

REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2015
GREEK LITERATURE

1. Which Author wrote fables?
a. Aesop b. Alcaeus c. Anacreon d. Anaximander
2. In which year does Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War* end?
a. 408 b. 409 c. 410 d. 411
3. We only have one of fifteen speeches by this pupil of Isocrates:
a. Lysias b. Lycurgus c. Aristarchus of Samos d. Demosthenes
4. Which writing by Aristotle was concerned with the movement of heavenly bodies?
a. *Meteorological* b. *De Caelo* c. *Physica* d. *Alexipharmaca*
5. The plot of which play involved a father obtaining an education for his son, so that the father could have his debts argued away?
a. *The Birds* b. *The Clouds* c. *Alcestis* d. *Parados*
6. The *thymele* is the:
a. dressing room b. watching place for spectators
c. altar to Dionysus d. Machine that lowers a character onto the stage
7. What was the title of the second play in the *Orestia* trilogy?
a. *Eumenides* b. *Orestes* c. *Elektra* d. *Choephoroe*
8. Which mathematician measured the tilt of the Earth's axis by 23.5 degrees?
a. Euclid b. Eratosthenes c. Pythagoras d. Thales of Miletus
9. Who discovered and mathematically proved the formulas for the volume and surface area of a sphere?
a. Archimedes b. Euclid c. Pythagoras d. Eratosthenes
10. Which Bucolic poet of Smyrna wrote a poem concerning Adonis?
a. Homer b. Bion c. Mimnermus d. Callimachus
11. Which writer has a type of meter named after them?
a. Aristippus b. Aratus c. Aeschines d. Asclepiades
12. In the Platonic Dialogue, *Timaeus*, which Platonic solid matches the element of fire?
a. Tetrahedron b. Octahedron c. Icosahedron d. Cube
13. In which Ionian Greek city was Anacreon born?
a. Teos b. Lebedus c. Clazomenae d. Erythea

14. Archilochus was the first poet to use which word to describe the meter of his poems?
 a. Dactylic b. Sapphic c. Iambic d. Elegiac
15. Which of the following plays begins with a prologue given by Hermes?
 a. *Orestes* b. *Medea* c. *Ion* d. *Iphigenia in Taurus*
16. Which of Menander's comedies won first place at the Lenean festival of 317 B.C.?
 a. *Bacchae* b. *Dyskolos* c. *The Birds* d. *The Shearing of Glycera*
17. Who argues with Socrates that the law, in condemning Socrates to death, is unjust and thus Socrates must break it?
 a. Crito b. Plato c. Alcibiades d. Xenophon
18. Which Aristotelian work is named after the student that edited it?
 a. Nichomachean Ethics b. Timaeus c. Eudemian Ethics d. Ecclesiazusae
19. Who first greets Odysseus when he wakes up on Ithaka?
 a. Circe b. Nausicaa c. Eumaeus d. Athena
20. The Mytilenian Debate features prominently in which work?
 a. *Constitution of Athens* b. *Republic*
 c. *On the Crown* d. *History of the Peloponnesian War*
21. Which head of the Alexandrian library edited epics composed by Homer and Hesiod?
 a. Aristarchus b. Apollonius c. Callimachus d. Eratosthenes
22. In the Iliad, who asks Hephaestus to make Achilles' shield?
 a. Thetis b. Athena c. Achilles d. Zeus
23. Who is NOT a character in Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound*?
 a. Zeus b. Hephaestus c. Io d. Hermes
24. In *The Wasps*, Aristophanes pokes fun at which institution that provided Cleon with a power base?
 a. The Boule b. The Assembly c. The Law Courts d. The 50-Man Prytany
25. What is the name of both Odysseus' faithful companion and the builder of Jason's ship?
 a. Belerephon b. Eumaeus c. Argos d. Fidos
26. *The Argonautica* was written in
 a. Iambic pentameter b. dactylic hexameter c. elegiac couplet d. heroic verse
27. Which is the correct order of Theban plays based on plot?
 a. *Antigone, Oedipus at Colonus, Oedipus the King*
 b. *Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone*
 c. *Oedipus at Collonus, Oedipus the King, Antigone*

d. *Oedipus the King, Antigone, Oedipus at Colonus*

28. Euripides' *Medea* ends with

- a. Jason imprisoning Medea for her crimes
- b. Creon and Glauce telling Jason about Medea's betrayal
- c. Medea flying away in a chariot with the bodies of her children
- d. Medea sacrificing her brother so that Jason and she can escape from her father

