

FJCL STATE LATIN FORUM 1998

LATIN LITERATURE

1. Roman literature begins with an inscription on
 - a. a tombstone.
 - b. a statue.
 - c. a safety pin.
 - d. a mileage marker.
2. Romans considered the father of their literature
 - a. Appius Claudius
 - b. Quintus Ennius
 - c. Cato the Elder
 - d. Gnaeus Naevius
3. Who was the first writer to connect Rome with Trojan legend?
 - a. Naevius
 - b. Pacuvius
 - c. Gellius
 - d. Livius
4. What Roman writer would one be reading if slapstick, word-play, and humorous insults were included?
 - a. Catullus
 - b. Ennius
 - c. Gellius
 - d. Plautus
5. Lucretius' De Rerum Natura reflects the philosophy of
 - a. Stoicism.
 - b. Epicureanism.
 - c. Scepticism.
 - d. Neo-Platonism.
6. Caesar staged a contest in 45 B.C. and awarded _____ the prize for his talent as a composer of proverbial sayings.
 - a. D. Laberius
 - b. P. Syrus
 - c. M. Calvus
 - d. M. Bibaculus
7. The meter preferred by Ovid for his Metamorphoses was
 - a. dactylic hexameter.
 - b. iambic pentameter.
 - c. elegaic couplet.
 - d. Sapphic stanza.
8. The Remedia was Ovid's "how to" manual for
 - a. curing common diseases.
 - b. mediating an argument.
 - c. breaking up a love affair.
 - d. caring for the elderly.
9. Lucius Varius Rufus, one of Vergil's literary executors, wrote a highly praised tragedy called
 - a. Bellum Punicum.
 - b. Iphigenia.
 - c. Thyestes.
 - d. Bacchides.
10. Vergil's didactic epic, the Georgics, gives instructions on all of the following EXCEPT
 - a. cattle-raising.
 - b. tree-growing.
 - c. bee-keeping.
 - d. wine-making.
11. Which of the following poets criticized Julius Caesar in his verse?
 - a. Catullus
 - b. Ovid
 - c. Horace
 - d. Propertius
12. Who penned this memorable first line: "I am minded to sing of bodies to new forms changing"?
 - a. Lucan
 - b. Ovid
 - c. Vergil
 - d. Horace

13. Which pair is **INCORRECT**?
 a. Propertius-Cynthia b. Catullus-Lesbia
 c. Tibullus-Delia d. Ovid-Valeria
14. A natural pause in a line of verse is called
 a. hiatus. b. diastole. c. caesura. d. diaresis.
15. Which emperor, a patron of the arts, wrote a poem to his soul which is extant?
 a. Augustus b. Nero c. Hadrian d. Claudius
16. Many ancient poets wrote a Medea. Which Roman author wrote one which was highly praised in his time, but has not survived?
 a. Gellius b. Seneca c. Petronius d. Ovid
17. Who wrote the famous line "What can I do at Rome? I am not good at lying?"
 a. Martial b. Lucilius c. Juvenal d. Horace
18. Petronius is sometimes called the first modern novelist for his tale of the Roman underworld called
 a. Pervigilium Veneris b. Mostellaria
 c. Mosella d. Satyricon
19. The Boys from Syracuse by Rodgers and Hart was based on Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors the inspiration for which was Plautus'
 a. Amphitryon. b. Menaechmi. c. Asinaria. d. Aulularia.
20. Most of Cicero's correspondence that survives was addressed to
 a. Tullia. b. Atticus. c. Quintus. d. Terentia.
21. In which work of Cicero does Scipio's dream appear?
 a. De Officiis b. De Re Publica
 c. De Amicitia d. De Senectute
22. The question of why the wicked sometimes prosper and the good suffer is discussed by Cicero in
 a. De Natura Deorum. b. Paradoxa.
 c. Tusculanae Disputationes. d. De Legibus.
23. Cicero delivered one of his few failures as an advocate in his unsuccessful defense of
 a. Pompey. b. Archias. c. Milo. d. Verres.
24. The eighth book of Caesar's Commentarii de Bello Gallico is generally considered to be the work of
 a. Sallustius. b. Hirtius. c. Oppius. d. Labienus.

