

**REGIONAL LATIN FORUM 2004
CUSTOMS**

1. How many days after birth was a boy given his praenomen?
a. 6 b. 7 c. 8 d. 9
2. Which priest checked the entrails of animals?
a. augur b. haruspex c. flamen d. pontifex
3. Who carried the fasces?
a. kings b. lictors c. consuls d. senators
4. The dressing room in the baths was called the
a. unctorium. b. apodyterium. c. laconicum. d. palaestra.
5. Which gladiator fought with a lasso?
a. myrmillo b. essedarius c. laquearius d. andabata
6. A scamnum would be used with a(n)
a. abacus. b. arca. c. fulcrum. d. lectus.
7. The ninth hour of the Roman day is equivalent to
a. 9 A.M. b. 9 P.M. c. 3 P.M. d. 1 P.M.
8. Who wore the cingulum herculeum and seni crines?
a. bride b. pronuba c. Vestal Virgin d. groom
9. What was an empty tomb called?
a. ustrina b. columbarium c. cenotaphium d. sepulchrum
10. What was an ostiarius?
a. doorkeeper b. gardener c. sailmaker d. stablehand
11. What was a curriculum in a chariot race?
a. the winning chariot b. a completed lap c. a lap counter d. the finish line
12. A meta and a catillus would most likely be found
a. in a law court. b. on a farm. c. on a triumphal arch. d. in a temple.
13. Which factio was probably formed during the reign of Augustus?
a. Green b. Red c. Gold d. Blue
14. Which of the following were unknown to the Romans?
a. poppy seed b. pumpkins c. tomatoes d. asparagus

15. Which Roman game is similar to modern chess?
a. trigon b. par impar c. micatio d. latrunculi
16. calamus : chartae :: stilus : _____
a. libri b. pugillares c. tituli d. atramenta
17. Who would perform the conclamatio at a man's funeral?
a. the Flamen Dialis b. his eldest son c. the Pontifex Maximus
d. his youngest brother
18. Which festival in January is celebrated to purify the farm for the upcoming year?
a. Compitalia b. Parilia c. Rosaria d. Tubilustrum
19. All of the following refer to types of atria **EXCEPT**
a. testudinatum. b. displuviatum. c. reticulatum. d. tetrastylon.
20. The shape of the earliest Roman dwelling was
a. square. b. round. c. rectangular. d. polygonal.
21. Where did gladiatorial combats usually take place in Rome during the Republic?
a. in the Campus Martius b. on the Janiculum c. on the Via Appia
d. in the Forum
22. Sordidati wore the
a. toga pulla. b. toga libera. c. toga picta. d. toga candida.
23. Which statement about fashion is **NOT** true?
a. Men and women used handkerchiefs to wipe perspiration off face and hands.
b. Rings were the only kind of jewelry worn by male Roman citizens.
c. Women did not wear hats but used parasols to protect themselves from the sun.
d. Diamonds were the favorite precious stones among Roman women.
24. The two most important foods for the Romans were
a. wheat and olives. b. olives and vegetables. c. vegetables and meat.
d. meat and wheat.
25. The Comitia Tributa elected all of the following **EXCEPT**
a. quaestors. b. aediles. c. censors. d. tribunes.
26. What were decuriones?
a. members of a town council b. messengers who carried the mail
c. winners of 200 chariot races d. civil servants employed by a provincial governor

27. A synthesis was worn
 - a. at a dinner party and during the Saturnalia.
 - b. at a wedding and on the Liberalia.
 - c. on election day and on the Matronalia.
 - d. at a funeral and on the Lemuria.

28. Which of the following lists in correct order from smallest to largest the parts of a legion?
 - a. maniple, century, cohort
 - b. maniple, cohort, century
 - c. cohort, century, maniple
 - d. century, maniple, cohort

29. Term used for slaves born into a household and owned by the same master:
 - a. vilici
 - b. furciferes
 - c. verna
 - d. carnifices

30. Which of the Roman dates is correctly matched to its modern equivalent?
 - a. a.d. III Non. Ian = January 3
 - b. a.d. VIII Kal. Ian = December 24
 - c. a.d. IV Id. Apr. = April 12
 - d. a.d. VI Id. Iul. = July 8

31. The term tesserae refers to all of the following **EXCEPT**
 - a. army passwords.
 - b. money.
 - c. mosaic tiles.
 - d. dice.

32. Which of the following was **NOT** used to seal a letter?
 - a. signum
 - b. cera
 - c. linum
 - d. scheda

33. Romans were forbidden to become priests of
 - a. Isis.
 - b. Mithras.
 - c. Dionysus.
 - d. Cybele.

34. Which of the following is **NOT** associated with death and funerals?
 - a. nenia
 - b. designator
 - c. praeficae
 - d. merenda

35. What did Romans call rooms used for entertaining large groups?
 - a. exedrae
 - b. sacra
 - c. solaria
 - d. oeci

36. What is the Latin term for a stepfather?
 - a. vitricus
 - b. socer
 - c. provignus
 - d. gener

37. A father's patria potestas over his son was automatically terminated if any of the following occurred **EXCEPT**
 - a. the son was adopted into another family.
 - b. the father lost his citizenship.
 - c. the son became a priest of Jupiter.
 - d. the son married.

38. Which of the following statements about hospitium is **NOT** true?
- The relationship was strictly reciprocal.
 - Both parties were absolutely equal.
 - Failure to fulfill obligations was believed to bring on the wrath of Apollo, the god of hospitality.
 - Connections could be made with citizens of a foreign country.
39. Who would wear a tunica angusti clavi?
- puer
 - senator
 - consul
 - eques
40. Which of the following statements about Roman education is **NOT** true?
- Schools were supervised by the government.
 - The rate of literacy among Romans was very high.
 - Schools were democratic in the treatment of pupils.
 - Teachers were usually slaves or freedmen.
41. Which vehicle had two wheels and was usually used for state processions?
- cisium
 - carpentum
 - pilentum
 - petoriturum
42. The cinctus Gabinus would be worn
- at a chariot race.
 - in a law court.
 - in a temple.
 - at the baths.
43. The most important guest at a dinner party would recline on the
- highest couch in the lowest position.
 - highest couch in the highest position.
 - middle couch in the lowest position.
 - lowest couch in the highest position.
44. What type of branch was nailed to the doorway of a house in mourning?
- cypress
 - myrtle
 - oak
 - willow
45. Which of the following statements about Roman theater is **NOT** true?
- All plays were supervised by state officials.
 - The theater manager decided when a play was to be presented.
 - Men played women's parts.
 - Wigs conventionally represented different stock characters.
46. Which of the following addressed a man by his cognomen?
- children
 - acquaintances
 - slaves
 - close friends
47. Which of the following statements about a camillus is **NOT** correct?
- His parents were both living.
 - He tended the horses of a triumphing general.
 - He was free-born.
 - He walked in wedding processions with a basket.

48. The English call shopkeepers who sell vegetables "green grocers"; the Romans called them
a. fructarii. b. aurifices. c. fullones. d. olitores.
49. According to Cato, an ideal farm would consist of 240 iugera, which is equivalent to approximately _____ American acres.
a. 50 b. 100 c. 150 d. 200
50. Which of the following lists the layers of a road in correct order from bottom to top?
a. statumen, pavimentum, rudus b. rudus, statumen, pavimentum
c. statumen, rudus, pavimentum d. pavimentum, statumen, rudus