

## FJCL STATE LATIN FORUM 2000

## GREEK LITERATURE TEST

1. Homer's Iliad is the tale of the wrath of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Hector b. Achilles c. Odysseus d. Agamemnon
2. The greatest female Greek poet is named \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Sappho b. Corinna c. Telesilla d. Aspasia
3. The "father of history" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Lysias b. Thucydides c. Xenophon d. Herodotus
4. The tragedy of a young woman who buries her brother in defiance of King Creon is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Medea b. Electra c. Antigone d. Helen
5. Which of these left no writings of his own, but is known to us through others' recollections?  
a. Plato b. Heraclitus c. Socrates d. Aristotle
6. Menander wrote \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Old Comedy b. tragedy c. lyric poetry d. New Comedy
7. Besides Homer, the greatest of early Greek epic poets was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Crates b. Pindar c. Hesiod d. Mimnermus
8. Most of Isocrates' writings belong to what genre of literature?  
a. oratory b. history c. tragedy d. philosophy
9. Apollonius of Rhodes wrote an epic whose fourth book concerns the love of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Heracles and Deianira b. Jason and Medea  
c. Theseus and Ariadne d. Perseus and Andromeda
10. What work contains a cry of "Thalatta, thalatta!" in its climactic moment?  
a. Aeschylus' Agamemnon b. Homer's Odyssey  
c. Herodotus' Histories d. Xenophon's Anabasis
11. Plato's last and longest work is his \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Republic b. Symposium c. Laws d. Timaeus
12. Who founded his philosophical school in the Garden in 306 B.C.?  
a. Zeno b. Epicurus c. Speusippus d. Aristotle
13. Callimachus wrote in the \_\_\_\_\_ period of Greek literature.  
a. Mycenaean b. Archaic c. Classical d. Hellenistic
14. Thucydides wrote the history of the \_\_\_\_\_ War.  
a. Trojan b. Persian c. Alexandrian d. Peloponnesian
15. What great king in the first book of Herodotus' Histories learns that no man can be called happy until he is dead?  
a. Cambyses b. Xerxes c. Croesus d. Darius
16. In which Aristophanes play does Socrates appear as a character?  
a. Clouds b. Wasps c. Birds d. Acharnians

17. Whose Description of Greece is a valuable source of information on the ancient world?  
 a. Apollodorus b. Dionysius of Halicarnassus c. Pausanias  
 d. Strabo
18. We have extant Homeric Hymns dealing with all except the following:  
 a. The punishment of Actaeon by Artemis  
 b. The loss and return of Persephone  
 c. The love of Aphrodite for Anchises  
 d. Hermes' theft of Apollo's cattle
19. Who argues in his Panegyricus that all Greece must unite under Athens' leadership for war against Persia?  
 a. Lysias b. Demosthenes c. Aeschines d. Isocrates
20. Who wrote the Constitution of Athens?  
 a. Solon b. Plato c. Parmenides d. Aristotle
21. Whose Lock of Berenice did Catullus later translate?  
 a. Sappho b. Callimachus c. Herodes c. Anacreon
22. In what Aristophanes play does the hero ride to heaven on a dung-beetle?  
 a. Birds b. Clouds c. Peace d. Knights
23. Both Plato and Xenophon wrote works titled:  
 a. Apology and Symposium b. Republic and Symposium  
 c. Memorabilia and Apology d. Symposium and Memorabilia
24. Which of these was not written by Aristotle?  
 a. Prior Analytics b. Oeconomicus c. Physics d. Nichomachean Ethics
25. In the development of drama, who is said to have been the first to have a speaking actor interact with a chorus?  
 a. Aeschylus b. Choerilus c. Thespis d. Stesichorus
26. Which tragedian wrote three extant plays about Oedipus?  
 a. Sophocles b. Euripides c. Aeschylus d. Agathon
27. Which Platonic dialogue ends with the death of Socrates?  
 a. Meno b. Phaedo c. Charmides d. Phaedrus
28. Which of these happens last in Thucydides' work?  
 a. the slaughter of the Melians b. the plague at Athens  
 c. the invasion of Sicily d. the return of Alcibiades from exile
29. Which iambic poet from Ephesus prayed to Hermes for warm clothing and attacked the sculptor Bupalus?  
 a. Archilochus b. Hipponax c. Critias d. Semonides
30. At the beginning of the Odyssey, Zeus cites \_\_\_\_\_ as an example of someone who creates his own troubles and blames the gods for them.  
 a. Agamemnon b. Achilles c. Aegisthus d. Aeneas
31. Who discusses healthy and degenerate types of constitutions in his Politics?  
 a. Plato b. Zeno c. Eudemus d. Aristotle

32. In which of Aeschylus' plays does Electra appear as a major character?  
 a. Agamemnon b. The Eumenides c. The Suppliants  
 d. The Libation Bearers
33. Herodotus was born in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Athens b. Southern Italy c. Asia Minor d. Crete
34. Who wrote rhetorical declamations defending Helen and Palamedes?  
 a. Agathon b. Polus c. Protagoras d. Gorgias
35. Who wrote short skits known as mimes?  
 a. Theophrastus b. Herodas c. Bion d. Moschus
36. Who wrote an epic poem about the origins and genealogies of the earliest of the Greek gods?  
 a. Pindar b. Homer c. Hesiod d. Anaximander
37. In which play of Euripides does Heracles rescue the wife of a friend from death?  
 a. Alcestis b. Iphigenia in Aulis c. The Trojan Women d. Helena
38. What last play by Euripides was presumably completed by his son?  
 a. The Bacchae b. Orestes c. Helen d. Iphigenia in Aulis
39. Which of these was not included in the Alexandrian canon of the Ten Attic Orators?  
 a. Lycurgus b. Demosthenes c. Gorgias d. Lysias
40. Who wrote On the Mysteries?  
 a. Antiphon b. Andocides c. Isocrates d. Isaeus
41. The founder of the Cynics was probably not Diogenes, but  
 a. Menippus b. Crates c. Zeno d. Antisthenes
42. Who was born on Lesbos and wrote poems about politics and symposia?  
 a. Semonides b. Alcaeus c. Stesichorus d. Anacreon
43. Who established the Peripatetic school and wrote a series of character sketches?  
 a. Philodemus b. Chrysippus c. Theophrastus d. Ariston
44. Who explained all phenomena as the mixture and separation of four changeless elements?  
 a. Empedocles b. Anaxagoras c. Democritus d. Heraclitus
45. Who wrote a lengthy poem in iambs called the Alexandra, a prophecy of Cassandra foretelling the fall of Troy?  
 a. Menedemus b. Lycophron c. Callimachus d. Zenodotus
46. Who wrote the Philippica, a work in fifty-eight books centered around Philip of Macedon?  
 a. Theopompus b. Ephorus c. Megasthenes d. Nearchus
47. In which book of the Iliad are Agamemnon, Odysseus, and Diomedes wounded?  
 a. 11 b. 13 c. 15 d. 17

48. In which Aeschylus play does a ghost appear onstage?  
a. Seven Against Thebes b. Agamemnon c. Prometheus Bound  
d. The Persians.
49. Early writings were done on vellum, or parchment, made of  
a. the hide of cattle, sheep, or goats b. papyrus  
c. wax tablets d. wood fibers
50. Who was stricken with blindness for writing insulting things, which he later recanted, about Helen?  
a. Simonides b. Alcman c. Stesichorus d. Ibycus