

2007 FJCL State Latin Forum History of the Empire

1. What was the purpose of Augustus' *Lex Iulia de maritandis ordinibus*?
 - a. limit frivolous taxation
 - b. encourage birth of children
 - c. outline his line of succession
 - d. keep non-Romans from army leadership
2. Which emperor appointed Quintilian the first state-paid professor of rhetoric?
 - a. Vespasian
 - b. Augustus
 - c. Aurelian
 - d. Commodus
3. Who was Maximian's co-emperor?
 - a. Commodus
 - b. Aurelius
 - c. Decius
 - d. Diocletian
4. Which emperor was the last to rule a united Roman Empire?
 - a. Theodosius
 - b. Augustus
 - c. Marcus Aurelius
 - d. Constantine
5. Octavian became the first emperor when the senate conferred the title "Augustus" on him. In what year did this occur?
 - a. 31 BC
 - b. 44 BC
 - c. 14 AD
 - d. 27 BC
6. Who was the last emperor of the western Roman Empire?
 - a. Diocletian
 - b. Maximinus
 - c. Romulus Augustulus
 - d. Euphronius
7. The fall of the Roman Empire was caused by all the following *EXCEPT*:
 - a. incursions of the Visigoths and Vandals
 - b. technological inferiority
 - c. lapses of vigilance and discipline
 - d. decay and corruption
8. Marcus Aurelius had a colleague as emperor on two occasions. Which of the following was one?
 - a. Lucius Verus
 - b. Titus
 - c. Antoninus Pius
 - d. Caracalla
9. In the sequence of emperors, which emperor followed Otho, and preceded Titus?
 - a. Galba
 - b. Phillippus
 - c. Vitellius
 - d. Trajan
10. During whose rule was Christianity adopted?
 - a. Diocletian
 - b. Constantine
 - c. Nerva
 - d. Maximian
11. What did the Edict of Milan establish in 313 AD?
 - a. citizenship for all conquered peoples
 - b. the supremacy of Roman citizenship
 - c. a ban on gladiatorial spectacles
 - d. equality for all religions
12. Which of the following was NOT a Julio-Claudian?
 - a. Trajan
 - b. Tiberius
 - c. Nero
 - d. Caligula
13. The Patriarchs of the Church by the mid-5th century included all of the following *EXCEPT* which one of these?
 - a. Corinth
 - b. Constantinople
 - c. Antioch
 - d. Alexandria

14. Who first established the Praetorian Guard?
a. Caligula b. Augustus c. Nerva d. Tiberius
15. Who assassinated Caligula?
a. Pescerinius Niger b. Sejanus c. Cassius Chaerea d. Antoninus
16. Which emperor considered himself a reincarnation of Hercules?
a. Claudius b. Nerva c. Maximinus d. Commodus
17. Which wife of Claudius was related to Sejanus?
a. Agrippina b. Urgulanilla c. Messalina d. Aelia
18. Clodius Albinus became a rival for the throne of which emperor?
a. Septimius Severus b. Diocletian c. Commodus d. Maximian
19. All these emperors were known among the 12 Caesars of whom Suetonius wrote, **EXCEPT**:
a. Nero b. Galba c. Nerva d. Otho
20. This emperor introduced many social, economic, and political reforms; regulated inflation by controlling the price of goods and wages of workers; and removed the privileged status of Rome and Italy over the provinces. Who was he?
a. Augustus b. Diocletian
c. Marcus Aurelius d. Alexander Severus
21. Which emperor twice banned philosophers from Italy?
a. Caligula b. Domitian c. Galba d. Caracalla
22. Titus Aurelius Antoninus received the name “Pius” for which of these?
a. defining the role of the Pontifex
b. persuading the senate to deify Hadrian
c. becoming a martyr
d. becoming a Christian
23. Which emperor’s name was originally Momyllus?
a. Romulus Augustulus b. Septimius Severus
c. Tacitus d. Marcus Aurelius
24. What was the *alimenta*?
a. tax codes b. schedule of games
c. state patronage of the arts d. welfare program for orphans
25. Which of the following was a consequence of the battle of the Mulvian Bridge?
a. Odoacer gained control of Rome
b. Rome was united
c. Maximian gained the title of Augustus
d. Constantine gained possession of the western empire

