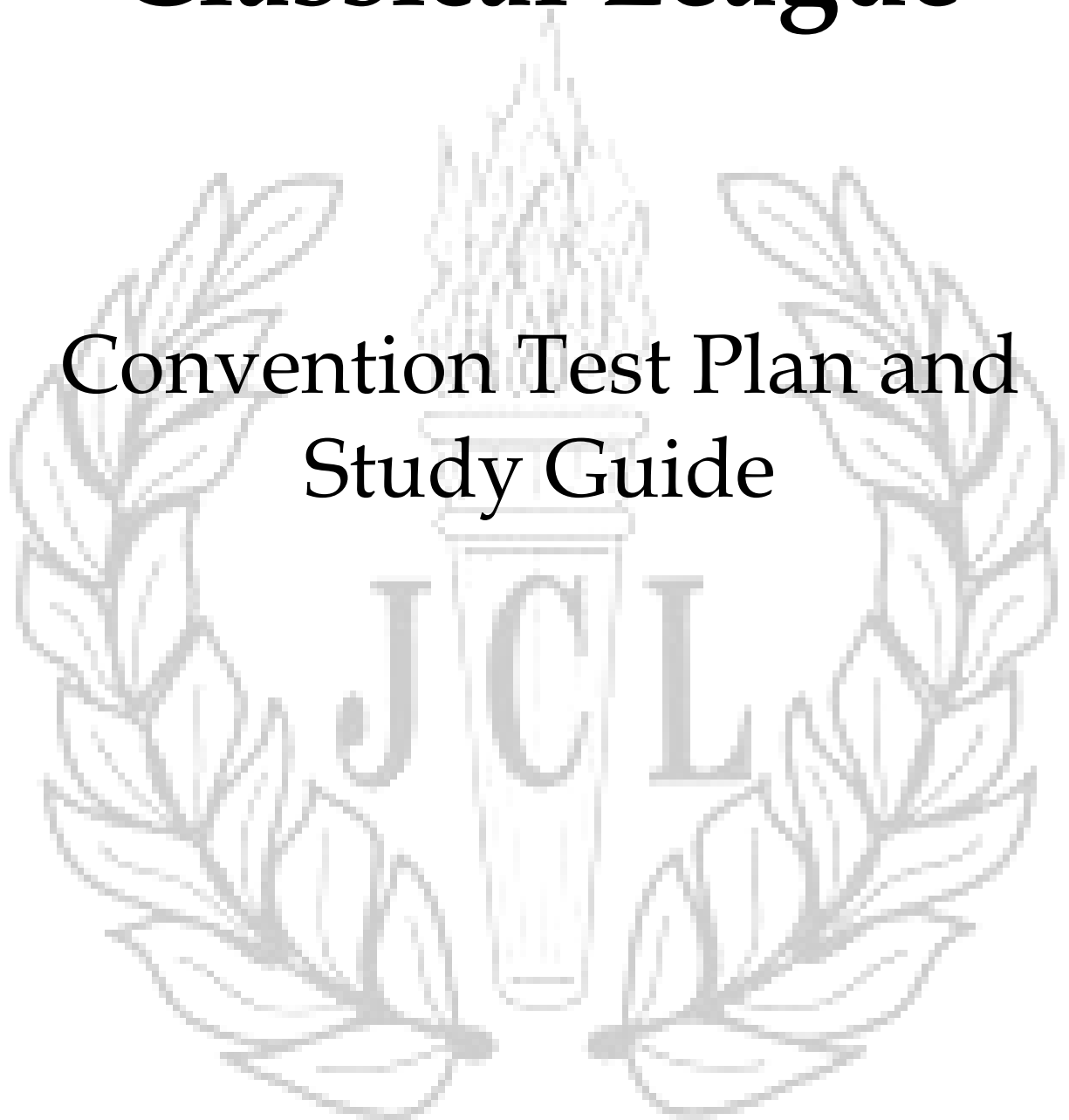


Wisconsin Junior Classical League

Convention Test Plan and
Study Guide



Inn on the Park and Memorial Union

Madison, WI

Test Plans

- I. **Test Writing** – UW Classics Department under supervision of Jeff Beneker and Laura McClure
- II. **Test Run-offs** – Under the supervision of Gale Stone
 - a. They will be done early enough to have them numbered and answer keys copied
 - b. They will be done at a place secure from all WJCL teachers
 - c. Storage of the prepped tests will be at a secure location
- III. **Test Rooms** – they will be listed in the program for Convention
- IV. **Test List**
 - a. **Thursday – Test Session I**
 - i. Vocabulary
 - ii. Roman Private Life
 - iii. Greek Derivatives and Vocabulary
 - iv. Greek History, Literature, and Life
 - v. Mythology
 - vi. Pentathlon
 - b. **Friday – Test Session II**
 - i. Reading Comprehension
 - ii. Roman History
 - iii. Grammar
 - iv. Latin Derivatives
 - v. Latin Literature
 - vi. Mottoes
- V. **Test Format**
 - a. 50 multiple choice questions each except Reading comprehension, which is 30 questions
- VI. **Testing Sessions**
 - a. Session I – Thursday, 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM at Inn on the Park. Rooms will be listed in the Convention Program
 - b. Session II – Friday, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at Memorial Union. Rooms will be listed in the Convention Program
- VII. **Testing Levels**
 - a. Level 1 = Latin I
 - b. Level 2 = Latin II
 - c. Level 3 = Latin III
 - d. Level 4 = Latin IV, V, and VI

Syllabus

Grammar

Official source: Allen and Greenough's *New Latin Grammar*

Unofficial sources: High school grammar guides and texts, past National Latin Exams (questions 1-20) and NLE Syllabus, Review and Test Preparation Guide: Beginning and Intermediate

Latin I tested concepts:

Complete indicative system for common verbs (active + passive)
Present active imperative, present infinitives
Nouns: declensions 1-2-3, seven cases
Adjectives: declensions 1-2-3
Common pronouns, including relative clauses
Common subordination with indicative
Adverbs
Noun/adjective agreement, relative pronoun antecedent

Latin II tested concepts:

All of the above plus:
Declensions 4-5
Participles with ablative absolutes
Comparison of adjectives and adverbs
Indirect statement
Common subjunctive uses and tenses

Advanced Latin tested concepts:

All of the above plus:
More subjunctive uses
Gerund(ive), supine
Poetic variants (e.g., -ere for -erunt)

Types of Questions:

Incomplete Latin sentence, translate English to Latin and Latin to English

