

**Regional 2008 Certamen  
Latin I Certamen  
Round 1**

- 1 Who was the Greek god of blacksmiths? **Hephaestus**  
Bonus 1: What was his Roman name? **Vulcan**  
Bonus 2: Who was the Greek god of war? **Ares**
  
- 2 Give the first person plural imperfect of mitto. **Mittebamus**  
Bonus 1: Make mittebamus perfect. **Misimus**  
Bonus 2: Make misimus present. **Mittimus**
  
- 3 Who was the last king of Rome? **Tarquinius Superbus**  
Bonus 1 and Bonus 2 (5 points each): Who were the first 2 consuls of Rome?  
(Lucius Junius) **Brutus and Collatinus**
  
- 4 Give the Latin and the English meaning of the abbreviation N.B. **Nota Bene**  
Bonus 1: What state has as its motto, “sic semper tyrannis?” **Virginia**  
Bonus 2: Translate “sic semper tyrannis”. **Thus always to tyrants**
  
- 5 What were *factiones* in the chariot races? **Racing companies, racing teams**  
Bonus 1: What was the “backbone” around which the chariots raced? **Spina**  
Bonus 2: What were the turning posts called? **Metae**

- 6 At what battle did the Romans defeat Hannibal? **Zama**
- Bonus 1: In what year was this battle fought? **202 BC**
- Bonus 2: Which general defeated Hannibal? (Publius Cornelius) **Scipio Africanus** (they cannot just say Scipio, they must answer Africanus also)
- 7 What was the hole in the ceiling of the atrium called? **Compluvium**
- Bonus 1: What was the basin called that collected water below the compluvium?  
**Impluvium**
- Bonus 2: What was the colonnaded garden outside a Roman villa called? **Peristylum**
- 8 What does the Latin word *hodie* mean? Today
- Bonus 1: What does the Latin word *heri* mean? Yesterday
- Bonus 2: What does the Latin word *cras* mean? Tomorrow
- 9 Which goddess did Hades abduct? **Persephone** (Proserpina)
- Bonus 1: Who was Persephone's mother? **Demeter**
- Bonus 2: What was Demeter's Roman name? **Ceres**
- 10 Give the nominative singular of "the good farmer." **Agricola bonus**
- Bonus 1: Make *agricola bonus* accusative. **Agricolam bonum**
- Bonus 2: Make *agricola bonus* dative. **Agricolae bono**

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Round 2**

- 1 Name the emperors of AD 69 in order. **Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian**
- Bonus 1: What dynasty did Vespasian begin? **Flavian**
- Bonus 2: Name Vespasian's sons in the order in which they succeeded him. **Titus, Domitian**
- 2 What is the Latin motto of West Virginia? **Montani semper liberi**
- Bonus 1: What is the Latin motto of Maine? **Dirigo**
- Bonus 2: What is the Latin motto of Oklahoma? **Labor omnia vincit**
- 3 Where did Jason sail to find the Golden Fleece? **Colchis**
- Bonus 1: What king had possession of the Fleece? **Aeetes**
- Bonus 2: What advice did Medea give Jason about the "Seedmen" who grew from the dragon's teeth? **Throw a stone in their midst and let them fight each other.**
- 4 What was a visit of a client to a patron's house called? **Salutatio**
- Bonus 1: What was the cold basket of food which the patron gave to the client called? **Sportula**
- Bonus 2: What was the daily procession of patron and clients to the forum called? **Deductio**
- 5 From what Latin noun, with what meaning, is the English word "nautical" derived? **Nauta, sailor**
- Bonus 1: From what Latin word, with what meaning, is the English word "square" derived? **Quattuor, four**
- Bonus 2: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, is the English word "deposition" derived? **Pono, put, place**

