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Vitruvius, De Architectura 2.1.1

[1]Homines vetere more ut ferae in silvis et speluncis et nemoribus nascebantur ciboque agresti vescendo vitam exigebant. Interea quondam in loco ab tempestatibus et ventis densae crebritatibus arbores agitatae et inter se terentes ramos ignem excitaverunt, et eius flamma vehementi perterriti, qui circa eum locum fuerunt, sunt fugati. Postea re quieta proprius accedentes cum animadvertissent
[5] commoditatem esse magnam corporibus ad ignis teporem, ligna adicientes et id conservantes alios adducebant et nutu monstrantes ostendebant, quas haberent ex eo utilitates. In eo hominum congressu cum profundebantur aliter e spiritu voces, cotidiana consuetudine vocabula, ut optigerant, constituerunt, deinde significando res saepius in usu ex eventu fari fortuito coeperunt et ita sermones inter se procreaverunt

1. What is t a. a:	he best translation s	of <u>ut</u> in line 1? b. how	c. so that	d. because
a.ge	the form, case and u erund, dative of pur erundive, dative of r	•	b. gerund, ablative of n d. gerundive, ablative c	
	es <u>agresti</u> (line 1) me omines (line 1)	odify? b. more (line 1)	c. cibo (line 1)	d. vescendo (line 2)
	es <u>terentes</u> (line 3) ı rbores (line 3)	modify? b. se (line 3)	c. ramos (line 3)	d. qui (line 3)
a. tł	s Vitruvius say that ne dry leaves in the monumental droug		t (lines 2-3)? b. trees rubbing togeth d. one lightning bolt	er in storms and winds
6. Which of these grammatical structures can NOT be found in the sentence in lines 4-6 (Posteautilitates)?				
	blative absolute blative of means		b. indirect statement d. cum-concessive clau	se
 7. How does Vitruvius describe the people's first reaction to the fire (lines 4-7)? a. at first they were afraid but then realized its usefulness b. they were put to flight, unable to comprehend its usefulness c. they immediately recognized its usefulness, failing to understand any danger d. they recognized it as dangerous but began cooking nonetheless 				
	he best translation vith a nut	of <u>nutu</u> in line 6? b. nay even	c. by nodding	d. with a nudge

9. What use of the subjunctive is illustrated by hat	berent in line 6?
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a. relative clause of purpose	b. deliberative question
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c. indirect command d. indirect question

10. The phrase <u>ut optigerant</u> in line 7 indicates that the action in the sentence happened in which of the following ways?

	a. by chance c. by carefully planning	it	b. by design d. by force	
11.	What is direct object of <u>co</u> a. voces (line 8)	<u>nstituerunt</u> (line 8)? b. vocabula (line 8)	c. res (line 9)	d. there is none
12.	Identify the form and use of a. gerund, dative	of <u>significando</u> in line 8. b. gerundive, dative	c. gerund, ablative	d. gerundive, ablative
13.	What development is discu a. Man discovering fire c. The building of settle	2	b. The development of d. The development of	

Livy, Ab Urbe Condita, I.41

[1] Tarquinium moribundum cum qui circa erant excepissent, illos fugientes lictores comprehendunt. Clamor inde concursusque populi, mirantium quid rei esset. Tanaquil inter tumultum claudi regiam iubet, arbitros eiecit. Simul quae curando vulneri opus sunt, tamquam spes subesset, sedulo comparat, simul si destituat spes, alia praesidia molitur. Servio propere accito cum paene exsanguem virum
[5] ostendisset, dextram tenens orat ne inultam mortem soceri, ne socrum inimicis ludibrio esse sinat. "Tuum est" inquit, "Servi, si vir es, regnum, non eorum qui alienis manibus pessimum facinus fecere. Erige te deosque duces sequere qui clarum hoc fore caput divino quondam circumfuso igni portenderunt. Nunc te illa caelestis excitet flamma; nunc expergiscere vere. Et nos peregrini regnavimus; qui sis, non unde natus sis reputa. Si tua re subita consilia torpent, at tu mea consilia sequere."

