

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2009**  
**HISTORY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE**

1. What was the real name of the emperor Nero?  
a. Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus      b. Gnaeus Domitius Ahenobarbus  
c. Tiberius Claudius Nero              d. Drusus Claudius Nero
2. Which emperor was called “restitutor orbis”?  
a. Honorius      b. Diocletian      c. Aurelian      d. Valerian
3. Which of these is a Flavian emperor?  
a. Otho      b. Nerva      c. Vitellius      d. Domitian
4. Which town was NOT destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?  
a. Stabiae      b. Heraclea      c. Herculaneum      d. Pompeii
5. Who was the stepmother of Augustus’ daughter Julia?  
a. Scribonia      b. Livia      c. Octavia      d. Antonia
6. Which emperor built the Domus Aurea?  
a. Claudius      b. Hadrian      c. Trajan      d. Nero
7. The daughter of the emperor Claudius:  
a. Claudia      b. Messalina      c. Agrippina      d. Octavia
8. In what year did Constantine defeat Maxentius?  
a. 305      b. 312      c. 330      d. 337
9. Which emperor thought of himself as the reincarnation of Hercules?  
a. Caligula      b. Domitian      c. Commodus      d. Elagabalus
10. During which years did Lucius Verus rule jointly with Marcus Aurelius?  
a. 138-161      b. 161-169      c. 161-180      d. 180-199
11. The Constitutio Antoniniana  
a. proclaimed religious toleration.      b. attempted to curb inflation via price controls.  
c. reorganized the Praetorian Guard.      d. granted citizenship to all free men in the Empire.
12. At the battle of Cremona in 69 A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ defeated \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Vitellius/Otho      b. Otho/Vitellius      c. Galba/Otho      d. Otho/Galba
13. Who was the grandmother of Severus Alexander?  
a. Julia Domna      b. Julia Maesa      c. Julia Mamaea      d. Julia Soaemias

14. Which emperor died of the plague in 270 A.D.?  
a. Claudius II    b. Valerian    c. Aurelian    d. Septimius Severus
15. Which emperor insisted on being referred to as “Dominus et Deus”?  
a. Caligula    b. Domitian    c. Galba    d. Nero
16. Which men served as Caesars under Diocletian and Maximian?  
a. Galerius and Maxentius    b. Maxentius and Licinius  
c. Licinius and Constantius    d. Constantius and Galerius
17. Odenathus, the king of Palmyra, died in the year  
a. 266.    b. 268.    c. 276.    d. 286.
18. Which emperor reduced Italy to an imperial province?  
a. Antoninus Pius    b. Marcus Aurelius    c. Hadrian    d. Trajan
19. Who was emperor when Rome celebrated its 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary?  
a. Antoninus Pius    b. Philip the Arab    c. Marcus Aurelius    d. Didius Julianus
20. Who was the ringleader of the conspirators who killed Caracalla?  
a. Geta    b. Plautianus    c. Plautilla    d. Macrinus
21. Which emperor promoted the worship of the sun god Emesa?  
a. Aurelian    b. Severus Alexander    c. Elagabalus    d. Commodus
22. Who was the Roman commander at Masada?  
a. Flavius Silva    b. Iulius Civilis    c. Machaerus    d. Sicarius
23. Who defeated the Caledonian tribes at Mons Graupius?  
a. Paulinus    b. Frontinus    c. Cerialis    d. Agricola
24. Under which emperor was Armenia added to the empire?  
a. Marcus Aurelius    b. Hadrian    c. Tiberius    d. Trajan
25. Which Julio-Claudian emperor was NOT a descendant of Marc Antony?  
a. Caligula    b. Nero    c. Tiberius    d. Claudius
26. Diocletian became emperor upon the death of  
a. Aurelian.    b. Probus.    c. Tacitus.    d. Carus.
27. Who gave Marcus Aurelius the nickname Verissimus?  
a. the Senate    b. the legions    c. Hadrian    d. Antoninus Pius

28. Livia died during the reign of  
a. Augustus.      b. Claudius.      c. Tiberius.      d. Caligula.
29. The first Roman emperor of provincial origin:  
a. Nerva      b. Hadrian      c. Trajan      d. Antoninus Pius
30. Whom did Constantine defeat at Adrianople in 324?  
a. Licinius      b. Maxentius      c. Constantius      d. Constans
31. Who issued an edict at Nicomedia giving Christians legal recognition?  
a. Constantine      b. Galerius      c. Licinius      d. Maxentius
32. Which emperor was captured, humiliated, and tortured by Shapur in 260?  
a. Aemilianus      b. Gallienus      c. Gordian III      d. Valerian
33. Whom did Nero appoint to quell the Jewish rebellion in 66?  
a. Galba      b. Vespasian      c. Otho      d. Vitellius
34. Marcus Aurelius Antoninus got his nickname Caracalla from his favorite type of  
a. cloak.      b. shield.      c. shoe.      d. cap.
35. Which barbarian leader is correctly paired with his tribe?  
a. Ataulf/Visigoths      b. Gaeseric/Huns      c. Ricimer/Vandals      d. Rugila/Ostrogoths
36. Which emperor ruled the longest?  
a. Claudius      b. Nero      c. Caligula      d. Tiberius
37. Which of the following did Tiberius NOT do?  
a. secured the return of the Roman standards lost by Crassus in Parthia  
b. stopped the advance of Arminius after the Battle of the Teutoberg Forest  
c. returned Tigranes to the throne of Armenia  
d. crushed a rebellion in Pannonia
38. Which emperor issued an edict in 362 guaranteeing freedom of religion?  
a. Julian the Apostate      b. Constantine      c. Galerius      d. Jovian
39. Which emperor allowed the first barbarian kingdoms to be set up within the borders of the Roman Empire, thus setting a precedent that contributed greatly to the fall of Rome in the West?  
a. Arcadius      b. Honorius      c. Theodosius I      d. Valentinian III
40. Which emperor replaced the post Praetorian Prefect with the two posts of Magister Peditum and Magister Equitum?  
a. Constantine      b. Diocletian      c. Marcus Aurelius      d. Trajan

41. Who was the first emperor of 193?  
a. Didius Julianus    b. Pertinax    c. Septimius Severus    d. Pescennius Niger
42. To whom was Poppaea Sabina married when she began her affair with Nero?  
a. Crispinus    b. Piso    c. Otho    d. Tigellinus
43. Which emperor built a wall in Britain north of Hadrian's wall?  
a. Antoninus Pius    b. Septimius Severus    c. Marcus Aurelius    d. Severus Alexander
44. Who was killed at the Battle of Adrianople in 378?  
a. Arbogast    b. Valens    c. Arcadius    d. Gratian
45. Which of these men died first?  
a. Alaric    b. Honorius    c. Stilicho    d. Attila
46. Who married Constantine's sister?  
a. Galerius    b. Maxentius    c. Maximinus Daia    d. Licinius
47. Whom did Didius Julianus outbid in the auction for the empire?  
a. Pertinax    b. Clodius Albinus    c. Pescennius Niger    d. Sulpicianus
48. Who was the first emperor after Augustus to hold the title Pater Patriae?  
a. Marcus Aurelius    b. Caligula    c. Tiberius    d. Vespasian
49. Which praetorian prefect was murdered in the presence of Julia Mamaea and Severus Alexander in 228?  
a. Ulpian    b. Paulus    c. Papinian    d. Diadumenianus
50. Who ruled jointly with Balbinus in 238?  
a. Gordian I    b. Maximinus Thrax    c. Pupienus    d. Gordian II