

**N.B. All dates are A.D. (C. E.) unless otherwise noted**

1. Which Visigothic king sacked Rome in 410?  
a. Arbogast      b. Ricimer      c. Attila      d. Alaric
2. Constantine the Great founded his capital of the Eastern Roman Empire on the site of what earlier town?  
a. Babylon      b. Troy      c. Byzantium      d. Corinth
3. The young Nero's tutors included:  
a. Petronius      b. Seneca      c. Aristotle      d. Fronto
4. Caligula planned but did not carry out an invasion of;  
a. Armenia      b. Dacia      c. Britain      d. Palmyra
5. What emperor was forced to subdue a serious Jewish rebellion in Cyrenaica which began in 115?  
a. Trajan      b. Marcus Aurelius      c. Gallienus      d. Julienus
6. Which dynasty came first ?  
a. Severan      b. Julio-Claudian      c. Antonine      d. Flavian
7. The emperor who brought to completion the official adoption of Christianity as the state religion by closing all pagan temples and forbidding public and private pagan worship was:  
a. Constantine      b. Valentinian I      c. Theodosius I      d. Constantius II
8. What mother of an emperor starved herself to death when she was ordered to leave Antioch after conspiring against Macrinus?  
a. Pulcheria      b. Agrippina the Younger      c. Julia Domna  
d. Galla Placida
9. What was the battle in which the emperor Valens was killed in 378?  
a. Hadrianople      b. Teutoberg Forest      c. Palmyra      d. Edessa
10. The empress Licinia Eudoxia was carried away into captivity after the Vandals sacked Rome in:  
a. 410      b. 429      c. 455      d. 476
11. The last Antonine emperor was:  
a. Antoninus Pius      b. Commodus      c. Lucius Verus      d. Julian
12. What able general was well known for his career in Britain (as described by his son-in-law Tacitus)?  
a. Belisarius      b. Corbulo      c. Agricola      d. Otho

13. Gaius Calpurnius Piso formed a conspiracy in 65 to assassinate the emperor:
  - a. Tiberius
  - b. Nero
  - c. Commodus
  - d. Caligula
14. Who was the most infamous leader of the Huns?
  - a. Attila
  - b. Alaric
  - c. Gaiseric
  - d. Stilicho
15. What emperor engineered the death of his mother?
  - a. Caligula
  - b. Claudius
  - c. Caracalla
  - d. Nero
16. The emperor \_\_\_\_\_ made his sister Drusilla a goddess.
  - a. Caligula
  - b. Commodus
  - c. Vitellius
  - d. Elagabalus
17. The stationing of the praetorian guard in a camp at the edge of the city was the idea of :
  - a. Tigellinus
  - b. Narcissus
  - c. Sejanus
  - d. Macro
18. The war for the reconquest of Judaea was begun by \_\_\_\_\_ and completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Vespasian/Cestius Gallus
  - b. Vespasian/Titus
  - c. Titus/ Suetonius Paulinus
  - d. Titus/Domitian
19. At what battle did Constantine face and defeat his rival Maxentius in 312?
  - a. Margus River
  - b. Mutina
  - c. Pharsalus
  - d. Milvian Bridge
20. The year in which Diocletian and Maximian retired peacefully and passed their power to their Caesars was:
  - a. 305
  - b. 311
  - c. 313
  - d. 317
21. Which Julio-Claudian is not correctly paired with his wife?
  - a. Caligula/Caesonia
  - b. Augustus/Livia
  - c. Claudius/Messalina
  - d. Nero/Agrippina the Younger
22. Which of the following emperors was praetorian prefect before he was emperor?
  - a. Otho
  - b. Titus
  - c. Vitellius
  - d. Nerva
23. New imperial officials under Hadrian ,whose task was to collect overdue debts for the treasury were the:
  - a. *agentes in rebus*
  - b. *advocati fisci*
  - c. *publicani*
  - d. *sexviri monetales*
24. A false report of the death of Marcus Aurelius in 175 sparked a revolt by:
  - a. Avidius Cassius
  - b. Pertinax
  - c. Lucius Sejanus
  - d. Commodus
25. Which of these emperors had the shortest reign?
  - a. Titus
  - b. Nerva
  - c. Otho
  - d. Vitellius
26. Julia Maesa and Julia Domna were famous women married to the \_\_\_\_\_ dynasty.
  - a. Antonines
  - b. Julio-Claudians
  - c. Flavians
  - d. Severans

