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GREEK LITERATURE

N.B. All dates are B.C.

1. Which of the following plays was written by Sophocles?
a. Hippolytus b. Ion c. Philoctetes d. Agamemnon
2. Sappho's poems were
a. personal. b. political. c. religious. d. regional.
3. Which poet held high political office in Athens?
a. Archilochus b. Tyrtaeus c. Hesiod d. Solon
4. When Professor Higgins dropped marbles into Eliza's mouth to improve her diction, he was employing the method used by
a. Alexander. b. Pericles. c. Socrates. d. Demosthenes.
5. Which author was accidentally killed by a bird who mistook his bald head for a rock and dropped a turtle on it?
a. Euripides b. Aeschylus c. Aristophanes d. Menander
6. Which dramatist used stereotypes in his plays and was a great influence on the Roman writers Plautus and Terence?
a. Aristophanes b. Cratinus c. Menander d. Eupolis
7. Which philosopher discussed "the forms"?
a. Aristotle b. Pythagoras c. Plato d. Anaximander
8. Which author wrote about Socrates and Agesilaus?
a. Aristotle b. Thucydides c. Xenophon d. Plato
9. The speech of Pericles, preserved by Thucydides and containing the famous words "lovers of wisdom and beauty are we," was delivered
a. in the Assembly. b. at the dedication of the Parthenon.
c. in the law courts. d. at a state funeral.
10. In what work would you find accounts of the battles at Marathon, Salamis, and Thermopylae?
a. Cyropaedeia b. History of the Persian Wars.
c. History of the Peloponnesian War d. Memorabilia
11. Which orator was Demosthenes' most formidable political opponent?
a. Andocides b. Aeschines c. Hyperides d. Lysias
12. Which philosopher discussed friendship, politics, and drama as well as metaphysics?
a. Parmenides b. Heraclitus c. Anaxagoras d. Aristotle
13. Which of the following was NOT written by Plato?
a. Ion b. Symposium c. Physica d. Laches

14. The Wasps, by Aristophanes, is a satire of
a. philosophy. b. the jury system. c. war.
d. the position of women.
15. Which philosopher, born at Stageira in the Chalcidice, was the son of the physician to the Macedonian royal house?
a. Heracleitus b. Aristotle c. Thales d. Zeno
16. Which comedy revolves around word play?
a. The Frogs b. The Dyskolos c. The Knights
d. The Acharnians
17. Which of the following believed in the transmigration of souls?
a. Gorgias b. Democritus c. Aristagoras d. Pythagoras
18. How was the lyric poet Bacchylides related to Simonides, the famous author of sepulchral epigrams?
a. son/father b. brothers c. nephew/uncle d. cousins
19. What lyricist mocked the heroic code?
a. Alcaeus b. Alcman c. Archilochus d. Anacreon
20. Which poet is credited with a series of hymns to the gods?
a. Hesiod b. Homer c. Tyrtaeus d. Terpander
21. Which of the following is NOT a subject found in Plato's works?
a. philosopher-kings b. the myth of Atlantis
c. the catharsis of fear and pity d. the myth of Er
22. At his trial, what does Socrates propose as an alternative to the sentence of death?
a. loss of citizenship b. exile c. imprisonment d. fine
23. The Anabasis tells of
a. the Athenian losses at Syracuse.
b. the expedition of Greek mercenaries to Cunaxa.
c. Xerxes' expedition against Greece.
d. the revolt of Miletus.
24. In which Platonic dialogue are preserved the last words of Socrates: "I owe a cock to Asclepius"?
a. Phaedo b. Apology c. Crito d. Lysis
25. Who wrote two essays on education, one of them entitled Against the Sophists and the other The Antidosis?
a. Plato b. Isocrates c. Lycurgus d. Aeschines
26. Which philosopher uses a race between Achilles and a tortoise to argue against the possibility of motion?
a. Zeno b. Anaxagoras c. Democritus d. Empedocles

27. Each of the following plays has a character named Electra. In which play was she a married woman?
a. The Libation Bearers b. Electra (by Euripides)
c. Electra (by Sophocles) d. Orestes
28. In which play did Aristophanes describe a Utopia in the sky?
a. The Birds b. The Clouds c. Plutus d. Peace
29. Which poet wrote epinician poetry?
a. Theognis b. Hipponax c. Pindar d. Anacreon
30. Which island was the reputed home of Homer?
a. Chios b. Delos c. Naxos d. Teos
31. Which of the following quotations is attributed to the philosopher Heraclitus?
a. "Man is the measure of all things."
b. "You can not step into the same river twice."
c. "Surely someone else can be right, too."
d. "The unexamined life is not worth living."
32. In whose work would you find a description of the Archidamian War?
a. Thucydides b. Xenophon c. Demosthenes d. Herodotus
33. In the Odyssey, Telemachus is urged to go in search of his father. Where does he receive some hopeful news?
a. Sparta b. Pylos c. Ithaca d. Phaeacia
34. The time of the tyrants was a time of emerging individualism. Which author does NOT fit into this category?
a. Archilochus b. Theognis c. Hesiod d. Alcaeus
35. What is the term for an address to the audience by the chorus speaking for the author?
a. parodos b. stichomythia c. parabasis d. agon
36. According to Aristotle, tragedy originated in the
a. komos. b. dithyramb. c. monody. d. epinicion.
37. Which philosopher formulated the idea that the universe was guided by Nous (Intelligence)?
a. Parmenides b. Thales c. Leucippus d. Anaxagoras
38. Which author might be used as a source for information on ancient Egypt?
a. Aristotle b. Herodotus c. Plato d. Thucydides
39. Which of these poets was born in Italy, lived in Sicily, and wrote long lyric poems?
a. Alcaeus b. Pindar c. Theognis d. Stesichorus

40. Which of the following was born in Sicily?
a. Herodotus b. Anaxagoras c. Thales d. Gorgias
41. Euripides uses irony with telling effectiveness when he pits _____ against _____.
a. Theseus/Phaedra b. Jason/Medea c. Admetus/Alcestis
d. Pentheus/Agave
42. According to the sequence of events, which play comes LAST?
a. The Suppliants by Euripides
b. The Seven Against Thebes by Aeschylus
c. Oedipus at Colonus by Sophocles
d. Oedipus Rex by Sophocles
43. Which of the following scenes occurs FIRST in the Iliad?
a. The gods attend a banquet on Olympus.
b. Agamemnon puts his army to a test.
c. Achilles refuses to fight.
d. Apollo sends a pestilence.
44. Which orator had a great reputation as a speech writer for others, but the speech he wrote in his own defence was the one most widely admired?
a. Antiphon b. Andocides c. Lysias d. Lycurgus
45. Which play resembles the basic plot of Iphigeneia in Tauris?
a. Andromeda b. Hecuba c. Alcestis d. Helen
46. The opening scene of the Agamemnon is dominated by
a. the chorus. b. a nurse. c. a god. d. a watchman.
47. Only one Greek tragedy survives which is based upon historical material. What is its subject?
a. the Athenian defeat at Syracuse
b. the battle for Amphipolis
c. the Greek victory at Salamis
d. the fight at Marathon
48. The problem of man's frenzied violence versus his capacity for self-control is the theme of
a. The Eumenides. b. The Children of Herakles.
c. Medea. d. The Bacchae.
49. Which of the following is NOT true of Isocrates?
a. His father's fortune was lost in the Peloponnesian War.
b. He was a follower of Socrates.
c. He was a student of Gorgias.
d. He delivered his own speeches in court.
50. Whom did Odysseus meet first?
a. Cyclops b. Lotus-Eaters c. Aeolus d. Circe