

2014 FJCL State Latin Forum History of the Empire

N.B. All dates are A.D. unless otherwise specified.

1. Which emperor fell in love with Berenice but conceded to public opinion and did not marry her?
a. Titus b. Commodus c. Hadrian d. Julian
2. Because he was childless, Nerva adopted Trajan. Before this time, an emperor had not adopted his successor since when?
a. Augustus adopting Tiberius b. Claudius adopting Nero
c. Domitian adopting Titus d. Tiberius adopting Caligula
3. Which of the following Severan emperors is paired with his correct Julia?
a. Julian Domna, mother of Elagabalus
b. Julia Mamaea, wife of Septimius Severus
c. Julia Maesa, sister-in-law of Septimius Severus
d. Julia Soaemias, mother of Severus Alexander
4. Where is Palmyra, the home of one of Rome's great archenemies, Zenobia?
a. Egypt b. Phoenicia c. Phrygia d. Syria
5. Which Praetorian Prefect under Hadrian was responsible for executing the "Four Consulars"?
a. Attianus b. Turbo c. Apollodorus d. Secundus
6. The Colosseum was completed under which emperor?
a. Domitian b. Titus c. Trajan d. Vespasian
7. When did Gaiseric, the Vandal leader who in 429 led his people into Africa, sack Rome?
a. 472 b. 440 c. 430 d. 455
8. In what year did Cleander appoint himself Praetorian prefect along with two other men, thus for the first time making three?
a. 189 b. 118 c. 185 d. 204
9. Which of the following ruled Rome during the city's 1,000th anniversary?
a. Maximinus b. Philip the Arab c. Gordian III d. Decius
10. Who was appointed in 308 at the Conference of Caruntum to replace the co-Augustus, Flavius Valerius Severus?
a. Maxentius b. Licinius c. Constantine d. Maximian

11. The mother of Nero Caesar, Drusus Caesar, and Julia Drusilla was
 - a. Agrippina the Younger
 - b. Agrippina the Elder
 - c. Antonia Minor
 - d. Livia Drusilla

12. At which 293 battle did Asclepiodotus defeat Allectus and re-establish Roman rule in Britain?
 - a. Mons Graupius
 - b. Londinium
 - c. Camulodunum
 - d. Silchester

13. How did M. Cocceius Nerva come to power?
 - a. He was Domitian's heir.
 - b. The conspirators who killed Domitian named him.
 - c. He was appointed by the Praetorian Guard.
 - d. He was selected by the Senate.

14. On what island did Tiberius spend nearly eleven years of his reign?
 - a. Rhodes
 - b. Chios
 - c. Capri
 - d. Delos

15. Who was the governor of Syria who allegedly poisoned Germanicus?
 - a. Paetus
 - b. Priscus
 - c. Piso
 - d. Cassius

16. Which of Valerian's sons was perhaps more successful in his writing of poetry than in his governing of the empire?
 - a. Aurelian
 - b. Gallienus
 - c. Quintillus
 - d. Tetricus

17. Galla Placidia and then Aetius essentially ruled the empire during the reign of
 - a. Honorius
 - b. Valentinian III
 - c. Arcadius
 - d. Theodosius II

18. Septimius Severus secured his throne in 197 by defeating the forces of Clodius Albinus at what battle?
 - a. Interamna
 - b. Lugdunum
 - c. Nemausus
 - d. Mediolanum

19. Choose the events listed correctly in chronological order:
 - a. Edict of Toleration, Battle of Milvian Bridge, the beginning of the Tetrarchy
 - b. Edict of Toleration, the beginning of the Tetrarchy, Battle of Milvian Bridge
 - c. The beginning of the Tetrarchy, Edict of Milan, Battle of Milvian Bridge
 - d. The beginning of the Tetrarchy, Battle of Milvian Bridge, Edict of Milan

20. What city did Ricimer take in 472 after defeating Anthemius?
 - a. Rome
 - b. Constantinople
 - c. Chrysopolis
 - d. Carnuntum

21. Who did not NOT rule in 238?
 - a. Claudius II
 - b. Gordianus I
 - c. Gordianus II
 - d. Balbinus

22. When Valentinian I came to power in 364 and realized he could not rule alone, whom did he appoint as co-emperor?
 - a. Valens
 - b. Valerian
 - c. Valentinian II
 - d. Lucius Verus