Vocabulary

Latin I:

Common vocabulary for the Latin I texts

Latin II:

Above, plus frequent vocabulary from easy authors

Advanced Latin:

Basic Latin Vocabulary: Brunel plus Sadler list (ACL)

Vocabulary is generic (by frequency) and not keyed to one author or text.

Latin Derivatives

Official source: *Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology*

Unofficial sources: *Latin English Derivative Dictionary*, English dictionaries, vocabulary of science, *Eureka*, *Etyma*, Ayers, Burriss and Cason, Nybaken, etc.

Types of Questions:

English vocabulary (antonym or synonym), Latin root or meaning of Latin root, which does not belong

English vocabulary is generic by frequency and not keyed to any specific source.

Latin Literature

Official sources: Hadas, *History of Latin Literature*, *Cambridge History of Classical Literature* v. 2

Unofficial sources: Mottoes books, texts of major authors

Latin I - II:

Major authors, works, topics, characters

Advanced Latin:

Add quotes, literary devices, etc.

Greek Language and Derivatives

Official source: *Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology*

Unofficial sources: *Greek-English Derivative Dictionary*, English dictionaries, vocabulary of science, *Eureka*, *Etyma*, Ayers, Burriss and Cason, Nybaken, etc.

Alphabet

Common Greek vocabulary, generic by frequency

Mottoes

Latin I - II:

Mottoes, abbreviations, Latin sayings, perhaps some interpretation

Official sources: *Amo, Amas, Amat, Oxford Dictionary of Latin Phrases*

Advanced Latin:

Anchor Book of Latin Quotations, Veni, Vidi, Vici

Common Latin sayings, abbreviations, phrase context, Latin quotes, and phrase translation

Roman History

Official sources: *Oxford Classical Dictionary* (2nd and 3rd eds.), Cary-Scullard, *Atlas of Roman History*

Unofficial sources: Grant, ACL spiral, Paul Taylor's guide, *Handbook to Life: Ancient Rome*

Knowledge expands by level

Latin I: Approximately 5 characters/events per century, greater focus in the time period 133 BC to 117 AD

Latin II: More material

Advanced Latin: Much more

Geography as appropriate by level

Mythology

Official sources: Morford and Lenardon, Powell, Tripp, Grimal

Unofficial sources: Richardson, Hamilton, Kravitz, Grant and Hazel, Grimal (concise)

Latin I: Major deities and hero stories

Latin II: Above plus understanding of *Iliad, Odyssey, Aeneid, Metamorphoses*

Advanced Latin: All significant characters and stories

Roman Private Life

Official sources: H. Johnson, M. Johnson, *Handbook to Life in Ancient Rome*

Unofficial sources: high school texts, etc.