- 6 Which Greek god carried the caduceus? **Hermes**  
Bonus 1: Which Greek god carried a thyrsus? **Dionysus**  
Bonus 2: Which Greek god carried the aegis? **Zeus (Athena is a goddess)**
- 7 What was a bride's veil called? **Flammeum**  
Bonus 1: What was a bride's tunic called? **Tunica recta**  
Bonus 2: What did a bride dedicate to the Lares on the night before her wedding? **Bulla (and toys)**
- 8 Translate this sentence into Latin: The boys were happy. **Pueri erant laeti.**  
Bonus 1: Translate this sentence into Latin: The girls will carry the dinner. **Puellae cenam portabunt.**  
Bonus 2: Translate this sentence into Latin. They have carried the dogs into the forum. **Canes in forum portaverunt.**
- 9 Give the dictionary entry for the noun which means horse. **Equus, equi, m.**  
Bonus 1: Give the dictionary entry for the noun that means king. **Rex, regis, m.**  
Bonus 2: Give the dictionary entry for the adjective that means bad. **Malus, mala, malum**
- 10 Name the members of the second triumvirate. **Antony, Octavian, Lepidus**  
Bonus 1: In what year was the second triumvirate formed? **43 BC**  
Bonus 2: Name the law which made it legal. **Lex Titia**

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Round 3**

- 1 Give the principal parts of the Latin verb meaning “place.” **Pono, ponere, posui, positus**  
Bonus 1: Give the principal parts of the Latin verb meaning “seek, head for, attack.”  
**Peto, petere, petivi, petitus**  
Bonus 2: Give the principal parts of the verb meaning “ find, discover, come upon.”  
**Invenio, invenire, invēni, inventus**
  
- 2 Which early Republican hero stopped the Etruscans from crossing a bridge into Rome?  
**Horatius (Cocles)**  
Bonus 1: What bridge was it? **Sublician Bridge/ Pons Sublicius**  
Bonus 2: What does Cocles mean? **One-eyed**
  
- 3 How long did a Vestal Virgin serve as a Vestal? **30 years**  
Bonus 1: How long was she in training as a Vestal? **10 years**  
Bonus 2: Besides keeping the fire of Vesta burning, what other responsibility was entrusted to Vestals? **Keep papers/wills, like a safety deposit box in a bank**
  
- 4 What group of sisters had snakes for hair and turned men to stone? **Gorgons**  
Bonus 1: Which sisters had one eye and one tooth between them? **Graiae**  
Bonus 2: Which sisters weaved the lives of men? **Fates**
  
- 5 Which college has the Latin motto “lux et veritas?” **Yale University**  
Bonus 1: Which college has the Latin motto “lux et lex?” **North Dakota**  
Bonus 2: Which college has the Latin motto “lux sit?” **University of Washington**

6 What was a name for the appetizer course at a cena? **Promulsis, gustus, gustatio, antecena**

Bonus 1: What was mulsum? **Wine mixed with honey**

Bonus 2: What was the rex bibendi? **Master of drinking (chose drinking games and amount of water in wine)**

7 Give the genitive plural of the noun meaning dog. **Canum**

Bonus 1: Make canum singular. **canis**

Bonus 2: Make canis dative. **Cani**

8 In what years were the 12 Tables written? **451-450 BC**

Bonus 1: What were the men called who were charged with writing the 12 tables? **Decemviri**

Bonus 2: Which Decemvir was most noted for his attempt to enslave the girl Verginia? **Appius Claudius**

9 Which young couple's death was said to have caused mulberries to turn red? **Pyramus and Thisbe**

Bonus 1: Which old couple took in the gods Zeus and Hermes when they were dressed as beggars and ended up being turned into trees? **Baucis and Philemon**

Bonus 2: Which couple repopulated the earth after a flood? **Deucalion and Pyrrha**

10 The English word "cornucopia" comes from what 1<sup>st</sup> declension Latin noun with what meaning? **Copia – supply, abundance**

Bonus 1: What English flower comes from a Latin word for a weapon? **Gladiola**

Bonus 2: The English word "festinate" comes from what Latin verb, with what meaning? **Festino – hurry**