26. During whose reign were the Caledonians defeated at Mons Graupius?
 a. Hadrian b. Claudius c. Domitian d. Theodosius I
27. Tiberius received the *tribunicia potestas* in what year?
 a. 10 AD b. 6 BC c. 14 AD d. 14 BC
28. Which future emperor pacified southern Britannia in 43 AD?
 a. Vespasian b. Galba c. Nero d. Otho
29. What province was added to the empire in 106 AD by Trajan?
 a. Armenia b. Arabia c. Parthia d. Boetia
30. Who completed the Aurelian Wall?
 a. Aurelius b. Numerian c. Claudius Gothicus d. Probus
31. Who was ruling at the time that Verginius Rufus refused the Principate and disapproved of the revolt in Gaul?
 a. Nero b. Vespasian c. Galba d. Augustus
32. Who introduced the concept of “innocent until proven guilty” as a legal principle?
 a. Augustus b. Marcus Aurelius
 c. Antoninus Pius d. Septimius Severus
33. Which leader oversaw the Vandal invasion of Africa in 429 AD?
 a. Odoacer b. Alaric c. Gaiseric d. Stilicho
34. Judea presented a problem to the Romans. During whose rule did Simon Bar-Cochba lead the second Jewish revolt?
 a. Hadrian b. Tiberius c. Trajan d. Domitian
35. In what year was the government transferred for military, commercial, religious and political reasons to Byzantium?
 a. 323 AD b. 330 AD c. 313 AD d. 476 AD
36. Whom did the Romans and their German allies defeat at the Battle of Chalon in 451 AD?
 a. Alaric b. Odoacer c. Arcadius d. Attila
37. Who changed Rome “from bricks to marble”?
 a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Marcus Aurelius d. Constantine
38. All the following are known as “Flavians”, **EXCEPT**:
 a. Vespasian b. Vitellius c. Titus d. Domitian
39. During whose reign were the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius?
 a. Domitian b. Galba c. Titus d. Nerva

40. Which emperor ended his life as a slave, having been captured by Shapur I?
a. Tacitus b. Diocletian c. Numerian d. Valerian
41. Which emperor killed himself after the First Battle of Cremona?
a. Gallienus b. Numerian c. Otho d. Aurelian
42. What was Galba doing when Nero died and he was appointed emperor?
a. Governor of Spain b. military commander in Brittania
c. Governor of Cisalpine Gaul d. Pontifex Maximus
43. Who was the first non-Italian born emperor?
a. Nerva b. Trajan c. Galba d. Caligula
44. Ceasonia and Julia Drusilla were both murdered after the death of which emperor?
a. Nerva b. Trajan c. Galba d. Caligula
45. He was consul with Vespasian in 71 AD and Domitian in 90 AD. Who was he?
a. Nerva b. Galba c. Titus d. Vitellius
46. Whose reign was best known for his persecution of Christians in 303 AD?
a. Constantine b. Gordianus III c. Galba d. Diocletian
47. The Eastern Roman Empire fell to the Turks in what year?
a. 476 AD b. 789 AD c. 1453 AD d. 323 AD
48. Which emperor disbanded the Praetorian Guard and installed a guard for which all legionaries were eligible?
a. Caligula b. Septimius Severus c. Galba d. Diocletian
49. Who was the first emperor to give money to the soldiers to ensure loyalty?
a. Claudius b. Augustus c. Tiberius d. Caligula
50. Which emperor was responsible for building the Olympeium in Athens?
a. Antoninus Pius b. Probus c. Phillippus d. Hadrian