14. Which of these is the best translation of <u>cum</u> (line 1)?				
	a. with	b. although	c. when	d. as soon as
15. W	hat is the case and usage	of <u>rei</u> (line 2)?		
	a. genitive, possession		b. genitive, partitive	
	c. dative, possession		d. dative, reference	
16. W	hat use of the subjunctive a. indirect question c. relative purpose clau	,	(line 2)? b. subordinate clause in d. relative clause of cha	
17. Ta	naquil did all of the follo a. order the palace to b c. care for the king's wo	e shut	b. dismiss the witnesse d. hide the king's body	-

18. What is the case and usage of <u>ludibrio</u> (line 6)?a. dative with special adjectivesc. ablative of means	b. dative of purposed. ablative of specification
19. In line 5, what is Tanaquil doing with Servius?a. reprimanding him b. giving him orders	c. begging a favor d. complaining to him
20. Which of these best describes <u>fecere</u> (line 7)?a. present active infinitivec. perfect active indicative	b. ablative of means d. present imperative
21. Tanaquil tells Servius that he should do which of t	he following?
a. kill the king	b. set fire to the palace
c. choose which gods he will follow	d. seize power
22. What is the best translation of excitet flamma (line	e 8)?
a. he is stirring up flames	b. he should stir up flames
c. let the flame stir up	d. should the flame stir up
23. <u>Nos</u> (line 9) refers to whom?	
a. Tarquinius and Tanaquil	b. Tanaquil and Servius
c. Servius and Tarquinius	d. the people of Rome
24. To what event does re (line 9) refer?	
a. a fire	b. the assassination of the king
c. the birth of a child	d. a marriage
25. The last sentence contains an example of what rho a. chiasmus b. litotes	etorical device? c. hendiadys d. anaphora

Suetonius, Satyricon, 1.3

Non est passus Agamemnon me diutius declamare in porticu, quam ipse in schola sudaverat, sed: "Adulescens, inquit, quoniam sermonem habes non publici saporis et, quod rarissimum est, amas bonam mentem, non fraudabo te arte secreta. <Nihil> nimirum in his exercitationibus doctores peccant qui necesse habent cum insanientibus furere. Nam nisi dixerint quae adulescentuli probent, ut ait [5] Cicero, 'soli in scolis relinquentur'. Sicut ficti adulatores cum cenas divitum captant nihil prius meditantur quam id quod putant gratissimum auditoribus fore — nec enim aliter impetrabunt quod petunt, nisi quasdam insidias auribus fecerint — sic eloquentiae magister, nisi tanquam piscator eam imposuerit hamis escam, quam scierit appetituros esse pisciculos, sine spe praedae morabitur in scopulo.

26. Which of the following is the best translation for <u>quam</u> in line 1?a. whob. whomc. thand. which

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27. What does Agamemnon do in the first sentence?a. He makes the author sufferc. He speaks for a longer time than the author	b. He starts to declaim d. He doesn't allow the a	in the portico author to continue speaking
28. What does Agamemnon think of the author's serma. He thinks it should be privatec. He thinks that it is tired and old-fashioned	onem mentioned in line b. He thinks that it is b d. He thinks that he sh	etter than normal
29. What use of the ablative is illustrated by <u>arte secre</u>a. separationb. means	t <u>a</u> (line 3)? c. description	d. cause
30. What part of speech is the word <u>nimirum</u> in line 3? a. noun b. adjective	c. adverb	d. preposition
31. What is the antecedent of <u>qui</u> in line 4?a. nihil (understood, line 3)c. doctores (line 3)	b. exercitationibus (lin d. adulescens (line 2)	e 3)
 Which type of conditional sentence is started by <u>ni</u> a. contrary to fact past c. future less vivid 	<u>si</u> in line 4? b. contrary to fact pres d. future more vivid	sent
33. To whom/what does the word soli (line 5) refer?a. the young menb. the teachers	c. the exercises	d. the schools
34. What rhetorical device is illustrated by the phrasesa. metonymyb. metaphor	icutcaptant (line 5)? c. personification	d. simile
35. What rhetorical device can be found in the words ja. anaphorab. tmesis	prius meditantur quam i c. chiasmus	<u>d quod</u> in lines 5-6? d. synchesis
 36. What is the specific form for which <u>fore</u> is an abbre a. futurum esse b. futuros esse 	eviation in this passage? c. fuisse	d. futura esse
 37. According to the passage, why do the <u>adulatores</u> in a. They are good friends to rich men. b. They cannot otherwise get the things they w c. They are trying to fool their dinner companie d. They want to influence the young men. 	vant.	
38. Which comparison is made in lines 7-9?a. The flatterers to fishc. Rich men to fishermen	b. Rich men to fish d. A master of rhetoric	to a fisherman