23. Subtract the number of Flavian emperors from the number of good emperors. What number do you get?
a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4
24. Tiberius Claudius Drusus Nero Germanicus is better known as
a. Nero b. Caligula c. Claudius d. Tiberius
25. Who was the third Julio-Claudian emperor?
a. Caligula b. Claudius c. Nero d. Tiberius
26. Who was Theodosius II's sister who held the true power in Rome, even though he was their father's successor?
a. Aelia b. Pulcheria c. Petronia d. Honoria
27. Where did Marcus Aurelius die?
a. Athens b. Lugdunum c. Rome d. Vindobona
28. Which emperor promised not to sentence a senator to death unless the Senate itself condemned him?
a. Augustus b. Marcus Aurelius c. Vespasian d. Nerva
29. Where was the emperor Trajan born?
a. Dacia b. Gaul c. Italy d. Spain
30. Which emperor maintained the censorship for financial reasons and recruited many new members, both Italian and provincial, to the Senate?
a. Caligula b. Trajan c. Nerva d. Vespasian
31. While Augustus ruled Rome from 27 B.C. until A.D. 14, he allowed others to hold the consulship during his principate. What famous figure was consul in 1?
a. Tiberius b. Germanicus c. Gaius Caesar d. Drusus
32. Who was the only Roman emperor who did NOT hold the title "Augustus"?
a. Caligula b. Macrinus c. Tiberius d. Vitellius
33. Whom did Augustus banish in 7 to Planasia?
a. Tiberius b. Julia c. Ovid d. Agrippa Postumus
34. John the Baptist was killed during the reign of what emperor?
a. Tiberius b. Caligula c. Claudius d. Nero
35. Which province did Trajan NOT add to the Empire?
a. Arabia b. Assyria c. Dacia d. Moesia
36. Which emperor styled himself as the Roman "Alexander the Great"?
a. Augustus b. Caracalla c. Vespasian d. Nero

37. Who captured the Druidic stronghold Mona (Anglesey) in 59?
a. Ostorius Scapula
b. Suetonius Paulinus
c. Aulus Plautinus
d. Flavius Vespasianus
38. What emperor divided the Roman empire into 12 dioceses?
a. Marcus Aurelius
b. Diocletian
c. Constantine I
d. Septimius Severus
39. Who of the following was NOT among the prominent victims of the Pisonian conspiracy?
a. Petronius
b. Lucan
c. Corbulo
d. Seneca the Younger
40. Which emperor was assassinated at Carrhae?
a. Macrinus
b. Tacitus
c. Caracalla
d. Geta
41. Which emperors were involved in a war with the king of Dacia?
a. Domitian & Trajan
b. Vespasian & Hadrian
c. Vespasian & Domitian
d. Trajan & Hadrian
42. Under Valens, the Romans were overwhelmingly defeated by the Goths in what battle?
a. Nicopolis
b. Frigidus River
c. Chrysopolis
d. Adrianople
43. Which of the emperors of 69 was killed by the praetorians?
a. Galba
b. Otho
c. Vitellius
d. Vespasian
44. Whom did Ofonius Tigellinus replace as Nero's Praetorian prefect?
a. Rufus
b. Seneca
c. Sabinus
d. Burrus
45. What emperor ended the Olympic games, not to be resumed until 1896?
a. Constantine
b. Romulus Augustulus
c. Honorius
d. Theodosius I
46. Caenis : Vespasian ::
a. Messalina : Claudius
b. Helena : Constantine
c. Caesonia : Caligula
d. Marcia : Commodus
47. How did Constantine's opponent Maxentius die at the Battle of Milvian Bridge?
a. His own soldiers sent a hail of arrows onto him.
b. He drowned.
c. Constantine killed him.
d. He suffered a seizure on the battlefield.
48. Titus' arch was built by which emperor?
a. Vespasian
b. Titus
c. Domitian
d. Trajan

49. Which emperor initially focused on strengthening the frontiers, particularly those along the Rhine, but eventually was most active in the confiscation of property and execution of dissenters?

- a. Caracalla b. Domitian c. Hadrian d. Tiberius

50. One of Septimius Severus' early acts was presenting which of his possible rivals with the title *Caesar*?

- a. Pescennius Niger b. Clodius Albinus
c. Didius Julianus d. Helvius Pertinax