

FJCL REGIONAL FORUM 2019
HISTORY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

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

1. Place the following Julio-Claudian emperors into chronological order by reign.
A. Caligula, Tiberius, Nero, Claudius B. Tiberius, Claudius, Caligula, Nero
C. Caligula, Nero, Tiberius, Claudius D. Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero
2. Nero committed suicide on _____ in the year 68.
A. June 7th B. June 8th C. June 9th D. June 10th
3. Titus built a triumphal arch in the Forum Romanum to commemorate his victory in _____.
A. Carthage B. Jerusalem C. Parthia D. Dacia
4. Who was the first of the Five Good Emperors?
A. Trajan B. Nerva C. Hadrian D. Marcus Aurelius
5. Which Julio-Claudian emperor had Livia, the wife of Augustus, deified?
A. Tiberius B. Nero C. Claudius D. Augustus
6. Which of the following correctly matches emperor to his Praetorian Prefect?
A. Nerva: Gaius Nymphidius Sabinus
B. Vespasian: Lucius Aelius Sejanus
C. Domitian: Cornelius Fuscus
D. Commodus: Publius Helvius Pertinax
7. Which emperor claimed that he found Rome a city of brick and left it a city of marble?
A. Augustus B. Trajan C. Hadrian D. Vespasian
8. Claudius was the _____ of his predecessor.
A. uncle B. son C. brother D. step-father
9. In 6 BC Tiberius spent his first retirement in _____.
A. Capri B. Rhodes C. Syracuse D. Athens
10. Which haughty emperor referred to himself as *dominus et deus*?
A. Caligula B. Commodus C. Nero D. Domitian
11. The emperor Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus is better known to us as _____.
A. Domitian B. Trajan C. Nerva D. Nero
12. While Augustus is known for writing the *Res Gestae*, what famed work did the emperor Marcus Aurelius, a Stoic philosopher, write in Greek?
A. Meditations B. Discourses C. Dialogues D. Symposia

13. The Pantheon today reads “Marcus Agrippa made it,” but which emperor is responsible for building its current iteration?
 A. Antonius Pius B. Hadrian C. Caracalla D. Septimius Severus
14. In what year did the senate confer the title “Augustus” to Octavian?
 A. 31 BC B. 30 BC C. 27 BC D. 23 BC
15. Which emperor from the Severan Dynasty had his grandmother and mother rule as regents?
 A. Caracalla B. Elagabalus C. Septimius Severus D. Severus Alexander
16. What enemy from the Sasanian Empire did the Romans face in 260 that led to the capture and enslavement of the emperor Valerian?
 A. Shapur I B. Ardashir I C. Hormizd I D. Artabanus V
17. After what dynasty did the Barracks Emperors rule?
 A. Flavian B. Severan
 C. Julio-Claudian D. Five Good Emperors
18. Which of the following emperors is **NOT** correctly matched to their lover?
 A. Hadrian & Antinous B. Nero & Sporus
 C. Vespasian & Clemens D. Elagabalus & Hierocles
19. Who was the penultimate (i.e. second-to-last) emperor of the Western Roman Empire?
 A. Glycerius B. Julius Nepos C. Olybrius D. Anthemius
20. Who was the first emperor born outside of Italy?
 A. Vespasian B. Claudius C. Nerva D. Septimius Severus
21. In 193 Julius Didianus purchased the Roman Empire at auction by outbidding _____.
 A. Pertinax B. Maecenas C. Macro D. Sulpicianus
22. Aurelian captured _____ alongside her son Vabalanthus at the Battle of Palmyra in 273.
 A. Boudica B. Nisaba C. Tiamat D. Zenobia
23. Under the reign of which emperor did Christianity become legal in Rome?
 A. Constantine B. Diocletian C. Theodosius I D. Theodosius III
24. Who deposed Romulus Augustulus, the last emperor of Rome, in the year 476?
 A. Alaric B. Atilla the Hun C. Odoacer D. Ricimer
25. How many legions did Varus lose in the Teutoberg Forest to Arminius?
 A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6
26. During whose reign did Mt. Vesuvius destroy Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae?
 A. Tiberius B. Titus C. Domitian D. Diocletian