25. Phaedrus, a former Greek slave, became well-known as a composer of
a. epigrams. b. farce. c. elegies. d. fables.
26. A. Cornelius Celsus compiled and published an encyclopedia on medicine during the reign of
a. Tiberius. b. Galba. c. Caligula. d. Hadrian.
27. The Agricola is a biography by
a. Cato the Elder. b. Tacitus.
c. Seneca the Younger. d. Livy.
28. A model for letter writers, Pliny the Younger enjoyed a famous correspondence with the emperor
a. Hadrian. b. Vespasian. c. Trajan. d. Domitian.
29. Which of the following authors did **NOT** write a history?
a. Fabius Pictor b. Velleius Paterculus
c. Pliny the Elder d. Seneca the Younger
30. Terence modelled most of his plays on the work of?
a. Aeschylus. b. Euripides. c. Menander. d. Sophocles.
31. Several Julio-Claudian emperors favored literature and were writers themselves. Which wrote a poem called Troica?
a. Nero b. Claudius c. Tiberius d. Caligula
32. Vergil's fourth Eclogue was addressed to _____, the founder of the first public library in Rome.
a. Maecenas b. Messala c. Pollio d. Agrippa
33. One of the few women prominent in Latin literature was Hortensia, the daughter of a famous
a. philosopher. b. orator.
c. rhetorician. d. historian.
34. The birthplace of Titus Livius:
a. Patavium b. Sulmo c. Calabria d. Venusia
35. We have ____ books of the Naturalis Historia by Pliny the Elder.
a. 17 b. 27 c. 37 d. 47
36. In which work does Briseis write a letter to Achilles?
a. Fasti b. Epistulae ex Ponto
c. Ars Amatoria d. Heroides
37. The first century A.D. was the Spanish century of Latin literature. Which of these authors was **NOT** a Spaniard?
a. Martial b. Lucan c. Tacitus d. Quintilian
38. An instructive work on architecture was written by _____ in 15 B.C.
a. Vitruvius b. Manlius c. Lucilius d. Pacuvius

39. Cicero's eloquent defense of literature came in his speech entitled
a. Pro Quinctio. b. Pro Milone. c. Pro Murena.
d. Pro Archia.
40. Which poem is **NOT** attributed to Vergil?
a. Moretum b. Catalepton c. Copa d. Ibis
41. Which is **NOT** a characteristic of mime?
a. female actors b. no costumes c. no masks
d. plebeian characters
42. The earliest published example of Roman oratory was delivered in 280 B.C. by
a. Appius Claudius. b. Cato the Elder. c. Servius Galba.
d. Curtius Rufus.
43. Many of Rome's lyric poets modelled themselves after the Greek poet
a. Callimachus. b. Oetius.
c. Apollonius. d. Theocritus.
44. What Roman author's work was used as a way of foretelling future events during the Middle Ages?
a. Cicero b. Propertius c. Seneca d. Vergil
45. Seneca the Younger's Epistulae Morales were written to
a. Nero b. his brother Novatus c. his son Lucius
d. Lucilius
46. The governor of Sicily whom Cicero prosecuted for extortion in six famous speeches:
a. Vatinius b. Verres c. Caecilius d. Catiline
47. The number of Philippics written by Cicero:
a. 14 b. 12 c. 10 d. 5
48. The poet Persius belonged to the _____ school of philosophy.
a. Epicurean b. Cynic c. Stoic d. Peripatetic
49. Seneca's mother to whom he wrote a "consolatio" for his exile:
a. Marcia b. Helvia c. Paulina d. Lucilia
50. Which poet envies the sparrow of his girlfriend?
a. Ovid b. Propertius c. Tibullus d. Catullus