Latin I: Very basic information on each chapter topic in M. Johnson

Latin II: Much more information from M. Johnson

Advanced Latin: Some familiarity with H. Johnson as well

Reading Comprehension

Tests will be generic (not directed toward any specific texts)

If possible, Latin II and Advanced Latin will contain real Latin

Advanced Latin will be a balance of prose and poetry

Pentathlon

Follows the rules above for Grammar, Vocabulary, Latin Derivatives, Roman History, and Mythology

Each test will consist of 10 questions from Grammar, Vocabulary, Latin Derivatives, Roman History, and Mythology

Questions will **not** be identical to questions from the category tests

Sample Questions

Grammar

1. Puella . . . laudat. a) puer b) pueri c) puero d) puerum
2. Gladio pugnat. a) at b) in c) to d) with a sword
3. Change portat to passive. a) portabit b) portavit c) portatur d) portent

There is a stress on language use.

Vocabulary

1. amo (or amare) a) carry b) hold c) love d) sail
2. window a) fenestra b) mensa c) sella d) tectum
3. unrelated by meaning a) frater b) mater c) pater d) uxor

Latin Derivatives

1. synonym: provincial a) courageous b) narrow-minded c) lazy d) obscure
2. antonym: arcane a) common b) courageous c) valuable d) voluble
3. derived from: mitto a) mitten b) miter c) miserable d) missile
4. meaning of a Latin word from which an English word is derived (or a Latin word from which an English word is derived)

Roman History

1. First Roman emperor a) Augustus b) Caligula c) Claudius d) Trajan
2. Romans lost at a) Cannae b) Beneventum c) Aegates Island d) Zama
3. Largest island a) Corsica b) Rhodes c) Sardinia d) Sicily

Roman Literature

1. Author of *Aeneid* a) Catullus b) Cicero c) Horace d) Vergil
2. Number of *Eclogues* a) one b) three c) ten d) fifteen
3. Who wrote "Odi et amo" a) Catullus b) Cicero c) Horace d) Vergil

Greek Derivatives

1. antonym: prosaic a) literal b) nomastic c) poetic d) zeugmatic
2. φυσικς means a) order b) word c) nature d) finger
3. period a) περιμετρον b) παραδοσις c) οδος d) οδους

Roman Private Life

1. fenestra a) door b) chair c) window d) roof
2. In the name "Marcus Tullius Cicero" which is the praenomen?
3. How many guests at a Roman banquet?

Mottoes

1. *sic semper tyrannis* followed by 4 states, or 4 translations, or 4 names to which it could refer
2. abbreviations - Latin words - translation
3. quote: translation or author

Mythology

1. King of gods a) Apollo b) Hera c) Hermes d) Zeus
2. Who killed Achilles? a) Ajax b) Hector c) Paris d) Priam
3. Number of Muses a) 2 b) 3 c) 9 d) 12

Greek History, Literature, and Life

See same topics under Latin Literature, Roman History, and Roman Private Life

Pentathlon

See Grammar, Vocabulary, Latin Derivatives, Mythology, and Roman History

Reading Comprehension

See NLE stories. Not grammar or vocabulary test, although context vocabulary is OK

Test Sources

These sources are suggestions and are not to be considered definitive, because questions may come from other sources as well (e.g., old tests).

Greek Derivatives

Greek-English Derivative Dictionary (B103), *Dictionary of Latin and Greek Origins* by Bob Moore and Maxine Moore (B113)—both are available from the Teaching Materials and Resource Center (TMRC), The American Classical League, Oxford, OH 45056; and *Latin and Greek in Current Use* by Burris and Casson

Hellenic History

From the Hellenic period up to the death of Alexander. *Ancient Greek from Prehistoric to Hellenistic Times* by Thomas R. Martin (Yale Univ. Press); *Ancient Greece: A Political,*

Social, and Cultural History by Sarah B. Pomeroy (Oxford Univ. Press); *The Greeks: History, Culture, and Society* by Ian Morris and Barry B. Powell (Prentice Hall)

