

# 2019 FJCL Regionals Certamen

## Advanced Round 1

1. Latin noun forms can be tricky because the same form appears in difference cases and numbers. If the noun forms **puellae**, **manūs**, **fideī**, and **puerī** are all the same case and number, what case and number do they have to be? GENITIVE SINGULAR  
B1: If **puellae**, **manūs**, **fidēs**, and **puerī** are all the same case and number, what case and number do they have to be? NOMINATIVE PLURAL (I guess accept vocative plural, but chide them for being those kinds of people)  
B2: If the list in the tossup had begun with the form **manuī**, you could have immediately buzzed in and given what answer for that form’s case and number? DATIVE SINGULAR
2. What man bought the Roman Empire at auction in 193 AD? DIDIDIUS JULIANUS  
B1. How many sesterces did Julianus promise to each soldier? 25,000  
B2. What father-in-law of Pertinax did Julianus outbid for the throne?  
(T. FLAVIUS CLAUDIANUS) SULPICIANUS
3. From what Latin verb do we ultimately derive the English words “charm,” “chant,” and “cantor”? **CANO**  
B1: From what Latin verb do we derive the English words “cloister,” “occlusion,” and “clause”? **CLAUDO**  
B2: From what Latin verb do we derive the English words “duty” and “debt”? **DEBEO**
4. What king’s arrogance led him to refuse to honor the bargain he had previously arranged with his brother over their shared rule of Thebes? ETEOCLES  
B1: Who was this brother whose banishment provoked a deadly retaliation known as the Seven Against Thebes? POLYNEICES  
B2: Who was the father of Eteocles and Polyneices who had worked hard to ensure his sons would rule prosperously and amicably? OEDIPUS
5. What author from Rudiae was the first to write in dactylic hexameter? ENNIUS  
B1: What meter, made famous by poets such as Tibullus, Propertius, and Ovid, was Ennius the first to use? ELEGIAIC COUPLET  
B2: What 18-book work of Ennius was a poetic rendition of early Roman history? *ANNALES*

*SCORE CHECK AFTER 5 QUESTIONS*

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6. Orcus, Dis, and Pluto are all Roman identifications of what Greek god of the Underworld? **HADES**  
B1: Whom did Hades take as his queen to preside over the dead alongside him? **PERSEPHONE**  
B2: To what characteristic of Hades do the names Pluto and Dis both refer? **HIS WEALTH**

7. Translate the dependent verb in the following sentence into Latin: I think that I did well. **FĒCISSE**  
B1: Now, translate the dependent verb in this sentence into Latin: I thought that I would do well.  
**FUTŪRUM ESSE / FUTŪRAM ESSE / FORE**  
B2: Finally, translate the dependent verb in this sentence into Latin: I think that it is being done well.  
**FIERĪ**

8. Against what king of Alba Longa did Tullus Hostilius fight a war? **METTIUS FUFETIUS**  
B1. How did Mettius Fufetius die? **TORN IN HALF BY HORSES**  
B2. How did Tullus Hostilius die? **STRUCK BY LIGHTNING**

9. Which Roman author composed a biography of his father-in-law extolling his virtues and military exploits in Britain? **TACITUS**  
B1. What work of Tacitus is a 12-book history detailing the years 69-96 AD? **HISTORIAE**  
B2. How many books comprise Tacitus' other historical work, the *Annales*? **18**

### *SCORE CHECK AFTER 9 QUESTIONS*

10. **Quid Anglice significat "harena"?** **SAND**  
B1: **Quid Anglice significat "hasta"?** **STAFF / ROD / POLE / SPEAR**  
B2: **Quid Anglice significat "herba"?** **HERB / GRASS**

### *FINAL SCORE CHECK*

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## Advanced Round 2

1. At what battle of 295 BC did Decius Mus commit the act of devotio, thus inspiring his troops to victory? SENTINUM

B1: During which war did this battle occur? THIRD SAMNITE

B2: Who was Mus' consular colleague and co-commander at Sentinum?  
(Q. FABIVS MAXIMVS) RULLIANVS

2. What Arcadian nymph fled the advances of Pan in an effort to maintain her virginity and commitment to the hunt? SYRINX

B1: When Pan finally caught up to her, what did he find in her place? (MARSH) REEDS

B2: What did Pan then decide to do with the reeds?  
FASTENED THEM TOGETHER AS PIPES

3. Translate this sentence: **Captivus miser imperatorem rogavit ut sibi parceret.**

THE MISERABLE / UNHAPPY CAPTIVE / PRISONER ASKED THE  
GENERAL / EMPEROR / COMMANDER TO SPARE HIM.

B1: If, instead, you wanted to say "The unhappy prisoner persuaded the general to spare him," other than changing **rogavit** to **persuasit**, what other change would need to be made?

