

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2012
GREEK LITERATURE

1. *Homeric Hymns* were written to all of the following deities EXCEPT:
a. Demeter b. Athena c. Apollo d. Dionysus
2. Which description would likely have fit Homer?
a. bald b. short c. blind d. lame
3. Hesiod wrote the *Works and Days* for his:
a. brother b. son c. father d. grandson
4. The slave credited with writing a number of well-known fables
a. Theognis b. Thespis c. Arion d. Aesop
5. What early lyric poet preferred to throw down his shield rather than return on it?
a. Archilocus b. Arion c. Anacreon d. Anaximenes
6. Which poet, a Spartan, wrote about war?
a. Alcman b. Tyrtaeus c. Ibycus d. Anaximander
7. Which of the following is said to have constructed the first map of the Earth?
a. Parmenides b. Empedocles c. Anaximander d. Anaximenes
8. Which poet's death was avenged by a flock of cranes?
a. Ibycus b. Pindar c. Bacchylides d. Steisichorus
9. This resident of Mytilene wrote on many topics, including politics.
a. Sappho b. Alcaeus c. Theognis d. Simonides
10. This man wrote epitaphs for the dead at Marathon and Thermopylae.
a. Bacchylides b. Herodotus c. Simonides d. Steisichorus
11. The house of this poet was the only one in Thebes spared by Alexander the Great.
a. Herodotus b. Arion c. Aesop d. Pindar
12. Which of the following philosophers believed that the primary substance was fire?
a. Empedocles b. Heracleitus c. Anaximenes d. Thales
13. Which was the Greek term for the "watching place" for spectators?
a. theatron b. skene c. thymele d. parados
14. Which of the following is a play written by Sophocles?
a. *Libation Bearers* b. *Prometheus Bound* c. *Suppliant Women* d. *Trachinian Women*
15. The only extant Greek tragedy written on an historical theme was
a. *Acharnians* b. *Persians* c. *Ecclesiazusae* d. *Thesmophoriazusae*

16. Which of the plays is NOT correctly paired with its description?
- The Frogs* – poetry duel between Aeschylus and Euripides
 - The Wasps* – a stab at the Athenian jury system
 - The Clouds* – Two Athenians move to a land in the sky to escape war
 - Peace* – a ride to heaven on a dung beetle
17. Which god is featured in Aristophanes' play *The Frogs*?
- Heracles
 - Hermes
 - Asclepius
 - Dionysus
18. Which man was purportedly killed by an eagle which dropped a turtle on his head, mistaking his baldness for a rock?
- Aeschylus
 - Herodotus
 - Menippus
 - Callimachus
19. The historical account of a Greek mercenary army which gave aid to Cyrus in Persia, was written by
- Pausanias
 - Eratosthenes
 - Xenophon
 - Callisthenes
20. Which author wrote "*Characters*" a series of sketches with each character humorously illustrating a different fault?
- Antisthenes
 - Bion
 - Nicander
 - Theophrastus
21. This author wrote about the stars and constellations, and Cicero, when he was a boy, translated one of his works into Latin.
- Aratus
 - Archimedes
 - Aristarchus
 - Anaximenes
22. Which sophist famously said, "Man is the measure of all things?"
- Corax
 - Gorgias
 - Protagoras
 - Thrasymachus
23. Which orator is NOT correctly paired with his work?
- Isocrates – *Panegyricus*
 - Demosthenes – *On the Crown*
 - Aeschines – *Against Ctesiphon*
 - Lycurgus – *On the Peace*
24. Which philosophers believed that the universe was periodically doused in fire?
- Cynics
 - Stoics
 - Sceptics
 - Peripatetics
25. Which man was nicknamed "Reader?"
- Aristotle
 - Plato
 - Hippocrates
 - Archimedes
26. This writer, the Rick Steves of the ancient world, wrote a guidebook for tourists.
- Pausanias
 - Strabo
 - Xenophon
 - Callisthenes
27. Creator of pastoral poetry and the author of the *Idylls*.
- Bion
 - Callimachus
 - Lucian
 - Theocritus
28. Apollonius of Rhodes was a student of
- Aratus
 - Callimachus
 - Eratosthenes
 - Eudoxus
29. Among the plays now lost to us from this author are: *The Fake Hercules*, *The Ladies Who Lunch*, and *The Possessed Girl*.
- Philemon
 - Euripides
 - Menander
 - Aristophanes