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- 39. Which of these best explains the case and use of praedae in line 8?
 - a. genitive, possession
 - c. objective genitive d. d
- b. dative, indirect objectd. dative with special verbs
- 40. What is the general tone that Agamemnon has towards teachers in this passage?
 - a. undisguised scorn

b. open hatred

c. bemused resignation

d. joyful glee

Seneca Minor, Apocolocyntosis, I

[1] Quid actum sit in caelo ante diem III idus Octobris anno novo, initio saeculi felicissimi, volo memoriae tradere. Nihil nec offensae nec gratiae dabitur. Haec ita vera si quis quaesiverit unde sciam, primum, si noluero, non respondebo. Quis coacturus est? Ego scio me liberum factum, ex quo suum diem obiit ille, qui verum proverbium fecerat, aut regem aut fatuum nasci oportere. Si libuerit respondere, dicam quod [5] mihi in buccam venerit. Quis unquam ab historico iuratores exegit? Tamen si necesse fuerit auctorem producere, quaerito ab eo qui Drusillam euntem in caelum vidit: idem Claudium vidisse se dicet iter facientem "non passibus aequis." Velit nolit, necesse est illi omnia videre, quae in caelo aguntur: Appiae viae curator est, qua scis et divum Augustum et Tiberium Caesarem ad deos isse. Hunc si interrogaveris, soli narrabit: coram pluribus nunquam verbum faciet. Nam ex quo in senatu iuravit se [10] Drusillam vidisse caelum ascendentem et illi pro tam bono nuntio nemo credidit, quod viderit, verbis conceptis affirmavit se non indicaturum, etiam si in medio foro hominem occisum vidisset.

41. How does Seneca charac a. the end of a very c. the end of a very	good age	b. the beginning of a d. the beginning of a	
42. What date is indicated b	y <u>ante diem III Idus Octobr</u>	is?	
a. October 11	b. October 12	c. October 13	d. October 14
43. What does Seneca assur		-	
	completely objective.		
c. He promises to giv	e only praise, not offense.	d. He pledges nothing	
44. What word is missing in	the first part of the senten	ce in line 4 (Ego…factur	n)?
a. esse	b. est	c. –que	d. esset
b. One should be ma c. One ought to know	ntioned in lines 3-4? s much like a king as possik de free by their king as soc v his own day of death. wither a king or a fool.		
46. What grammatical form	s the word <u>quaerito</u> in line	6?	
a. supine	b. gerund	c. imperative	d. syncopated infinitive

47. The phrase in quotation marks in line 7 in	dicates which of the following about Claudius?
a. he was not a fair man	b. he had not suffered equally to Seneca
c. he limped	d. he was like a horse

48. Under what circumstances will the curator of the Via Appia speak about what he saw, according to the sentence in lines 8-9?

a. Only when he speaks to one person alone	b. Only when the sun is out
c. Only while sitting on the ground	d. Only to many people at once

49. How was the good news that Drusilla had ascended to heaven received by the Senate?a. They were joyfulb. No one believed itc. They were afraidd. They were angry

50. How is <u>etiam si</u> in line 11 best translated?

a. nay even b. even if c. lest d. only if