

Nats Novice Training Questions

Tu1: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of the state of Kansas

Ad Astra Per aspera; to the stars through difficulties

B1. Now give the Latin and English for the motto of Maine

Dirigo, I point the way

B2. What state has the motto, Eureka, which is Greek for I have found?

California

Tu2: What son of Menoetius took Achilles' armor into battle, and was killed by Hector, causing Achilles to rejoin the fighting?

Patroclus

B1. Why did Achilles stop fighting for Agamemnon in the first part of the Iliad?

Agamemnon had taken his concubine, Bryseis

B2. How were Achilles and Patroclus buried together

They were both cremated, and their ashes were mixed

Tu3: Which king of Rome killed Acron of Caenina, winning the first Spolia Opima, murdered his brother, and preceded Numa?

Romulus

B1. Which king of Rome was the first to build a saltwater port, located at Ostia?

Ancus Marcius

B2. The monarchy ended when what son of Tarquinius Superbus raped Lucretia?

Sextus Tarquinius

Tu4: From what Latin word with what meaning are, future, essence, interest, derived?

Sum, to be

B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning is tradition ultimately derived?

Do, dare to give

B2: From what Latin word with what meaning do we derive Kibble, and Kennel?

Canis, dog

Tu5: Translate the following sentence from English into Latin, Lucius, help the farmer!

Luci (ad)iuva agricolam

B1. Now translate this sentence into latin, Lucius, the good poet, loves to write

Lucius, malus poeta, amat scribere

B2. Why is malus masculine in the first bonus?

Because Poeta is Masculine

Tu6: What three cases in the first declension all share the same ending of -ae?

Nom plural, Gen sing, and Dat singular

B1. What 2 case endings are always the same in latin?

Ablative and Dative Plural

B2. What is the ending for neuter plural nouns and adjectives?

-a

Tu7. What man, deemed the second founder of Rome for his successful siege of Veii in 396 BC, was later exiled on charges of bribery and extortion?

Camillus

B1. 6 Years later, in 390 BC, where did the Gauls defeat Rome, sacking its city and destroying all records?

Allia River

B2. Rome would have been sacked after this had this man not been woken up by Juno's sacred Geese, Name this man, taking a nap on the capitoline, and later executed for trying to become king?

Capitolinus

Tu8. What beautiful Trojan youth, a son of Tros and Callihroe was taken away by Zeus in the form of an eagle, and became the cupbearer of the gods?

Ganymede

B1. What goddess of youth did Ganymede replace as cupbearer of the gods?

Hebe

B2. What was Tros, Ganymedes' father, given as compensation for the loss of his son?

Horses

TU9. Responde Latine: Quot Brachia tibi sunt?

Duo (sunt mihi duo brachia)

B1. Responde Latine: Quot Crura tibi sunt?

Duo (Sunt mihi crura duo)

B2. Responde Latine: Quot crura vobis sunt?

Octo

Tu10. What kind of gladiator fought with a net and a trident?

Rhetiarius

B1.

Tu11: What son of Poseidon and Thoosa was blinded by Odysseus, and threw a rock at his ship?

Polyphemus

B1. Odysseus was journeying home to Ithaka to be reunited with what faithful wife, who had been waiting for 20 years?

Penelope

B2. Name the disloyal goatherd of Odysseus who had his hands, feet, nose, and genitals cut off and fed to the dogs, and was later hung for his treachery?

Melanthius

Tu12: Which of the 5 good emperors brought Rome to its greatest territorial extent, succeeded Nerva, and ruled from 98-117 A.D?

Trajan

B1. Which of the five great emperors ruled the longest?

Antoninus Pious

B2. Why did Antoninus get the name Pious?

He encouraged the senate to deify his father Hadrian

Tu13. Translate this 2 word command from Horace, Carpe diem

Sieze the day

B1. Your doing a mathematical proof and you see the abbreviation QED, give the Latin and English for this abbreviation

Quod erat demonstrandum, that which must be demonstrated

B2. You're talking to your friend who does not take Latin (huge mistake), and he says that RIP stands for rest in peace. You laugh at him because RIP actually stands for what three latin words?

Requiescat in pace

14. What is the nominative plural of the phrase, the good man

Boni viri

B1. Make that ablative

Bonis viris

B2. Make that genitive

Bonorum Virorum

15. What Roman general returned to his plow after ruling for 16 days as dictator, and saved Rome from the Aequi, and gives his name to one of the largest cities in Ohio?

Cincinattus

B1. Name the battle of 458 BC at which this occurs?

Mt. Algidus

B2. Time for a harder detail, name the general who was trapped with his army at Algidus?

Minucius

16. What use of the ablative can be found in the following sentence, miles gladio multos annos interficiebat multos homines?

Means

B1. What 2 uses of the accusative are found in that sentence?

Acc. duration of time, and means

B2. What is the tense of the verb interficiebat in the sentence?

Imperfect

17. Incest unfortunately plays a huge role in mythology, what youth, loved by both Zeus and Persephone, was created when Cinyras raped his daughter Myrra?

Adonis

B1. Although Myrrha prayed to the gods that she be made invisible, what did the gods transform her into?

Myrrh tree (hence the name Myrrha)

B2. After Adonis was killed by a boar, into what kind of flower was he turned?

Amemone

18. In what year of Roman history were there 4 emperors?

69 A.D

B1. Although it is disputed that there were actually 5 emperors, in what year were there 5 Roman emperors?

193 A.D

B2. In what year were there 6 emperors?

238 A.D

B3 (to impress Kyle). Name all four emperors of the year of the four

Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian

19. What pious man in mythology, is depicted carrying his father, Anchises, and leading his son, Ascanius, out of Troy, and is the eponym for Vergil's most famous work?

Aeneas

B1. Unfortunately not everyone related to Aeneas had such luck to leave Troy, what wife of Aeneas died at Troy?

Creusa

B2. Why was Anchises struck lame by Venus?

Venus got mad that he told their secret

20. Listen to the following Latin sentences, which I will read twice, and then answer the question that follows in Latin: Primus rex Romanus erat Romulus. Romulus necavit Remum, suum fratrem. Romulus condidit urbem Romam.

The question: Quis erat primus rex Romanus?

Romulus

B1. Now answer this question in english: What did Romulus found?

Rome

B2. Now answer this question in Latin: Quem necavit Romulus

Remum, Suum Fratrem