Greek Life and Literature

History of Greek Literature by Mosas Hadas; *Handbook to Life in Ancient Greece* by Leslie Adkins and Roy Adkins

Latin Grammar

Latin I: Any first year Latin text and *A New Latin Grammar* by Allen and Greenough
Latin II, III, IV, and V: *A New Latin Grammar* by Allen and Greenough

Mottoes, Abbreviations, and Quotations

Amo, Amas, Amat and More by Ehrlich; Latin authors and dictionaries of quotations; *Latin Everywhere, Everyday* by Elizabeth Heimback; CD by James Chochola (Bolchazy-Carducci, 2004, ISBN 0-86516-572-6)

Latin Derivatives

Latin English Derivative Dictionary; Dictionary of Latin and Greek Origins by Bob Moore and Maxine Moore; *Latin and Greek in Current Use* by Burris and Casson.

Roman History

A History of the Roman People by Heichelman, Ward, and Yeo; *The Penguin Dictionary of Ancient History*; *A History of Rome* by Cary and Scullard; *Caesar and Christ* by Durant; *A Handbook to Life in Ancient Rome* by Leslie Adkins and Roy Adkins (B461 from the TMRC); *Ancient Rome: An Introductory History* by Paul Zoch

Reading Comprehension

Students may take one or both of the Reading Comprehension tests. *On the Margin* (Oxford Univ. Press) is a good example for this competition.

Roman Private Life and Customs

In the Daily Life of the Ancient Romans by Hicks (ISBN 87-226-5951); *Daily Life in Ancient Rome* by Carcopino (ISBN 30000316); Chapter 9 of *A Handbook to Life in Ancient Rome* by Leslie Adkins and Roy Adkins (B461 from the TMRC)

Latin Vocabulary

Latin Word Building and Etymology by Sadler (J6 from the TMRC); *Basic Latin Vocabulary* by Donald Brunel (B101 from the TMRC)

Mythology

Classical Mythology by Morford and Lenardon; *Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology* by Edward Tripp

Latin Literature

History of Latin Literature by Mosas Hadas with very little after p. 352 except major Christian authors; *Cambridge History of Classical Literature, Vol. II, Latin Literature*; Roman authors; *A Handbook to Latin Literature* by H. J. Rose; *Latin Literature* by Gian Biagio Conte

Certamen

The sponsor signs up the teams for their school on the electronic school registration form. One team per level is allowed. Each team will consist of a maximum of 6 members. There will be three rounds of play at the Memorial Union and a final round for each level Friday evening at Inn on the Park. Team members will be allowed to change between rounds, but the ribbons and individual sweepstakes points will be awarded only to the players playing in the final round.

I. Allen and Greenough, and also Gildersleeve and Lodge, are the authorities on grammar and syntax; Lewis and Short as well as the *Oxford Latin Dictionary* are the authorities on spelling, vocabulary, translation into English, and the occurrence or non-occurrence of forms. Any good English dictionary is an adequate source for etymology and Latin abbreviations used in English.

II. There is no single source for mythology. An answer must be verifiable in one of the following dictionaries or in an original source. Questions based on a particular author's variant version of a myth will be so stated: e.g. "according to Ovid" or "in Euripides"

- Michael Grant and John Hazel, *Gods and Mortals in Classical Mythology*
- Mark Morford, *Classical Mythology* (3rd edition or later)
- Edward Tripp, *Crowell's Handbook of Classical Mythology*
- *Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology* (paperback version of the previous title)
- Pierre Grimal, *Dictionary of Classical Mythology*

III. For Roman daily life the source is Harold Johnson's *Private Life of the Romans*. For Roman History, there are four additional resources:

- *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2nd and 3rd editions
- Cary and Scullard, *A History of Rome* (3rd edition)
- Heichelheim, Ward, and Yeo, *A History of the Roman People*
- *The Penguin Dictionary of Ancient History*

IV. The additional sources for literature are:

- *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2nd and 3rd editions
- *The Oxford Companion to Classical Literature*
- Gian Biagio Conte, *A History of Latin Literature*
- Lillian Feder, *Crowell's Handbook of Latin Literature*

N.B. For categories III and above, *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2nd edition, remains the *summa auctoritas*, though some questions may be taken from the new entries of the 3rd edition.

The sources for Tests and Certamen on the previous pages are taken from publications of NJCL, which are all excellent study sources.

