## 2016 FJCL State Latin Forum **Reading Comprehension - Prose**

## N. B. the passages are divided into numbered segments which may or may not be entire sentences.

Passage 1) Nepos: Themistocles 2. 6-9

The Greeks prepare for the arrival of the King Xerxes army

6. cuius de adventu cum fama in Graeciam esset perlata et maxime Athenienses peti dicerentur propter pugnam Marathoniam, miserunt Delphos consultum, quidnam facerent de rebus suis. 7. Deliberantibus Pythia¹ respondit, ut moenibus ligneis se munirent. 8. Id responsum quo valeret, cum intellegeret nemo, Themistocles persuasit consilium esse Apollinis, ut in naves se suaque conferrent: eum enim a deo significari murum ligneum. 9. Tali consilio probato addunt ad superiores totidem naves triremes suaque omnia, quae moveri noterant, partim Salamina, partim Troezona doportanti arcom cacordetibus

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1.	cum (segment 6) is a. although	best translated b. since	c.	when	d.	with
2.	<ul><li>a. Marathon being r</li><li>b. The Athenians we</li><li>c. The Persian arriva</li></ul>	(segment 6) tells the lear Athens would be ere said to be the focu al was actually a rumo rt that Athens was th	atta us o or	acked hardest f the attack		
3.	consultum (segment a. advice	6) is best translated b. decree	c.	of the consuls	d.	to consult
4.	Deliberantibus (segna. being worthy of a c. for weighing	nent 7) is best transla Idvice	b.	by deliberating to those asking		
5.	ut (segment 7) is be a. as	st translated b. how	c.	on order that	d.	that
6.	In segment 8, Id ra. by what means the b. how a wooden was c. where they would be why they would be	all would save them I be safe	one	understand?		
7.	In segment 8, Themistocles persuades that the plan of Apollo is a. to build a wall of wood b. to gather together with the god's protection c. to remove themselves and their belongings by sea d. to trust him as he was what the god meant by a wall of wood					

In segment 8, Themistocles interprets the response of the Oracle

b. literally

d. pragmatically

<sup>1</sup> Pythia, Pythiae, f., *The Pythia*, the Oracle of Delphi

8.

a. cynically

c. metaphorically

- 9. Talia consilio probato (segment 9) is best translated
  - a. by approving so great a plan
  - b. once such a plan had been approved
  - c. to approve so much advice
  - d. with such a counsel having been approved
- 10. In segment 9, the Athenians do all of the following EXCEPT
  - a. deport all foreigners, especially those from Salamis and Troezen
  - b. double the size of the battle fleet
  - c. entrust the elderly and the sacred objects to the citadel
  - d. have a general evacuation

Two passages from two different authors recounting the debate over the immediate execution of the Catilinarian consipirators (63 BCE), in violation of Roman law Passage 2)Sallust: Bellum Catilinae 51

The author presents what he claims Julius Caesar, then pontifex maximus, said in response to the proposal by Decimus Silanus that the execution take place that night.

19 "De timore supervacaneum est disserere, cum praesertim diligentia clarissumi viri consulis tanta praesidia sint in armis. 20 De poena possum equidem dicere, id quod res habet, in luctu atque miseriis mortem aerumnarum requiem, non cruciatum esse; eam cuncta mortalium mala dissolvere; ultra neque curae neque gaudio locum esse. 21 Sed, per deos inmortales, quam ob rem in sententiam non addidisti, uti prius verberibus in eos animadverteretur? 22 An quia lex Porcia vetat? At aliae leges item condemnatis civibus non animam eripi, sed exsilium permitti iubent. An quia gravius est verberari quam necari? 23 Ouid autem acerbum aut nimis grave est in homines tanti facinoris convictos? 24 Sin, quia levius est, qui convenit in minore negotio legem timere, cum eam in maiore neglegeris?

