

FJCL REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2017
GREEK LITERATURE

1. Which of the following sets of philosophers is in the correct chronological order?
 - a. Plato, Aristotle, Socrates
 - b. Plato, Socrates, Aristotle
 - c. Socrates, Aristotle, Plato
 - d. Socrates, Plato, Aristotle

2. What is the name of the defendant in Lysias' *On the Murder of Erastosthenes*?
 - a. Timarchus
 - b. Lysias
 - c. Alcibiades
 - d. Euphiletus

3. The author Lucretius wrote the *De Rerum Natura* to explain the teachings of _____ to his fellow Romans.
 - a. Socrates
 - b. Epicurus
 - c. Zeno
 - d. Antisthenes

4. Which of the following writers has a poetic meter named after them?
 - a. Sappho
 - b. Strabo
 - c. Antisthenes
 - d. Aristarchus

5. Which of the following is NOT a tragedy written by Euripides?
 - a. *Bacchae*
 - b. *Medea*
 - c. *Orestes*
 - d. *Antigone*

6. In Plato's *Symposium*, who tells the story of lovers originally having been connected as one person (with four legs and four arms) before Zeus struck them with a thunderbolt to separate them?
 - a. Phaedrus
 - b. Aristophanes
 - c. Socrates
 - d. Alcibiades

7. In which of his works does Hesiod describe the five ages of man?
 - a. *Theogony*
 - b. *Iliad*
 - c. *Works and Days*
 - d. *Odyssey*

8. The *Iliad* opens with the _____ of Achilles.
 - a. wrath
 - b. courage
 - c. arrogance
 - d. fame

9. Which writer was a member of the famed mercenary group, the Ten Thousand, which made the harrowing trek from Persia to the Black Sea?

- a. Herodotus b. Pausanias c. Xenophon d. Diogenes

10. To whom do we attribute the invention of the mask worn during theatrical productions?

- a. Euripides b. Dionysus c. Pittacus d. Thespis

11. Which of the Seven Sages is said to have visited Croesus the king of Lydia?

- a. Bias b. Solon c. Periander d. Pittacus

12. Demosthenes wrote a series of speeches against _____ of Macedon and his imminent invasion of Greece.

- a. Philip b. Darius c. Clitus d. Alexander

13. Which writer is best known for his bucolic poetry?

- a. Anacreon b. Simonides c. Tyrtaeus d. Theocritus

14. The _____ believed that the path to happiness was through virtue.

- a. Stoics b. Cynics c. Sceptics d. Epicureans

15. Considered the greatest writer of New Comedy, this writer died by drowning in the harbor of Piraeus in 292 BC.

- a. Aristophanes b. Aristipphon c. Metagenes d. Menander

16. Which of the following poets wrote an extensive number of poems about his love interest, a young man named Cynus?

- a. Pindar b. Ibycus c. Theognis d. Bacchylides

17. In Aeschines' *Against Timarchus*, what crime did Aeschines accuse Timarchus of committing?

- a. gambling b. slander c. prostitution d. dereliction of duty

18. Who is the Greek counterpart to Romulus in Plutarch's *Parallel Lives*?

- a. Agamemnon b. Theseus c. Oedipus d. Alexander the Great

19. Who is responsible for writing a sort of travel catalogue of ancient Greece entitled *Descriptions of Greece*?

- a. Strabo b. Lucian c. Pausanias d. Aristedes of Miletus

20. Which of the following plays is NOT a part of Aeschylus' *Oresteia*?

- a. *Orestes* b. *Agamemnon* c. *The Libation Bearers* d. *Eumenides*

21. For what reason was Socrates forced to commit suicide?

- a. speaking out against the aristocracy c. corrupting the youths of Athens
b. conspiring to commit treason d. stealing from the treasury at Delphi

