonides

35. Which poet wrote a poem, later adapted by Catullus, in which a lover demonstrates jealousy towards a fellow suitor?

- a. Callimachus
- b. Sappho
- c. Mimnermus
- d. Anacreon

36. Which of the following poets was from the island of Lesbos?

- a. Alcman b. Aesop c. Herodas d. Alcaeus

37. Whom did Plutarch consider to be the father of lies?

- a. Herodotus b. Strabo c. Thucydides d. Pausanias

38. Which philosopher wrote the paradox of the arrow?

- a. Zeno b. Heraclitus c. Anaximander d. Aristotle

39. Which of the presocratic philosophers developed the cosmogenic theory of the four elements?

- a. Ibucus b. Bacchylides c. Empedocles d. Parmenides

40. What lyric poet was famous for being struck blind for slandering Helen's beauty?

- a. Tiresias b. Teisias c. Stesichorus d. Pseudolus

41. Which Greek writer wrote parallel biographies?

- a. Plutarch b. Xenophon c. Josephus d. Eratosthenes

42. Which poet composed works honoring victors of the Isthmian games?

- a. Archilochus b. Pindar c. Ibucus d. Bacchylides

43. Which comedy by Aristophanes features a duel between Euripides and Aeschylus ?

- a. The Clouds b. The Wasps c. The Birds d. The frogs

44. Who makes up the chorus of Prometheus Bound?

- a. Suppliant women b. Sea Nymphs c. Clouds d. Furies

45. Euclid established which aspect of geometry?

- a. Plane Geometry
- b. Trigonometry
- c. Graph Theory
- d. Cartesian plane

46. Which of the following did Pythagoras NOT advocate?

- a. Atomism
- b. Vegetarianism
- c. The application of math to Philosophy
- d. Reincarnation

47. Which of the following was a nephew of Aristotle?

- a. Bion
- b. Xeneophon
- c. Alexander
- d. Callisthenes

48. Who is largely considered the founder of Neo-Platonism?

- a. Hypatia
- b. Porphyry
- c. Plotinus
- d. Proclus

49. In the Iliad, which mortal wounds not one but two gods?

- a. Achilles
- b. Hector
- c. Diomedes
- d. Ajax

50. Add the total number of extant new comedies, plus the number of books in the Homeric epics, minus the number of books in the Argonautica.

- a. 33
- b. 45
- c. 25
- d. 78