

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2009
CERTAMEN LEVEL I
ROUND 1

- TU1. Give the first person plural, imperfect active of mitto.
Answer: **MITTEBAMUS**
B1. Change mittebamus to the corresponding present tense.
Answer: **MITTIMUS**
B2. Change mittimus to the corresponding perfect tense.
Answer: **MISIMUS**
- TU2. Give the Greek name for the messenger god.
Answer: **HERMES**
B1. Give the Roman name of Hermes.
Answer: **MERCURY**
B2. Give the name of the staff that Hermes carried.
Answer: **CADUCEUS**
- TU3. Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive “peril.”
Answer: **PERICULUM - DANGER**
B1. Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive “session.”
Answer: **SEDEO - SIT**
B2. Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive “doctor.”
Answer: **DOCEO - TEACH**
- TU4. Give the abbreviation that means ‘note well.’
Answer: **N.B.**
B1. Give the Latin for the abbreviation N.B.
Answer: **NOTA BENE**
B2. Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation P.S.
Answer: **POST SCRIPTUM, WRITTEN AFTERWARDS**
- TU5. Who was the first of the Five Good Emperors?
Answer: **NERVA**
B1. Who succeeded Nerva?
Answer: **TRAJAN**
B2. Who succeeded Trajan?
Answer: **HADRIAN**
- TU6. Say in Latin, “the good sailor.”
Answer: **AGRICOLA BONUS**
B1. Make “agricola bonus” genitive singular.
Answer: **AGRICOLAE BONI**
B2. Make “agricolae boni” plural
Answer: **AGRICOLARUM BONORUM**
- TU7. Who was the second king of Rome?
Answer: **NUMA (POMPILIUS)**
B1. Which king was famous for conquering Alba Longa?
Answer: **TULLUS HOSTILIUS**
B2. The Horatii triplets fought for Rome. Name the triplets for fought for Alba Longa.
Answer: **CURIATII**

TU8. Give the name of the appetizer course of a Roman meal.

Answer: **GUSTATIO OR GUSTUS OR ANTECENA OR PROMULSIS**

B1. What did the Romans call dessert?

Answer: **SECUNDA MENSA**

B2. Name the fish sauce enjoyed by Romans

Answer: **GARUM OR LIQUAMEN**

TU9. Name the centaur who raised Jason.

Answer: **CHIRON**

B1. Which goddess helped Jason in his quest for the golden fleece?

Answer: **HERA**

B2. Where did Jason have to travel to find the golden fleece?

Answer: **COLCHIS**

TU10. Give the Latin term for the pool that collected rainwater in the atrium of a Roman house.

Answer: **IMPLUVIUM**

B1. What did the Romans call the colonnaded courtyard of a Roman house?

Answer: **PERISTYLIUM**

B2. Give the Latin term for the dining room in a Roman house.

Answer: **TRICLINIUM**

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ROUND II

- TU1. Say in Latin, “he will lead.”
Answer: **DUCET**
B1. Change ducet to the corresponding pluperfect tense and translate.
Answer: **DUXERAT, HE HAD LED**
B2. Change duxerat to the corresponding future perfect tense and translate.
Answer: **DUXERIT, HE WILL HAVE LED**
- TU2. Name the king of Troy during the Trojan War.
Answer: **PRIAM**
B1. Which of his sons was the greatest Trojan warrior?
Answer: **HECTOR**
B2. Who was Hector’s mother?
Answer: **HECUBA**
- TU3. Give the Latin noun that means burden or load.
Answer: **ONUS**
B1. Give the dictionary entry for the Latin noun that means death.
Answer: **MORS, MORTIS F.**
B2. Give the dictionary entry for the Latin noun that means night.
Answer: **NOX, NOCTIS F.**
- TU4. What is the Latin motto of Yale University?
Answer: **LUX ET VERITAS**
B1. Give the Latin motto of Tulane University.
Answer: **NON SIBI SED SUIS**
B2. What is the Latin motto of the University of the South?
Answer: **ECCE QUAM BONUM**
- TU5. What battle ended the 2nd Punic War?
Answer: **ZAMA**
B1. What naval battle ended the 1st Punic War?
Answer: **AEGATES ISLANDS**
B2. In what year did the Romans finally destroy Carthage?
Answer: **146 B.C.**
- TU6. In the sentence, “The girls gave the boys a dog,” translate “boys”
Answer: **PUERIS**
B1. In the same sentence, “The girls gave the boys a dog,” translate “gave.”
Answer: **DONAVERUNT OR DEDERUNT**
B2. In the same sentence, translate “dog.”
Answer: **CANEM**

TU7. Give the Year of the Four Emperors.