27. Roman citizenship was extended to all free provincials of the empire by:  
 a. *Lex Vatinia*    b. *Res Gestae*    c. *Constitutio Antoniana*  
 d. *Lex Papia Poppaea*
28. The Roman emperor who was killed by the fumes of a brazier in his tent was:  
 a. Valentinian    b. Jovian    c. Julian the Apostate    d. Constans
29. Augustus numbered the years of his reign by the number of years he held :  
 a. the name "Caesar"    b. the consulship  
 c. the *tribunica potestas*    d. the *maius imperium*
30. Septimius Severus defeated his rival \_\_\_\_\_ at Issus in 194.  
 a. Clodius Albinus    b. Pertinax    c. Pescennius Niger  
 d. Didius Julianus
31. Augustus kept the praetorian prefects under control by limiting them to men of equestrian rank and:  
 a. by limiting them to a term of one year  
 b. by having two of them  
 c. by recruiting them from outside of Italy  
 d. by forbidding them to marry
32. Constantine put to death his own son, \_\_\_\_\_ for plotting against him.  
 a. Constantius II    b. Constans    c. Crispus    d. Constantius I
33. The real power behind Theodosius II was his sister:  
 a. Aelia Eudoxia    b. Pulcheria    c. Julia Mamaea    d. Galla Placida
34. The youngest person ever made emperor was:  
 a. Octavian    b. Nero    c. Theodosius II    d. Valentinian III
35. The emperor who partially financed the Marcomanni War by the auction of imperial property and furniture of imperial palaces was:  
 a. Marcus Aurelius    b. Hadrian    c. Didius Julianus    d. Claudius Gothicus
36. The praetorian prefect who was executed under Septimius Severus was:  
 a. Papinianus    b. Plautianus    c. Tigellinus    d. Macro
37. Which of the following was not one of Claudius' freedmen?  
 a. Narcissus    b. Pallas    c. Epaphroditus    d. Callistus
38. What emperor was enticed to a conference and taken prisoner by the Persian emperor Shapur I ca. 260?  
 a. Valerian    b. Valentinian    c. Vitellius    d. Jovian
39. Zenobia and the city of Palmyra revolted against Roman rule in the name of her infant son:  
 a. Odaenathus    b. Vaballathus    c. Agron    d. Sapor II

40. Carausius seized control of Britain, declaring himself emperor in :  
 a. 117            b. 193            c. 258            d. 286
41. The emperor who reorganized the empire into eastern and western halves ruled by Caesars and Augusti was:  
 a. Constantine            b. Theodosius II            c. Diocletian            d. Trajan
42. Julia Maesa was the real power behind the throne during the reign of :  
 a. Elagabalus            b. Alexander Severus            c. Gordian III  
 d. Theodosius II
43. The emperor in the east when Rome fell in 476 was:  
 a. Zeno            b. Leo            c. Glycerius            d. Athemius
44. Who were the Caesars under Diocletian?  
 a. Galerius & Maximian            b. Constantius & Constans  
 c. Constantius & Galerius            d. Constans & Galerius
45. The emperor who took his own life after the battle of Cremona was:  
 a. Galba            b. Otho            c. Vitellius            d. Vespasian
46. The relationship of Marcellus, Augustus' first choice of heir, to Augustus was:  
 a. grandson            b. great-nephew            c. stepson            d. nephew
47. Aulus Plautius, Vespasian, and Ostorius Scapula subdued Britain as a province during the reign of:  
 a. Vespasian            b. Nero            c. Claudius            d. Tiberius
48. What famous document was issued by Constantine I which granted an unrestricted freedom of worship to Christians and restored some confiscated properties?  
 a. Nicene Creed            b. *Ius Maiorum*            c. Edict of Nantes  
 d. *Lex Romana Visigothorum*
49. Antoninus Pius was awarded the title "Pius" for what reason?  
 a. restoring the worship of Mars Ultor  
 b. building a new home & temple for the Vestals  
 c. his serious and exemplary lifestyle  
 d. securing the deification of his adoptive father Hadrian
50. Which centuries are considered by most to be the era of the *Pax Romana*?  
 a. first B.C.E. & first A.D.(C.E.)            b. first and second A.D.(C.E.)  
 c. second & third A.D.(C.E.)            d. third & fourth A.D.(C.E.)