22. Who wrote an epic poem about the hero Jason and his quest for the Golden Fleece?

- a. Apollonius of Rhodes b. Aeschylus c. Homer d. Euripides

23. Who is referred to as the father of medicine?

- a. Hippias b. Hipparchus c. Hippocrates d. Hippomenes

24. Which comedy features Good Argument and Worse Argument as key characters?

- a. *The Frogs* b. *The Wasps* c. *The Peace* d. *The Clouds*

25. Which writer is responsible for famously recounting Pericles' funeral oration?

- a. Thucydides b. Herodotus c. Aeschylus d. Plutarch

26. Which lyric poet writes a poem about abandoning his shield on the battlefield?

- a. Alcaeus b. Alcman c. Archilochus d. Tyrtaeus

27. Which of the following in the canon of the Ten Attic Orators was the last to die?
a. Lysias b. Isocrates c. Demosthenes d. Antiphon
28. Which of the following meters is used in epic poetry?
a. iambic pentameter b. dactylic hexameter c. elegiac couplets d. hendecasyllabics
29. An *epinician* ode is most often read after _____.
a. a victory in naval battle c. the death of mother in childbirth
b. a victory at the games d. the death of a soldier in battle
30. Who wrote the *History of the Persian Wars* and is considered the father of history?
a. Thucydides b. Theocritus c. Hesiod d. Herodotus
31. Which tragedian wrote the *Seven Against Thebes*?
a. Aeschylus b. Euripides c. Sophocles d. Thespis
32. Who was the first Greek author to have Medea murder her children?
a. Creophylus b. Eumelus c. Euripides d. Apollonius of Rhodes
33. Which Pre-Socratic philosopher, considered the earliest Greek scientist, believed that water was the primary substance?
a. Anaximander b. Anaximenes c. Thales d. Parmenides
34. Which philosopher from Ephesus and author of *On Nature* said that fire was the was primary element?
a. Empedocles b. Heraclitus c. Plato d. Aristippus
35. Which playwright is said to have increased the chorus from twelve to fifteen members?
a. Aeschylus b. Euripides c. Sophocles d. Thespis

36. According to which poet is Pelops able to win his chariot race and the hand of Hippodamia with the help of his former lover, Poseidon?

- a. Simonides b. Alcaeus c. Arion d. Pindar

37. Which Greek orator is said to have had a speech impediment and cured himself by speaking with pebbles in his mouth?

- a. Demosthenes b. Aeschines c. Isocrates d. Lycurgus

38. Catullus 66 is often thought to be a translation of a now lost poem written by _____.

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

39. Which of Sappho's poems contains one of the most famous examples of a priamel?

- a. 5 b. 16 c. 44 d. 94

40. Which scientist from Syracuse is said to have invented special machines to hurl enormous loads at invading Roman ships?

- a. Galen b. Eratosthenes c. Archimedes d. Hippocrates

41. Which of the following comedies does not include women as the main characters?

- a. *Lysistrata* b. *Ecclesiazusae* c. *Plutus* d. *Thesmophoriazusae*

42. Who wrote a 40 volume series on the history of Republican Rome entitled *Histories*?

- a. Plutarch b. Polybius c. Cassius Dio d. Dionysius of Halicarnassus

43. Which work contains a description of the lost city of Atlantis?

- a. *Timaeus* b. *Crito* c. *Phaedo* d. *Republic*

44. Whose followers were referred to as "Peripatetics" because they preferred to walk around while lecturing?

- a. Zeno b. Aristotle c. Socrates d. Callisthenes

45. A(n) _____ is a poem celebrating marriage.

- a. priamel b. propemptikon c. epithlamion d. ekphrasis

46. Sometimes considered the father of tragedy, this author wrote the *Phoenician Women* and the *Sack of Miletus*.

- a. Thespis b. Phrynichus c. Xenocles d. Agathon

47. Which of the following works was NOT written by Xenophon?

- a. *Oeconomicus* b. *Symposium* c. *Panegyricus* d. *Cyropaedia*

48. The _____ is the calf-length boot worn by tragic actors.

- a. chiton b. himation c. peplos d. cothurnus

49. While Leucippus is considered to be the original developer of the atomic theory, who is sometimes confused as the originator because of his later development of the theory?

- a. Democritus b. Diogenes c. Euclid d. Eratosthenes

50. What was the topic of Nicander's *Alexipharmaca*?

- a. poisonous plants c. antidotes to venomous bug bites
b. medicinal plants d. antidotes to poison