29. Which pair were related as uncle/nephew?

- a. Pindar and Sappho
- b. Simonides and Bacchylides
- c. Stesichorus and Parmenides
- d. Heraclitus and Herodotus

30. The first four books of the *Odyssey* make up the

- a. Nostoi
- b. Telemachia
- c. Nekyia
- d. Mnesterophonia

31. The *Batrachomyomachia* details an epic battle between

- a. mice and frogs
- b. warring tribes of dogs
- c. The Persians and Spartans
- d. Titans and Gods

32. Book three of the *Iliad* features a duel between which two characters?

- a. Ajax and Odysseus
- b. Menelaus and Paris
- c. Achilles and Hector
- d. Patroclus and Hector

33. Which of the following was NOT written by Aeschines?

- a. *Against Timarchus*
- b. *On the Embassy*
- c. *On the False Embassy*
- d. *Against Ctesiphon*

34. Demosthenes gave the speech *On the Crown* in what year?

- a. 336
- b. 355
- c. 346
- d. 330

35. In which book of Herodotus' histories does he include the story of a harp player that was saved by a dolphin?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

36. Which philosopher was banished from their hometown of Sinope for debasing currency?

- a. Thales
- b. Protagoras
- c. Leucippus
- d. Diogenes

37. Which branch of philosophy believed one could not gain true knowledge and thus the one should hold an attitude of indifference?

- a. Epicureanism
- b. Cynicism
- c. Stoicism
- d. Scepticism

38. A Christian mob is said to have killed Hypatia after having made the conflict between which two people worse?

- a. Theodosius II and Xenophon
- b. The Bishop of Alexandria and Saint Cyril of Alexandria
- c. Orestes and Cyril of Alexandria
- d. Eudoxus of Cnidus and Plotinus

39. For which of the following was Aristotle NOT responsible?
a. Writing the dialogue *Laws* b. Founding the Lyceum
c. Founding the Peripatetic school d. an argument for a geocentric model of our solar system
40. For which playwright does Dionysus go to the underworld in Aristophanes' *The Frogs*?
a. Aeschylus b. Euripides c. Sophocles d. Xanthias
41. Up until 432 B.C., only these were performed at the Lenaia in Athens
a. comedies b. tragedies c. dithyrambs d. satyr plays
42. What is the name of the only Satyr play to survive in its entirety?
a. *Ichneutae* b. *Dictyulci* c. *Cyclops* d. *Alcestis*
43. Who kills Agamemnon at the end of the Aeschylus play by the same name?
a. Elektra b. Cassandra c. Clytemnestra d. Aegisthus
44. Which of the following is NOT a character in Sophocles' *Ajax*?
a. Athena b. Achilles c. Agamemnon d. Odysseus
45. Herodas was a Greek poet most well-known for his
a. iambics b. mimiamboi c. hendecasyllabics d. Idylls
46. What is Oedipus' wife's name in *Oedipus the King*?
a. Antigone b. Cassandra c. Jocasta d. Oresteia
47. Which playwright was died soon after being attacked by a pack of hounds?
a. Aeschylus b. Sophocles c. Euripides d. Aristophanes
48. How many plays by Aeschylus have survived?
a. 80 b. 8 c. 15 d. 7
49. Who is the first spirit that Odysseus sees in the underworld in the *Odyssey*?
a. Tiresias b. Elpenor c. Anticleia d. Achilles
50. which work is about the bites of venomous animals?
a. *Theriaca* b. *Physica* c. *Ichneutae* d. *Dyscolus*