

2008 FJCL State Latin Forum

Phrases, Mottoes, Abbreviations, and Quotations

Part I. Phrases

1. Which of these phrases would best describe a man such as Ebenezer Scrooge?
a. alieni generis b. amor nummi c. ars amandi d. aequo animo
2. Which of these phrases is most equivalent to the saying "live life to the fullest"?
a. viva voce b. sequens mirabitur aetas
c. mihi cura future d. bis vivit qui bene vivit
3. The class chatterbox is given a detention; what phrase might be written on the referral?
a. studium immane loquendi b. orator fit, poeta nascitur
c. verbis ad verbera d. dicta docta pro datis
4. Where would you likely read "horas non numero nisi serenas?"
a. on a tombstone b. on a sundial c. inside a book cover d. on a well or fountain
5. Which of these represents an action done according to custom?
a. de officiis b. ex cathedra c. ex more d. ex animo
6. "Arrectis auribus" would most likely pertain to which of the following?
a. someone hunting for gold b. a person recovering from surgery
c. an extremely lucky person d. someone straining to hear a conversation
7. What single Latin word meaning "foster-child" designates the graduates of an institution?
a. alumnus b. emeritus c. bona fide d. docendus
8. The British have a saying for a useless action, "to carry coals to Newcastle". Which of these was the Roman equivalent?
a. humanum est errare b. litem lite resolvere
c. in serum rem trahere d. in silvam ligna ferre
9. What Latin phrase can mean between two difficulties, as we say, "between a rock and a hard place"?
a. inter spem et metum b. inter pueros senex
c. inter pocula d. inter canem et lupum
10. What is the best meaning for "prima facie"?
a. at dawn b. at first glance c. on best behavior d. most beautiful
11. Which of these phrases indicates that greatness is achieved both by military and agrarian efforts?
a. virtute et armis b. omnes simul c. ense et aratro d. divide et impera
12. The Sunshine Law requires that all public records be available. Which Latin phrase sums this up?
a. in promptu b. in oculis civium c. in ambiguo d. in alio loco

13. Which of the following would contain a “dramatis personae”?
- a. a teenager’s diary
 - b. your Latin teacher’s class roll
 - c. a subpoena
 - d. a playbill

Part II. Mottoes

14. “Urbs in horto” is the motto of what US city?
- a. San Antonio
 - b. Chicago
 - c. New York
 - d. Sacramento
15. The Duke of Wellington acknowledged support from outside his own character with what motto?
- a. virtutis fortuna comes
 - b. virtutem sequitur fama
 - c. virtus castellum meum
 - d. virtutis gloria merces
16. The University of the South
- a. pro scientia et sapientia
 - b. pro Ecclesia et patria
 - c. ecce quam bonum
 - d. mihi cura futuri
17. Yale University
- a. lux et lex
 - b. lux et veritas
 - c. lux hominum vita
 - d. lux esto
18. South Carolina
- a. dum spiro, spero
 - b. dum tacent, clamant
 - c. dum vita est, spes est
 - d. dum vivimus, vivamus
19. Nil sine magno labore
- a. City College of NY
 - b. Fordham
 - c. Queen’s College
 - d. Brooklyn College
20. Scientia sol mentis
- a. Dartmouth
 - b. Duke
 - c. Delaware
 - d. Duquesne
21. Delegates to national forum held at Trinity University, San Antonio, often saw which motto?
- a. unum deum in tres, laudemus te
 - b. Deus Pater Filius Sanctus Spiritus
 - c. Trinitas in Trinitate
 - d. e tribus unum
22. How do the mottoes of Emory University and the University of North Dakota differ?
- a. Emory does not use the word “et”, North Dakota does.
 - b. North Dakota does not use the word “et”, Emory does.
 - c. Emory uses two “et”s, North Dakota uses only one.
 - d. The mottoes are identical.
23. Deo gratiam habeamus
- a. Maryland
 - b. Virginia
 - c. Utah
 - d. Kentucky
24. Mens et manus
- a. Harvard
 - b. Princeton
 - c. MIT
 - d. Cornell

25. Festina lente
 a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Nero d. Constantine
26. Dum vivimus, vivamus
 a. Stoics b. Jesuits c. Epicureans d. Cynics

Part III. Abbreviations

27. e.g.
 a. that is b. for example c. and others d. and so forth
28. ibid.
 a. in the same place b. by the same person c. at the same time d. together
29. AMDG
 a. may he rest in quiet slumber b. with no member contradicting
 c. final decree of the senate d. to the greater glory of God
30. p.r.n.
 a. only when prescribed b. as needed
 c. for emergencies only d. night and day
31. viz.
 a. against b. immediately c. compare d. namely
32. Which of these chemical symbols is NOT a Latin word?
 a. Sb b. Sn c. Am d. Ag
33. in the left ear (for prescriptions)
 a. a.d. b. a.s. c. a.u. d. a.c.
34. once a day
 a. q.i.d b. u.i.d. c. s.i.d. d. b.i.d.
35. he/she struck this
 a. fl. b. del. c. excud. d. inv.
36. Master of Surgery
 a. S.M. b. D.M. c. C.M. d. A.M.

Part IV. Quotations

37. When Cicero said “improbi hominis est mendacio fallere,” to whom was he referring?
 a. beggars b. liars c. craftsmen d. priests

38. Qualis artifex, pereo
 a. Julius Caesar b. Titus c. Augustus d. Nero
39. Satura quidem tota nostra est
 a. Quintilian b. Lucan c. Suetonius d. Seneca the Elder
40. Non amo te, Sabidi
 a. Martial b. Plautus c. Catullus d. Pliny the Younger
41. Odi et amo
 a. Juvenal b. Vergil c. Horace d. Catullus
42. Rident stolidi verba Latina
 a. Juvenal b. Vergil c. Ovid d. Catullus
43. Quot homines; tot sententiae
 a. Plautus b. Lucretius c. Pliny the Elder d. Terence
44. Arma virumque cano
 a. Tacitus b. Vergil c. Catullus d. Juvenal
45. Non omnis moriar
 a. Seneca the Younger b. Horace c. Seneca the Elder d. Cicero
46. Salus populi suprema lex esto
 a. Cicero b. Varro c. Hortensius d. Lucretius
47. Ne cede malis sed contra audentior ito
 a. Pliny the Elder b. Vergil c. Horace d. Ennius
48. Take the number of words in the motto of the state of Oregon, add how many times a day the abbreviation q.i.d. refers to, and multiply by the number of words in the phrase that means “thus passes the glory of the world”. What is the answer?
 a. 21 b. 64 c. 35 d. 28
49. Which of these quotations is by the Roman author whose cognomen can be spelled (with letters left over) by the letters in the motto of New Mexico?
 a. Carpe diem b. Errare humanum est
 c. O tempora, O mores d. Possunt quia posse videntur
50. Take the number of “s”s in Juvenal’s quotation that means “Who will guard the guards themselves”. Multiply by the number of “e”s in the motto of the state of Michigan. Subtract the number of “u”s in the expansion of the abbreviation “INRI”. Finally, divide by the number of “b”s found in the phrase meaning “a word to the wise is sufficient”. What is the solution?
 a. 2 b. 8 c. 20 d. 30