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Finals**

- 1      What was the name given to the deified Romulus? **Quirinus**  
      Bonus 1: Who was Romulus' wife? **Hersilia**  
      Bonus 2: Who was Numa Pompilius' nymph consort? **Egeria**
- 2      Give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural perfect of the verb pono. **Posuistis**  
      Bonus 1: Make posuistis pluperfect. **Posueratis**  
      Bonus 2: Translate posueratis. **You (all) had placed/you had put**
- 3      Name the boatman for the River Styx. **Charon**  
      Bonus 1: Name the man punished in Tartarus by pushing a boulder up a hill. **Sisyphus**  
      Bonus 2: Name the man punished in Tartarus on a spinning wheel of fire. **Ixion**
- 4      What was the state treasury called? **Aerarium**  
      Bonus 1: What were the archives called? **Tabularium**  
      Bonus 2: What was the senate house called? **Curia**
- 5      Give the Latin motto and English translation for the state of Arkansas.  
      **Ad astra per aspera, to the stars through difficulties**  
      Bonus 1: Give the Latin motto and English translation for the state of South Carolina.  
      **Dum spiro, spero, While I Breathe, I hope [animis opibusque paratis, prepared in  
      mind and resources]**  
      Bonus 2: Give the Latin motto and English translation for the state of North Carolina.  
      **Esse quam videri, to be, rather than to seem**

- 6 What creature was born from the beheaded Medusa? **Pegasus**  
Bonus 1: Who tamed Pegasus? **Bellerophon**  
Bonus 2: With what did he tame Pegasus? **Golden bridle**
- 7 What is the ablative singular of “small sea?” **mari parvo**  
Bonus 1: Make mari parvo plural. **maribus parvis**  
Bonus 2: Make maribus parvis accusative. **maria parva**
- 8 Which exiled Roman returned at the head of the Volscian army? **Coriolanus**  
Bonus 1 and 2: Only Coriolanus’ mother and wife were able to persuade him not to attack Rome. Name them. (5 points each – must be clear on which is wife, which is mother) **Mother – Veturia; wife – Volturna**
- 9 Give the Latin for “a sound mind in a sound body.” **Mens sana, in corpora sano**  
Bonus 1: Give the Latin for “make haste slowly.” **Festina lente**  
Bonus 2: Give the Latin for “not of sound mind.” **Non compos mentis**
- 10 What was the job of an aquilifer? **Hold the eagle of a legion**  
Bonus 1: Give the names for a leather and a metal helmet. **Galea – leather; cassis - metal**  
Bonus 2: What was a soldier’s cloak called? **sagum**
- 11 Who co-ruled with Marcus Aurelius? (Lucius) **Verus**  
Bonus 1: Who was Marcus Aurelius’ son? **Commodus**  
Bonus 2: What type of philosopher was Marcus Aurelius? **Stoic**

12 Give the Latin verb, with its English meaning, from which we derive the English word “emissary.” **Mitto -- send**

Bonus 1: Give the Latin noun, with its English meaning, from which we derive the English word “pontificate.” **Pons – bridge; [you may also accept pontifex – priest]**

Bonus 2: Give the Latin word, with its English meaning, from which we derive the English word “onerous.” **Onus -- burden**

13 Name the three Fates. **Clotho, Lachesis, Atropos**

Bonus 1: Name the three Gorgons. **Medusa, Stheno, Euryale**

Bonus 2: Name the three Furies. **Megaera, Tisiphone, Allecto**

14 Which comitia elected the censor and consul? **Comitia Centuriata**

Bonus 1: Which comitia elected tribunes and quaestors? **Comitia Tributa**

Bonus 2: How often were censors elected? **Every 5 years**

15 Translate this sentence into Latin: The citizens stood in the town. **Cives in oppido steterunt.**

Bonus 1: Translate: The citizens will send the women into the house. **Cives feminas (mulieres) in villam (casam/domum) mittent.**

Bonus 2: Translate: The citizens had sent the slaves out of the city. **Cives servos ex urbe miserant.**