

FJCL REGIONAL FORUM 2019
GREEK LITERATURE

1. This scientist proposed using giant mirrors to set Roman ships on fire.
A. Anaximenes B. Archimedes C. Hippocrates D. Nicander
2. According to Hesiod, which of the following describes Eros' birth?
A. Born without parents B. Son of Aphrodite and Ares
C. Son of Erebus and Nyx D. Son of Uranus and Gia
3. Which of the following is the name for the altar to Dionysius in a theater?
A. Parados B. Skene C. Theatron D. Thymele
4. What was the name of the school founded by Plato?
A. The Porch B. The Academy C. The Garden D. The Lyceum
5. What title was given to Heraclitus?
A. The Smiling Philosopher B. The Frowning Philosopher
C. The Weeping Philosopher D. The Laughing Philosopher
6. In the *Iliad*, whose death prompts Achilles to re-join the battle?
A. Briseis B. Chryseis C. Hector D. Patroclus
7. This book by Aristotle was believed to be written from a collection of student notes taken during one of his lectures on morality.
A. Constitution of Athens B. Nicomachean Ethics
C. Physics D. Rhetoric
8. In *The Dream*, this satirist says he was originally apprenticed to be a sculptor, but was bad at it, so he ran away.
A. Aratus B. Bion C. Lucian D. Strabo
9. How many books are in Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian Wars*?
A. 8 B. 10 C. 12 D. 14
10. In *Libation Bearers*, what does Orestes tell Clytemnestra when he first sees her?
A. He's there to avenge his father's death. B. He (Orestes) is dead.
C. He's a messenger with news of Iphigenia. D. He's an old friend of Agamemnon.
11. This poet wrote odes for all four of the major games; he was so well-respected that Alexander spared his house when invading.
A. Anacreon B. Bacchylides C. Ibycus D. Pindar
12. Isocrates overcame a weak voice and a lack of nerves to give what speech?
A. On the Crown B. On the Peace C. Against Ctesiphon D. Against Leocrates

13. Why does Herakles leave the Argonauts?
 A. To marry the queen of the Amazons
 B. To return home to Megeira
 C. To search for a missing friend
 D. To find the Apples of the Hesperides
14. The writers of the Lego Movie must have read their Aristophanes, as part of the movie takes place in this setting of *The Birds*.
 A. Ecclesiazusae
 B. Ekysium
 C. Lysistrata
 D. Nephelokokkygia
15. How many letters of Epicurus survive?
 A. 1
 B. 2
 C. 3
 D. 4
16. This poet from Lesbos moved to Egypt after clashing with the tyrant Pittacus.
 A. Alcaeus
 B. Empedocles
 C. Sappho
 D. Theognis
17. Which early mathematician calculated the earth’s circumference (and was fairly close to being right!)?
 A. Archimedes
 B. Eratosthenes
 C. Menippus
 D. Theophrastus
18. Which one of Zeno’s paradoxes make it appear that motion is impossible, since you have to cross an infinite number of halves to get from one point to another?
 A. Achilles and the Tortoise Paradox
 B. Arrow Paradox
 C. Dichotomy Paradox
 D. Paradox of the Grain of Millet
19. This author of over 100 plays only ever won first (80% of the time) or second place in competition with them.
 A. Aeschylus
 B. Euripides
 C. Menander
 D. Sophocles
20. Technically a metic and therefore not Attic, this teacher of Demonthenes is nevertheless classified as one of Ten Attic Orators.
 A. Antiphon
 B. Dinarchus
 C. Hypereides
 D. Isaeus
21. Founded by Antisthenes, which philosophy held that virtue makes happiness?
 A. Eleatic
 B. Cynicism
 C. Platonism
 D. Stoicism
22. Who falls in love with Knemon’s daughter in Meander’s *Dyskolos*?
 A. Doas
 B. Pan
 C. Gorgias
 D. Sostratos
23. The end of the *Odyssey* is not the end of Odysseus’ travels. What promise does he make to appease Poseidon?
 A. To carry an oar to a country that has never seen the sea
 B. To travel to Mycenae and sacrifice a bull in Poseidon’s honor
 C. To return to Troy and build a temple to Poseidon
 D. To take an offering of sheep to the island of the Cyclops’