Answer: **A.D. 69**

B1. Name the four emperors in the correct chronological order.

Answer: **GALBA, OTHO, VITELLIUS, VESPASIAN**

B2. Name the dynasty that followed.

Answer: **FLAVIAN**

TU8. What was the title given to the chief priest in Rome?

Answer: **PONTIFEX MAXIMUS**

B1. Which priest looked for omens in the sky?

Answer: **AUGUR (OR AUSPEX)**

B2. Which priest checked the entrails of animals for omens?

Answer: **HARUSPEX**

TU9. Who flew the chariot of his father, the sun god?

Answer: **PHAETHON**

B1. Who flew too close to the sun despite the warning of his father?

Answer: **ICARUS**

B2. Who was the father of the sun god Apollo?

Answer: **ZEUS**

TU10. Which of these foods was NOT known to the Romans: artichokes, pumpkins, corn, peas?

Answer: **CORN**

B1. What was the best vegetable, according to Cato?

Answer: **CABBAGE**

B2. What meat was most common in ancient Rome?

Answer: **PORK**

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ROUND 3

- TU1. What is the Latin term for a bride's gown?
Answer: **TUNICA RECTA**
B1. Give the term for a bride's veil.
Answer: **FLAMMEUM**
B2. Into how many sections was a bride's hair parted?
Answer: **SIX**
- TU2. In the sentence, "Lucius, I am your father," translate "Lucius."
Answer: **LUCI**
B1. In the sentence, "Princess Leia, run quickly," translate "run"
Answer: **CURRE**
B2. Make curre plural
Answer: **CURRITE**
- TU3. Which couple's death turned the berries on the mulberry tree red?
Answer: **PYRAMUS AND THISBE**
B1. Since their parents forbade their relationship, how did Pyramus and Thisbe communicate?
Answer: **THROUGH (A CRACK) IN THE WALL (BETWEEN THEIR HOUSES)**
B2. In which city did Pyramus and Thisbe live?
Answer: **BABYLON**
- TU4. Where were the Romans defeated by the Gauls in 390 B.C.?
Answer: **ALLIA RIVER**
B1. Name the Gallic chieftain at this battle.
Answer: **BRENNUS**
B2. What did Brennus say to the Romans when they complained that he was cheating them?
Give your answer in Latin and translate, please.
Answer: **VAE VICTIS, WOE TO THE CONQUERED (VANQUISHED)**
- TU5. Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive "deposit."
Answer: **PONO – PUT, PLACE**
B1. Which of the following words is NOT derived from pono?
expose, compound, postage, possible
Answer: **POSSIBLE**
B2. Give the Latin verb and its meaning from which we derive "possible."
Answer: **POSSUM – BE ABLE**
- TU6. Give the Latin and English for the motto of the state of Kansas.
Answer: **AD ASTRA PER ASPERA – TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES**
B1. Give the Latin and English for the motto of Wyoming.
Answer: **CEDANT ARMA TOGAE, LET ARMS YIELD TO THE TOGA**
B2. Which state has a Greek motto?
Answer: **CALIFORNIA**

TU7. Which emperor began the tetrarchy?

Answer: **DIOCLETIAN**

B1. Who became sole emperor after defeating Maxentius in 312 A.D.?

Answer: **CONSTANTINE**

B2. Which emperor wrote a work of Stoic philosophy?

Answer: **MARCUS AURELIUS**

TU8. Translate the preposition phrase in the following sentence:

“The teacher told a story about the gods.”

Answer: **DE DEIS**

B1. Translate the word “goddesses” in this sentence: “The gods gave the goddesses many gifts.”

Answer: **DEABUS**

B2. In the same sentence, translate “many gifts.”

Answer: **MULTA DONA**

TU9. Which type of gladiator fought from a chariot?

Answer: **ESSEDARIUS**

B1. Which type of gladiator fought with a net and a trident?

Answer: **RETIARIUS**

B2. Which type of gladiator wore a helmet that obscured his vision?

Answer: **ANDABATA**

TU10. Who killed travelers by adjusting them to fit the length of his bed?

Answer: **PROCRUSTES**

B1. Whose lifespan was determined by the length of a log?

Answer: **MELEAGER’S**

B2. Which of the Fates determined the length of men’s lives by cutting the thread?

Answer: **ATROPOS**