- 11. supervacaneum (segment 19) is best translated
  - a. above all b. beyond discussio
- c. empty
- d. utterly unnecessary
- 12. In segment 19, Caesar argues that a quick decision
  - a. is needed because of overwhelming fear
  - b. is needed because Rome is at war
  - c. is not needed because Rome has an excellent and diligent consul
  - d. is not needed because there is nothing to fear.
- 13. In segment 20, Caesar argues that death is all of the following EXCEPT
  - a. joyless
- b. rest
- c. torture
- d. worry-free

- per deos immortales (segment 21) is 14.
  - a. agency
- b. an interjection
- c. place to which
- d. purpose

- 15. lex Porciae vetat (segment 22) implies that
  - a. attention must be paid prior to beating
  - b. beating before execution is also banned
  - c. only a single segment is allowed
  - d. use of beating is more disgraceful than execution
- condemnatis civibus (segment 22) is best translated 16.
  - a. by condemned citizens
- b. for condemned citizens
- c. in condemning citizens
- d. with citizens having been condemned

- 17. In segment 22, Caesar argues all of the following EXCEPT
  - a. abiding by one law while ignoring another is wrong
  - b. beating is worse than death
  - c. citizens have rights
  - d. laws on the books permit exile rather than death
- 18. The implied answer to the question in segment 23 is
  - a. beating
- b. death
- c. everything
- d. nothing

- 19. cum (segment 24) is best translated
  - a. although
- b. since
- c. when
- d. with

- 20. In segment 24 Caesar argues
  - a. abuse of important rights will lead to disobedience to lesser laws
  - b. anyone who agrees with the law fears it
  - c. punishment must be proportional to the crime
  - d. too light a segment will reduce fear of the law
- 21. In this passage, Caesar is presented as relying heavily on which rhetorical device?
  - a. hyperbole b. metaphor
- c. polysyndeton
- d. rhetorical question
- 22. In this passage, Caesar is presented as arguing against the death penalty being immediately exacted using all of the following EXCEPT
  - a. civil rights

- b. contradictory points
- c. elaborate historical allusions
- d. sarcasm

Passage 3) Cicero: In Catilinam IV. 7

Cicero published his oration rebutting Caesar's proposals:

- 1. Video duas adhuc esse sententias, unam D. Silani, qui censet eos, qui haec delere conati sunt, morte esse multandos, alteram C. Caesaris, qui mortis poenam removet, ceterorum suppliciorum omnes acerbitates amplectitur. 2. Uterque et pro sua dignitate et pro rerum magnitudine in summa severitate versatur. 3. Alter eos, qui nos omnes, qui populum Romanum vita privare conati sunt, qui delere imperium, qui populi Romani nomen extinguere, punctum temporis frui vita et hoc communi spiritu non putat oportere atque hoc genus poenae saepe in inprobos cives in hac re publica esse usurpatum recordatur. 4. Alter intellegit mortem ab dis inmortalibus non esse supplicii causa constitutam, sed aut necessitatem naturae aut laborum ac miseriarum quietem esse. 5. Itaque eam sapientes numquam inviti, fortes saepe etiam libenter oppetiverunt. Vincula vero, et ea sempiterna, certe ad singularem poenam nefarii sceleris inventa sunt.
- 23. unam (segment 1)
  - a. in apposition to sententias
- b. a predicate accusative
- c. subject of an indirect statement
- d. the direct object of censeo
- 24. haec (segment 1) refers to
  - a. the conspirators b. the debate
- c. the nation
- d. the senate
- 25. According to Cicero in segment 1, Silanus' argument was
  - a. destroyers have always been executed
  - b. many have had their segments changed with death
  - c. the conspirators must be executed
  - d. the punishment must be changed from death

26.	According to Cicero in segment 1, Caesar's argument a. embraces the harshest possible punishments b. is concerned about the harshness as a precedent c. is for multiple punishments, except death d. looks on all punishments as equally bitter				
27.	<ul><li>pro (segment 2) is best translated</li><li>a. in exchange for b. in front of</li></ul>	c. in proportion to d. on behalf of			
28.	versatur (segment 2) is best translated a. discusses b. dwells	c. is rolled d. turns			
29.	genus (segment 3) is the a. object of oportere c. subject of oportere	<ul><li>b. object of <i>recordatur</i></li><li>d. subject of <i>recordatur</i></li></ul>			
30.	delere (segment 3) depends on a. conati sunt b. oportere	c. putat d. recordatur			
31.	<ul><li>punctum (segment 3) is best translated</li><li>a. an instant</li><li>b. a jab</li></ul>	c. a point d. a spot			
32. The two points of the first argument laid out in segment 3 are a. those who plot against the state should be killed and there is precedent for doing it immediately b. those who plot against the state enjoy it and therefore should be killed c. those who have tried to kill the Roman people are not fit to breathe and rights don't apply to the wicked d. those who have tried to kill the Roman people historically have no rights and expect to be killed					
33.	supplicii (segment 4) is a(n) a. genitive with adjectives c. partitive genitive	<ul><li>b. objective genitive</li><li>d. possessive genitive</li></ul>			
34.	In segment 4, Cicero summarizes all of Caesar's speech with the following EXCEPT a. death is a natural phenomenon b. death is the end of struggle and suffering c. death was not established as a punishment by the gods d. the gods don't punish evil-doers				
35.	eam (segment 5) has as its antecedent a. causa b. miseriam	c. mortem d. necessitatem			
36.	libenter (segment 5) is best translated a. liberally b. quite freely	c. they are freed d. willingly			
37.	According to Cicero (segment 5), the second a. banishment c. imprisonment	nd proposal advocates b. exposure of wickedness d. torture			

