

## History of the Roman Empire

1. Year in which Octavian assumed the title of Augustus.
  - a. 43 B.C. b. 31 B.C. c. 27 B.C. d. 9 B.C. e. 14 A.D.
2. Enlistment in the Roman legions was for:
  - a. 10 years b. 15 years c. 20 years d. 25 years e. 30 years
3. Wife of Germanicus exiled by Tiberius.
  - a. Agrippina b. Julia c. Antonia d. Livilla e. Messalina
4. Emperor who conquered Decebalus.
  - a. Vespasian b. Domitian c. Trajan d. Marcus Aurelius e. Septimius Severus
5. Year in which Alaric sacked Rome.
  - a. 293 b. 333 c. 410 d. 476 e. 529
6. Which emperor attempted to build a canal across the Isthmus of Corinth?
  - a. Augustus b. Nero c. Hadrian d. Septimius Severus e. Constantine
7. Who was the last Roman emperor?
  - a. Romulus Augustulus b. Diocletian c. Theodosius d. Pertinax e. Claudius II
8. How many tribuni militum served under the commander of a legion?
  - a. 2 b. 4 c. 6 d. 8
9. The scapegoats for the Great Fire of 64.
  - a. Jews b. Italians c. slaves d. provincials e. Christians
10. Philosopher emperor who wrote the "Meditations."
  - a. Antoninus Pius b. Claudius c. Marcus Aurelius d. Constantine e. Alexander Severus
11. Which emperor was called "the Apostate"?
  - a. Julian b. Constantine c. Theodosius d. Galerius
12. The goddess of Egypt whose worship was prevalent throughout the Roman Empire.
  - a. Cleopatra b. Mithras c. Osiris d. Isis e. Apis
13. Which Roman emperor abdicated?
  - a. Trajan b. Marcus Aurelius c. Septimius Severus d. Diocletian e. Constantine

14. The German leader who defeated Varus in 9 A.D.
  - a. Divitiacus
  - b. Arminius
  - c. Dumnorix
  - d. Ariovistus
  - e. Maroboduus
15. The succession during the period of "The Five Good Emperors" was based on:
  - a. heredity
  - b. war
  - c. co-optation
  - d. senatorial decree
16. Military emperor who died in Britain in 211.
  - a. Constantine
  - b. Commodus
  - c. Gallienus
  - d. Septimius Severus
  - e. Diocletian
17. The Edict of Milan was issued in what year?
  - a. 64
  - b. 180
  - c. 212
  - d. 313
  - e. 324
18. Who built the Domus Aurea?
  - a. Augustus
  - b. Caligula
  - c. Nero
  - d. Domitian
  - e. Hadrian
19. The emperor who visited every province of the Roman Empire during his reign.
  - a. Augustus
  - b. Nero
  - c. Domitian
  - d. Hadrian
  - e. Commodus
20. Emperor who extended Roman citizenship to all free inhabitants of the Empire.
  - a. Augustus
  - b. Nero
  - c. Hadrian
  - d. Septimius Severus
  - e. Caracalla
21. Where did Tiberius spend most of his last years as emperor?
  - a. Cumae
  - b. Naples
  - c. Tarentum
  - d. Capri
  - e. Tivoli
22. Who built a wall across the frontier of the province of Britain?
  - a. Caesar
  - b. Claudius
  - c. Vespasian
  - d. Hadrian
  - e. Septimius Severus
23. The Praetorian Prefect was chosen from what class?
  - a. Patricians
  - b. Equestrians
  - c. Plebeians
  - d. Freedmen
24. Simon Bar-Cashba led the last great revolt of the Jews under what emperor?
  - a. Tiberius
  - b. Vespasian
  - c. Hadrian
  - d. Septimius Severus
  - e. Diocletian
25. Emperor who raised a horse to the rank of Senator.
  - a. Nero
  - b. Caracalla
  - c. Commodus
  - d. Caligula
  - e. Domitian
26. Mother of the emperor Alexander Severus and virtual ruler of Empire during his reign.
  - a. Julia Donna
  - b. Marcia
  - c. Julia Maesa
  - d. Faustina
  - e. Julia Mamaea

27. Island on which Tiberius spent a voluntary exile.  
a. Rhodes b. Corsica c. Crete d. Cyprus e. Majorca
28. The death of which emperor marked the end of the principate?  
a. Nero b. Domitian c. Alexander Severus d. Diocletian e. Constantine
29. Under which emperor was the Praetorian Guard united into one camp outside Rome?  
a. Tiberius b. Caligula c. Nero d. Augustus e. Claudius
30. The siege and destruction of Jerusalem occurred under what emperor?  
a. Nero b. Vespasian c. Titus d. Domitian e. Nerva
31. The Greek biographer, Plutarch, received an honorary consulship from what emperor?  
a. Aurelian b. Trajan c. Constantine d. Caracalla e. Augustus
32. Against which emperor was the conspiracy of Piso directed?  
a. Tiberius b. Caligula c. Nero d. Domitian e. Marcus Aurelius
33. Zenobia was queen of what eastern city?  
a. Palmyra b. Babylon c. Byzantium d. Alexandria e. Jerusalem
34. Christ was crucified during the reign of what emperor?  
a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Caligula d. Claudius e. Nero
35. Empress who plotted with C. Silius to overthrow her husband.  
a. Agrippina b. Messalina c. Poppaea d. Julia Donna e. Marcia
36. The emperor-architect who built an enormous villa at Tivoli.  
a. Hadrian b. Nero c. Caracalla d. Marcus Aurelius e. Tiberius
37. The year the last Roman Emperor was deposed.  
a. 330 b. 410 c. 476 d. 529 e. 630
38. What man of letters died during the eruption of Vesuvius?  
a. Pliny the Elder b. Seneca c. Martial d. Juvenal e. Pliny the Younger
39. The ecumenical council of 324 was held in what city?  
a. Athens b. Nicaea c. Rome d. Milan e. Constantinople
40. The praetorian prefect who planned to succeed Tiberius.  
a. Burrus b. Macro c. Sejanus d. Tigellinus e. Ulpian

41. The conquest of Britain is attributed to what emperor?  
a. Claudius b. Augustus c. Domitian d. Trajan e. Alexander Severus
42. Built wall around Rome.  
a. Gallienus b. Constantine c. Aurelian d. Caracalla e. Julian
43. Year of the eruption of Vesuvius.  
a. 9 B.C. b. 14 A.D. c. 64 A.D. d. 79 A.D. e. 96 A.D.
44. Claudius's principal advisers belonged to what class?  
a. Patrician b. Equestrian c. freemen d. slaves e. freedmen
45. The elegantiae arbiter of Nero's court.  
a. Seneca b. Burrus c. Tigellinus d. Petronius e. Lucan
46. Emperor who had to contend with the invasion of the Marcomanni.  
a. Augustus b. Claudius c. Hadrian d. Marcus Aurelius e. Maxentius
47. The tetrarchy was created by which emperor?  
a. Diocletian b. Constantine c. Caracalla d. Septimius Severus e. Julian
48. Name of Germanicus' son who became emperor.  
a. Claudius b. Caligula c. Nero d. Tiberius
49. Emperor who instituted a new festival called the Iuvenalia.  
a. Caligula b. Commodus c. Domitian d. Nero e. Caracalla
50. Year of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge.  
a. 43 b. 70 c. 161 d. 285 e. 312

Tie-breakers: Fill in the blanks.

1-3. Give three of the powers assumed by Augustus which insured his supremacy.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ First emperor to be killed by a foreign enemy.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ First emperor to be captured by a foreign enemy.