24. In *Characters*, by Theophrastus, the characters all illustrate different what?
 A. The different Virtues
 B. The different Faults
 C. The different Graces
 D. The different Humors
25. The Pre-Socratic author of *On Nature*, Empedocles, might have suggested the band Earth, Wind & Fire add _____ to their name.
 A. Water
 B. Aether
 C. Logos
 D. Nous
26. This historian accompanied Alexander the Great on his travels.
 A. Callisthenes
 B. Eratosthenes
 C. Pausanias
 D. Strabo
27. All extant Greek comedy is by authors from this city-state.
 A. Sparta
 B. Corinth
 C. Athens
 D. Thebes
28. While today we consider the Homeric Hymns to have been written by multiple authors, _____ was the first to attribute them to Homer, thus giving them their name.
 A. Aristotle
 B. Epicurus
 C. Hesiod
 D. Thucydides
29. This head of the Alexandrian Library had a poem translated into Latin by Catullus.
 A. Apollonius of Rhodes
 B. Callimachus
 C. Aristarchus
 D. Zenodotus
30. While perhaps best known today for the triangle-related theorem that bears his name, what metaphysical concept did Pythagoras develop?
 A. Theory of Transmigration of the Soul
 B. Theory of Recollection
 C. Theory of Universals
 D. Theory of Forms
31. Aeschines was impeached by this orator in 343.
 A. Antiphon
 B. Demosthenes
 C. Andocides
 D. Lysias
32. This book by Aratus tells readers that the earth is fixed in place and the sky revolves around on an axis.
 A. Diosema
 B. Milesian Tales
 C. Phainomena
 D. Theriaca
33. This mid-7th century poet from Paros was the first to use the term “iambic” to describe the poetic meter.
 A. Archilochus
 B. Bacchylides
 C. Ibycus
 D. Theognis
34. Which of the following is **NOT** one of the attackers against Thebes in *Seven Against Thebes*?
 A. Hippomedon
 B. Melanippus
 C. Polynices
 D. Tydeas
35. In what speech does Demosthenes accuse Aeschines of accepting bribes from Phillip of Macedon?
 A. On the Crown
 B. On the Peace
 C. On His Return
 D. On the False Embassy

36. What is unique about the *Persians* by Aeschylus?
 A. It's his only surviving Satyr play. B. It's the first play with two choruses.
 C. It's the only surviving historical play. D. It's the first play with three actors.
37. Aristarchus, an astronomer from Samos, believed the center of what we call the solar system was _____.
 A. Earth B. Jupiter C. Moon D. Sun
38. Though only fragments remain today, the Spartan poet Tyrtaeus wrote how many books of poetry?
 A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6
39. In Plato's *Meno*, who is Meno's teacher?
 A. Antiphon B. Gorgias C. Hippias D. Thrasymachus
40. What "father of history" was the author of *History of the Persian Wars*?
 A. Herodotus B. Plutarch C. Xenophon D. Thucydides
41. What god was the major theater competition in Athens in honor of?
 A. Apollo B. Athena C. Dionysus D. Zeus
42. Who wrote epitaphs for the Athenian dead at Marathon?
 A. Sappho B. Semonides C. Simonides D. Stesichorus
43. While a playwright himself, Aristophanes is also a character who hiccups his way through a dinner party in the _____ by Plato.
 A. Crito B. Symposium C. Timaeus D. Laws
44. Whose death marks the start of New Comedy?
 A. Phillip I B. Aristophanes
 C. Meander D. Alexander the Great
45. Book two of Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War* begins with Thebes attacking which city-state?
 A. Plataea B. Sparta C. Athens D. Leuctra
46. What was the *Nostoi* supposedly about?
 A. A travelogue of Greece B. A collection of poems about the gods
 C. A missing Satyr play about Sparta D. Soldiers returning from the Trojan War

Match the work to the author.

47. Apology

A. Aeschylus

B. Aristotle

C. Sophocles

D. Xenophon

48. Prometheus Bound

A. Aeschylus

B. Aristophanes

C. Euripides

D. Sophocles

49. Against Timarchus

A. Aeschines

B. Demosthenes

C. Isocrates

D. Lysias

50. Lament for Daphnis

A. Arion

B. Pindar

C. Sappho

D. Theocritus