30. Plato was said to have wanted to burn all the works of this man, but could not do so because the books were already in wide circulation.
 a. Aristippus b. Democritus c. Diogenes d. Empedocles
31. This man, the MacGyver of the ancient world, was a well known inventor, physicist, engineer, and astronomer, even though his writings on mathematics were not published until hundreds of years after his death.
 a. Archimedes b. Aristotle c. Euclid d. Pythagoras
32. Although Epicurus began his own system of philosophy, he was originally a follower of
 a. the Milesian School b. Cynicism c. atomic materialism d. Stoicism
33. The Pythagoreans were known for their theory of
 a. the prime mover b. rejecting conventional values
 c. duality of appearance and reality d. transmigration of souls
34. This historian was a political realist. He included dialogues, such as the famous *Melian Dialogue*, to give eyewitness accounts to history.
 a. Hecataeus b. Herodotus c. Thucydides d. Xenophon
35. This historian wrote not only about war, but about geography and culture, including the stories of Gyges and Croesus in his history.
 a. Herodotus b. Pausanias c. Polybius d. Strabo
36. Which was NOT one of the Alexandrian Canon of Ten Attic orators?
 a. Dimarchus b. Isaeus c. Andocides d. Callistratus
37. Which of these orators did Plato praise in his *Phaedrus*?
 a. Andocides b. Demosthenes c. Isocrates d. Lycurgus
38. In 335 BC, when Alexander the Great demanded that Athens surrender this disciple of Isocrates, the people of Athens refused to do so.
 a. Democrates b. Hypereides c. Lycurgus d. Philinus
39. It is well-known that Demosthenes had a speech impediment. Which rival taunted him with the nickname, “Batalus?”
 a. Aeschines b. Dinarchus c. Isaeus d. Lysias
40. The satyr play of the *Oresteia*, _____, told the story of Menelaus’ detour to Egypt on the way home from Troy.
 a. Helen b. Menelaus c. Phantom d. Proteus
41. Not surprisingly, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides were interested in many of the same stories. Including works which are not extant, but whose titles we have, which one of the following was NOT a topic of a play by all three of these men?
 a. Iphigenia b. Medea c. Oedipus d. Sisyphus

42. Which student of Isocrates actually won an oratory prize while competing with his teacher, but eventually turned to writing history.
 a. Theopompus b. Timotheus c. Isaeus d. Ephorus
43. Which dialogue of Plato discusses the nature of love?
 a. Crito b. Apology c. Ion d. Symposium
44. Sophocles is known as the playwright who
 a. added a third actor b. wrote realistic characters
 c. won few competitions d. focused on victims of society
45. This playwright supposedly wrote his plays in a cave (with an impressive library) on the island of Salamis. We do know he was born on the day of the Battle of Salamis.
 a. Aeschylus b. Euripides c. Sophocles d. Aristophanes
46. Which orator wrote, “On the Mysteries,” his defense against a charge of impiety in attending the Eleusinian Mysteries?
 a. Aeschines b. Andocides c. Lycurgus d. Lysias
47. Which of these was founded by Aristotle?
 a. Academy b. Lyceum c. Ephebic College d. Stoa
48. Whose works cover the years 411 BC to 363 BC?
 a. Herodotus b. Thucydides c. Polybius d. Xenophon
49. Which book of the *Iliad* contains the famous catalog of ships?
 a. Book 1 b. Book 2 c. Book 3 d. Book 4
50. What city is the setting for *Antigone*?
 a. Corinth b. Athens c. Thebes d. Sparta