**IMPERATOREM** WOULD NEED TO BECOME  
**IMPERATORI** (**PARCO** TAKES ITS OBJECT IN THE DATIVE)

B2: If the original sentence had instead said "**Captivus miser imperatorem rogavit ut ei parceret**," it can still be translated "The unhappy prisoner persuaded the general to spare him," but what subtle difference exists in that sentence?

THE PRISONER IS NOT ASKING FOR HIMSELF TO BE SPARED,  
HE IS ASKING FOR ANOTHER PERSON TO BE SPARED

4. Distinguish in meaning between the noun **apis** and the adjective **aptus**.

**APIS**: BEE; **APTUS**: SUITABLE

B1: Distinguish in meaning between **aper** and **agger** (*spell agger*).

**APER** – BOAR; **AGGER** – MASS, MOUND

B2: Distinguish in meaning between **anus**, **anus** and **anser**.

**ANUS**: OLD WOMAN; **ANSER**: GOOSE

5. Who wrote both the *Georgics* and *Eclogues* before authoring the *Aeneid*? VERGIL

B1: How many *Eclogues* did Vergil write? 10

B2: How many *Georgics* did Vergil write? 4

*SCORE CHECK AFTER 5 QUESTIONS*

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6. What man, born at Lepcis Magna, ruled as Roman emperor from 193-211 AD?  
SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS  
B1: Name one of the two men Severus had to defeat before becoming sole-emperor.  
CLODIUS ALBINUS or PESCENNIUS NIGER  
(do not read the other answer)  
B2: Name the other.  
CLODIUS ALBINUS or PESCENNIUS NIGER
7. Which of the following words does not belong by derivation: relation, ferrous, conference, somniferous?  
FERROUS  
B1: From what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive “ferrous”?  
FERRUM-IRON, SWORD/WEAPON  
B2: The English word “feral” comes from what Latin word with what meaning?  
FERUS - WILD / FIERCE
8. Give the accusative singular for the phrase “this open door” in Latin.  
HANC IĀNUAM / PORTAM APERTAM  
B1: Change **hanc iānuam apertam** to the dative.  
HUIC IĀNUAE APERTAE  
B2: Change **huic iānuae apertae** to the plural.  
HIS IĀNUIS APERTIS
9. “**Hominem pagina nostra sapit**” is what this 1st Century epigrammatist, born at Bilbilis in Spain, said of his works due to his refusal to use mythology as subject matter. MARTIAL  
B1: Give the title of the work composed by Martial to celebrate the opening of the Colosseum in 80 AD.  
LIBER SPECTACULORUM  
B2: What special right was Martial awarded due to his poverty? IUS TRIUM LIBERORUM

### SCORE CHECK AFTER 9 QUESTIONS

10. What man in mythology was placed on trial on the Areopagus for avenging his father Agamemnon’s death at the hands of his mother Clytemnestra?  
ORESTES  
B1: What mythological group of female punishers served as the accusers in Orestes’ trial?  
ERINYES / FURIES / EUMENIDES  
B2: What goddess presided over Orestes’ trial and cast the deciding vote in favor of his acquittal?  
ATHENA

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### Advanced Round 3

1. Often considered the most beautiful in a long line of Trojan royalty, what youth was carried off to the heavens by Zeus and positioned next to the god as his cupbearer? GANYMEDE  
B1: What form had Zeus taken to abduct Ganymede? EAGLE / WHIRLWIND  
B2: As what constellation was Ganymede later immortalized? AQUARIUS
2. Translate the following sentence into Latin: With these things having been learned, Caesar called together his soldiers. QUIBUS/HIS (REBUS) CŌGNITĪS  
CAESAR, CONVOCAT MILITES.  
B1: Now translate this sentence into English: **Nihilō erat ipse Cyclōps quam ariēs prūdentior.**  
THE CYCLOPS HIMSELF WAS NOT A BIT /  
NOT AT ALL WISER THAN THE RAM.  
B2: Now translate this sentence into English: **Sunt hominēs nōn rē sed nōmine.**  
THEY ARE MEN NOT IN FACT, BUT IN NAME.
3. What Roman law of 367 BC limited the ownership of public land to 500 **iugera**?  
LEX LICINIA SEXTIA  
B1. What law of 287 BC made **plebiscita** binding on all citizens? LEX HORTENSIA  
B2. What law of 43 BC legalized the Second Triumvirate? LEX TITIA
4. What English noun derived from the Latin word **gero** can mean either “overcrowding” or “an accumulation of fluid in a cavity of the body”? CONGESTION  
B1: What derivative of **gero** is an English adjective meaning “warlike”? BELLIGERENT  
B2: What derivative of **gero** can be defined as “a Roman official who interprets omens” or a “soothsayer”? AUGUR
5. The dissolution of the soul and body into atoms, a description of the development of human society, a dedication to Venus, and a description of the plague at Athens are all topics included in what Latin author’s *De Rerum Natura*? LUCRETIUS’  
B1. How many books make up the *De Rerum Natura*? 6  
B2. According to legend, how did Lucretius die?  
SUICIDE AFTER DRINKING LOVE POTION