27. What honorific title did the Greeks assign to the emperors of Rome?
 A. Sebastos B. Tyrannos C. Basileus D. Kalos Kagathos
28. Many scholars suspect that the reason that Augustus sent the poet Ovid into exile is because of an affair with Augustus' _____, Julia.
 A. daughter B. granddaughter C. niece D. sister
29. Put the four wives of Claudius into chronological order by marriage.
 A. Urgulanilla, Aelia, Messalina, Agrippina
 B. Urgulanilla, Messalina, Aelia, Agrippina
 C. Aelia, Urgulanilla, Messalina, Agrippina
 D. Aelia, Messalina, Urgulanilla, Agrippina
30. The Year of the Four Emperors was not a literal year. How many months passed between the start of the reigns of Galba and Vespasian?
 A. 10 months B. 14 months C. 16 months D. 18 months
31. Caracalla ruled alongside his brother _____ until he had him killed in 211.
 A. Germanicus B. Drusus C. Geta D. Pertinax
32. Which of the following emperors' legacy did **NOT** suffer from damnatio memoriae?
 A. Geta B. Domitian C. Pertinax D. Elagabalus
33. Which of the following emperors died at the battle of Adrianople in 378 against the Goths, giving way to the rule of Theodosius I in the east?
 A. Valentinian I B. Honorius C. Aelian D. Valens
34. Which of the following emperors did **NOT** claim the title of emperor during the Year of the Six Emperors?
 A. Gordian I B. Gordian II C. Pupienus D. Decius
35. To which member of the original tetrarchy was the province of Britannia assigned?
 A. Constantius B. Maximian C. Galerius D. Diocletian
36. Which of the following emperors was the youngest upon being named emperor?
 A. Licinius I B. Maximinus II C. Constantine II D. Valentinian I
37. Legio XXI Rapax (The Rapacious 21st Legion) was destroyed in 92 by the _____.
 A. Helvetians B. Dalmatians C. Sarmatians D. Scythians
38. How many wives (not including lovers or siblings) did the five Julio-Claudian emperors have collectively?
 A. 13 B. 14 C. 15 D. 16
39. For how many years did the Principate last before it was replaced by the Dominate?
 A. 247 B. 257 C. 311 D. 321

40. Which of the following emperors celebrated the 900th anniversary of Rome?
A. Commodus B. Marcus Aurelius C. Antoninus Pius D. Hadrian
41. Which of the following imperial women does **NOT** date to the Severan Dynasty?
A. Julia Domna B. Julia Livilla C. Julia Maesa D. Julia Mamea
42. In what year did the Romans along with the help of Theodoric I, king of the Visigoths, defeat the Huns at the Battle of the Catalaunian Plains?
A. 440 B. 441 C. 450 D. 451
43. With the assistance of the general _____, Theodosius I was able to claim the title of emperor in the west after the death of Valentian II at the Battle of the Frigidus.
A. Alaric B. Stilicho C. Rufinus D. Aetius
44. Licinia Eudoxia, wife of the emperors Valentinian III and Petronius Maximus, was held captive by the _____.
A. Ostrogoths B. Visigoths C. Huns D. Vandals
45. Which of the following emperors ruled the longest?
A. Probus B. Florianus C. Decius D. Tacitus
46. What empress was kicked to death, along with her unborn child, by her husband?
A. Vibia Sabina B. Poppaea Sabina C. Julia Flavia D. Julia Domna
47. What emperor was called Restitutor Orbis?
A. Honorius B. Diocletian C. Constantine D. Aurelian
48. At the First Battle of Cremona in 69 _____ defeated _____.
A. Galba; Nero B. Otho; Galba
C. Vitellius; Otho D. Vespasian; Vitellius
49. Given the nickname Caracalla because of the Gallic hooded tunic he enjoyed wearing, what was this emperor's name at birth?
A. Lucius Septimius Bassianus B. Marcus Aurelius Antoninus
C. Varius Avitus Bassianus D. Marcus Aurelius Bassianus
50. Which governor of Britannia defeated the Caledonians at the Battle of Mons Graupius?
A. Agricola B. Frontius C. Cerialis D. Paulinus