Caesar DBG IV. 12

Caesar tells of a cavalry battle with a tragic incident

[12] 1. At hostes, ubi primum nostros equites conspexerunt, quorum erat V milium numerus, cum ipsi non amplius DCCC equites haberent, quod ii qui frumentandi causa erant trans Mosam profecti nondum redierant, nihil timentibus nostris, quod legati eorum paulo ante a Caesare discesserant atque is dies indutiis erat ab his petitus, impetu facto celeriter nostros perturbaverunt; 2. rursus his resistentibus consuetudine sua ad pedes desiluerunt subfossis equis compluribus nostris deiectis reliquos in fugam conjecerunt atque ita perterritos egerunt ut non prius fuga desisterent quam in conspectum agminis nostri venissegment 3 In eo proelio ex equitibus nostris interficiuntur IIII et LXX, 4. in his vir fortissimus Piso Aquitanus, amplissimo genere natus, cuius avus in civitate sua regnum obtinuerat amicus a senatu nostro appellatus. 5. Hic cum fratri intercluso ab hostibus auxilium ferret, illum ex periculo eripuit, ipse equo vulnerato deiectus, quoad potuit, fortissime restitit; 6. cum circumventus multis vulneribus acceptis cecidisset atque id frater, qui iam proelio excesserat, procul animadvertisset, incitato equo se hostibus obtulit atque interfectus est.

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38.	cum	(segment	וו	10	hact	tranc	latad
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- a. although
- b. since
- c. when
- d. with

39. In segment 1, the enemy's attack was a surprise for all of these reasons EXCEPT

- a. they had far fewer men
- b. they had had to deal with the grain supply
- c. they had no fear of Roman soldiers
- d. They had sent ambassadors to Caesar with a truce

40. his resistentibus (segment 2) is best translated

a. by resisting them

b. for those resisting

c. to the resisting ones

d. when they held their ground

- desisterent (segment 2) is a subjunctive in a 41.

  - a. fearing clause b. indirect question c. purpose clause d. result clause
- 42. We learn in segment 2 that the Gauls' custom was
  - a. always to resist

b. dig traps for our men

c. dismount and attack the Roman's horses

d. throw themselves into the fight

43. Piso Aquitanus (segment 4) was all of the following EXCEPT a(n)

a. cavalryman

c. nobleman

d. one of the cavalrymen killed

44. cum (segment 5) is best translated

a. although

b. since

c. when

d. with

45. In segment 5 we learn that Piso Aquitanus did all of the following EXCEPT

a. become discouraged

b. fall from his horse

c. fight as long as he could

d. try to rescue his brother

46. iam (segment 6) is best translated

a. although

b. already

c. now

d. while

47.	In segment 6 we learn that Piso's broth a. leave the battle c. put himself in the way of the enemy	b. notice that h	is brother had fallen
48.	hostibus (segment 6) is a. ablative of place from which c. dative with compound verbs	b. ablative of p d. dative of ref	
49.	The number of ablatives absolute in the a. 4 b. 5	passage is c. 6	d. 7

- 50. Caesar includes this incident because
  - a. it brings home the tragedy of war
  - b. it is an unusual event which might interest the reader
  - c. it makes his commentaries seem more like Homeric epic
  - d. it shows that Gauls under Roman influence can be loyal and brave