*SCORE CHECK AFTER 5 QUESTIONS*

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6. **Respondē Anglicē: Quot tempora verbōrum Latīnōrum sunt?** SIX

B1: **Respondē Anglicē: In modō subiunctīvō, quot tempora verbōrum Latīnōrum sunt?** FOUR

B2: **Respondē Anglicē: Quot tempora verbōrum Latīnōrum in “sequentīā prīma” habentur?** THREE (consider taking FOUR since perfect indicative can be primary sequence)

7. Give the dictionary entry for the 3rd conjugation verb meaning “to spare”.

**PARCO, PARCERE, PEPERCI, PARSUM**

B1: Give the dictionary entry for the 2nd conjugation verb meaning “to increase”.

**AUGEO, AUGERE, AUXI, AUCTUM**

B2: Give the dictionary entry for the 3rd conjugation verb meaning “to cover”.

**TEGO, TEGERE, TEXI, TECTUM**

8. What mythological group included the Urania, Euterpe, and Erato? MUSES

B1: What mythological group included Stheno and Euryale? GORGONS

B2: What mythological group included the mothers of Glaucus, Dardanus, and Hermes? PLEIADES

9. What author from Thagaste subscribed to both Manichaeism and Neoplatonism before finally converting to Christianity and returned to Africa where he eventually became the bishop of Hippo?

(ST.) AUGUSTINE / (AURELIUS) AUGUSTINUS

B1: In what 22-book work does Augustine describe the existence of two cities, an earthly city and a heavenly city? *DE CIVITATE DEI*

B2: What autobiographical work of 13 books gives an account of his life up to the death of his mother and his conversion to Christianity? *CONFESSIONES*

### *SCORE CHECK AFTER 9 QUESTIONS*

10. What Visigoth sacked the city of Rome in 410 AD? ALARIC

B1. What Roman general defeated Atilla the Hun in 451 AD? AETIUS

B2. Name that battle. CATALAUNIAN PLAINS

### *FINAL SCORE CHECK*

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FINAL ROUNDS

**ADVANCED FINALS**

1. “Level,” “deliberate,” and “equilibrium” are all English words derived from what Latin noun which means “balance” or “scales”? **LIBRA**  
B1: “Alliance,” “league,” and “ligand” come from what Latin verb with what meaning? **LIGO: BIND / TIE**  
B2: “Deluge,” “lotion,” and “dilute” come from what Latin verb with what meaning? **LAVO: WASH**
2. What song whose title might be rendered into Latin as “**Grātiās tibi agō, proxime**” has been a huge hit for the songstress and philosopher Ariana Grande? **THANK U, NEXT**  
(accept THANK YOU, NEXT, but that isn’t the title)  
B1: What song that might be “**Altae Spēs**” is currently #1 on the AT40 chart, a fact that makes many fans of Panic! at the Disco salty because “they were totally into Disco! before they went mainstream.” **HIGH HOPES**  
B2: Finally, what song could be rendered into Latin as “**Iuxtā Mē,**” although the preposition **prope** could be used instead?  
**CLOSE TO ME** (accept literal answers like “Near Me” but ridicule them on their lack of knowledge of songs by Ellie Goulding, Diplo, and Mark Ronson)
3. Which tribune, infamous for his use of mob tactics, died on the Capitoline after being pelted by roof tiles? **SATURNINUS**  
B1: What ally of Saturninus died with him? **GLAUCIA**  
B2: What decree had been passed by the Senate, marking Saturninus as a public enemy? **SENATUS CONSULTUM ULTIMUM**
4. Which Roman emperor, the first not to have been a patrician, was born on November 17 of 9 AD near Reate in the Sabine country near Rome? **VESPASIAN**  
B1. Shortly after the death of Vespasian’s wife, he resumed a relationship with a former lover, who had been the secretary of Antony. Who was she? **CAENIS**  
B2. What Jewish princess was Titus’ lover, but he was forced to dismiss her when he became emperor? **BERENICE**
5. Which of Helen’s suitors aided Tyndareus in preventing violence among the suitors in return for the hand of the king’s niece, Penelope, in marriage? **ODYSSEUS**  
B1. What was Odysseus’ advice to prevent violence among the suitors?  
**MAKE THE SUITORS VOW TO DEFEND HELEN’S CHOSEN HUSBAND**  
B2. Which brother of his did Tyndareus influence to hand his daughter Penelope to Odysseus? **ICARIUS**

*SCORE CHECK AFTER 5 QUESTIONS*

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FINAL ROUNDS

6. Who wrote 124 letters on philosophy and his own life experiences addressed to his friend Lucilius? SENECA THE YOUNGER  
B1. Give the Latin title of this work. *EPISTULAE MORALES*  
B2. Give the Latin title of Seneca's work on natural science written from a Stoic perspective. *NATURALES QUAESTIONES*
7. Differentiate in meaning between the verbs **minor** and **miror**.  
**MINOR:** THREATEN; **MIROR:** WONDER AT/  
BE AMAZED AT/ ADMIRE / MARVEL AT  
B1: Differentiate in meaning between **moror** and **morior**.  
**MOROR:** DELAY; **MORIOR:** DIE  
B2: Differentiate in meaning between **nascor** and **nancisor**.  
**NASCOR:** BE BORN / BE BEGOTTEN and  
**NANCISCOR:** OBTAIN / GET / RECEIVE
8. After going ashore along the Cius River, what hero travelled into the woods to cut himself a new oar while his squire Hylas took an ill-fated trip to a spring to draw water? HERACLES  
B1. In what expedition had Heracles and Hylas been participating when these unfortunate events unfolded? ARGONAUTS  
B2: Which of the Argonauts stayed behind to look for Heracles and Hylas? POLYPHEMUS
9. Say in Latin: "Let's go to Rome." **EĀMUS RŌMAM**  
B1: Now say in Latin, "Romans, go home!" (John Cleese accent optional)  
**RŌMĀNĪ, ĪTE DOMUM**  
B2: Finally, using a compound of **eō**, say in Latin, "I will return to Rome within two months."  
**REDĪBŌ RŌMAM DUŌBUS MENSIBUS**
10. What chieftain of the Gauls did Julius Caesar defeat at Alesia in 52 BC? VERCINGETORIX  
B1. At what other battle in the same year did Vercingetorix defeat Caesar? GERGOVIA  
B2. Of what tribe was Vercingetorix the chieftain? ARVERNI

*SCORE CHECK AFTER 10 QUESTIONS*



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11. Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, then answer in English the question that follows:

**Ōlim, erat magistra quae maximē dolēbat. Magistra erat tristis quod quadragesimō annō appropinquābat. Amīcī discipulīque magistrae dīcēbant nōs eam maximē amāre et eam habēre quadragintā annōs nōn vidērī. Tandem, discipula callida clāmabat: “Magistra, quadragintā annōs nōn habēs! Habēs vigintī annōs...bis!” Quō auditō, magistra simul rīsīt lacrimāvitque.**

Question: Why was the teacher upset?

SHE WAS APPROACHING HER 40TH BIRTHDAY /  
ABOUT TO TURN 40, etc.

B1: What two things did the teacher’s friends and students tell her to try to cheer her up?

THAT THEY LOVED HER (VERY MUCH) &  
THAT SHE DID NOT APPEAR / SEEM TO BE 40

B2: What was the teacher’s reaction to the clever student’s remark?

SHE LAUGHED AND CRIED AT THE SAME TIME

12. What member of Valerius Messala’s literary circle wrote elegies to a woman named Delia?

TIBULLUS

B1: What is another possible name for Delia?

PLANIA

B2: Six poems written by a woman can be found in a posthumous work attributed to Tibullus.

Name this woman, whose poems are the only extant examples of those written by a woman.

SULPICIA

13. When describing someone or something in Latin with an adjective and a noun, as in the sentence “My Latin teacher is a person of amazing ability,” what TWO cases in Latin can be used to express the descriptive phrase “of amazing ability”?

GENITIVE & ABLATIVE

B1: What two cases in Latin can be used to describe place where, as in “I am in Corinth” or “I am in a classroom”?

ABLATIVE & LOCATIVE

B2: What two cases in Latin can be used to describe the price of something, as in “I bought the house for a great sum” or “I bought the house for twenty gold coins”?

GENITIVE & ABLATIVE

14. Encolpius, Ascyltus, and Giton are all characters in what author’s Satyricon?

PETRONIUS’

B1. In addition to serving as consul under Nero, what special title did Petronius hold due to his good taste?

**ARBITER ELEGENTIAE**

B2. What is the Latin title of the longest extant portion of the Satyricon?

*CENA TRIMALCHIONIS*

*SCORE CHECK AFTER 14 QUESTIONS*

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15. Into what type of animal were Picus, Tereus, Nyctimene and Alcyone all transformed?

BIRD

B1. Into what specific bird was Picus transformed?

WOODPECKER

B2. What deity took pity on Nyctimene and transformed her into an owl?

ATHENA

*FINAL SCORE CHECK*