

WJCL State Certamen 2018 Level IV Final Round

1. What emperor of Rome defeated several usurpers at Frigidus River, was forced to repent for a massacre at Thessalonica, ended the Olympic Games, and was the last emperor to rule both the east and the west?

THEODOSIUS I / THE GREAT

B1: When Theodosius split the kingdom between his sons, which son did he assign to each half of the empire?

ARCADIUS - EAST; HONORIUS -WEST

B2: While Arcadius ruled in Constantinople, where did Honorius move the western capital to?

RAVENNA

2. *Quid Anglicē significat volucris?*

BIRD

B1: *Quid Anglicē significat letum?*

DEATH

B2: *Quid Anglicē significat madidus?*

WET/MOIST/SOAKED/DRUNK

3. In the *Aeneid*, what helmsman is praised as the "one single life [that] shall be offered to save many" before he is drugged by the god Sleep and falls overboard?

PALINURUS

B1: Who was the first helmsman of the good ship Argo?

TIPHYS

B2: What helmsman realized there was a god on his ship and was spared the fate of his crew, who became dolphins?

ACOETES

4. Please translate the following sentence from English to Latin: If anyone should drink this water once, he would die.

**SĪ QUIS(QUE) SEMEL HANC AQUAM POTET,
MORIĀTUR. [DO NOT ACCEPT ALIQUIS]**

B1: Now translate this sentence from English to Latin: If those four soldiers had followed us, we would have died.

SĪ HĪ QUATTUOR MĪLITĒS NOS SECUTUS ESSENT, MORTUĪ ESSĒMUS.

B2: Now translate this sentence from English to Latin: Unless he goes to Rome within five days, he will die.

**NISĪ / SĪ NON ROMAM QUINQUE DIĒBUS IT / ĪBIT,
MORIĒTUR/NECĀBITUR/OCCIDET**

5. What author was said by Quintilian to be among the best prose writers, which is unfortunate because only the *De Medicina* of his vast encyclopedia is extant?
CELSUS
- B1: What author was considered to be among the worst prose writers, although his 37 book encyclopedia *Naturalis Historia* is fully extant?
PLINY THE ELDER
- B2: What author wrote a glossary of obscure terms in Latin entitled *De Verborum Significatu*?
VERRIUS FLACCUS
6. **Repotia, dos, cumera, mustaceum,** and **nodus Herculaneus** are all Latin terms about what event in life?
MARRIAGE
- B1: What is a **dos**?
DOWRY
- B2: What is the **mustaceum**?
WEDDING CAKE
7. Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: covert, overt, pert, aperture?
COVERT
- B1: From what Latin verb, with what meaning, is “covert” derived?
OPERIO, TO COVER
- B2: The English noun “curfew” is derived from **operio** and what Latin noun, with what meaning?
FOCUS, HEARTH
8. Plato says that what satyr was made into a wineskin after he was flayed alive by Apollo for losing a musical contest?
MARSYAS
- B1: What instrument had Marsyas picked up when Athena discarded it?
(DOUBLE) FLUTE
- B2: According to Ovid, into what river, proverbial for its winding course, did the river Marsyas flow?
M(A)EANDER

9. What speech of Cicero, delivered in 56 B.C., was largely a political play to please Caesar, as the speech was in favor of renewing Caesar's command in Gaul?

DE PROVINCIIIS CONSULARIBUS

B1: What speech of Cicero, delivered in 63 B.C., defended a client against a charge of poisoning?

PRO CLUENTIO

B2: What speech of Cicero, delivered in 63 B.C., defended a client against the charge of corruption?

PRO MURENA

10. Listen carefully to the following passage, excerpted from Sallust's *War Against Catiline*, which I will read twice, then answer in ENGLISH the question that follows:

Igitur primō pecūniae, deinde imperii cupidō crēscit: ea quasi māteriēs omnium malōrum est. Namque avāritia fidem, probitātem cēterāsque artēs bonās subvertit; prō hīs superbiam, crūdēlitātem, deōs neglegere, omnia vēnālia habēre ēdocet. Ambitiō multōs mortālēs falsōs esse subigit, aliud clausum in pectore, aliud in linguā prōmptum habēre, amīcitiās inimīcitiāsque nōn ex rē sed ex commodō aestumāre, magisque voltum quam ingenium bonum habēre.

The question: What three things did greed destroy?

FAITH, HONESTY, and THE OTHER GOOD ARTS

B1: Name two of the four things which greed then taught in their place.

TWO OF: PRIDE, CRUELTY, NEGLECT OF THE GODS, TO HOLD ALL THINGS FOR SALE / TO SET A PRICE ON EVERYTHING

B2: What was the first thing to grow for the Romans?

AVARICE / GREED / LUST OF MONEY

11. For the verb **amō**, give the second person singular future active imperative.

AMATŌ

B1: Make that form plural.

AMATŌTE

B2: Make that form third person and passive.

AMANTOR

12. Even though the rest of his reign was disastrous, what do historians term the first five years of Nero's rule when he was relatively sane still?

QUINQUENNIIUM NERONIS

B1: Name Nero's tutor who held great influence over the emperor's early years.

SENECA THE YOUNGER

B2: Who, the leader of the Praetorian Guard, was Nero's other major advisor during this time?

(SEX. AFRANIUS) BURRUS

13. Welcome back to **Cinema Romana!** What upcoming film might the Romans have called "**Rūga in tempore**"?

"A WRINKLE IN TIME"

B1: What television series, which was recently renewed for its third season, might the Romans simply have called "**Miriora**"?

STRANGER THINGS

B2: What classic song might have been called "**Alius pulverem gustat**"?

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

14. Into what were the daughters of Minyas transformed when they refused the worship of Dionysus?

BATS

B1: Of what kingdom was Minyas, as well as Erginus and Phlegyas, king?

(BOEOTIAN) ORCHOMENUS

B2: What king of Orchomenus went mad, thinking his son was a deer and shooting him?

ATHAMAS

15. Give the work and its author that starts with the line "**quid actum sit in caelō ante diem III Idūs Octobrīs annō novo**" and is a Menippean satire on the emperor Claudius.

APOCOLOCYNTOSIS BY SENECA THE YOUNGER

B1: Give the epic work and its author that starts with the line "**fraternās aciēs alternaque regna profanes dēcertāta odiūs,**" and therefore sings of war between brothers.

THEBAID BY (PAPINIUS) STATIUS

B2: Give the work and its author that starts with the line "**num aliō genere furiārum dēclāmātōrēs inquietantur,**" and is considered one of the world's first novels.

SATYRICON BY PETRONIUS

16. Translate the following quotation of Cicero into English: **Quis dubitet num in virtūte fēlicitās sit.**

WHO WOULD DOUBT WHETHER THERE IS HAPPINESS IN VIRTUE [DO NOT ACCEPT "WHO DOUBTS," THEY MUST DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF DELIBERATIVE SUBJUNCTIVE]

B1: Now translate this quotation of Cicero into English: **Spērēmus quae volumus, sed quod acciderit ferāmus.**

LET US HOPE FOR WHAT / WHICH THINGS WE WANT,

BUT LET US ENDURE WHAT(EVER) HAPPENS

B2: Now translate this sentence into English: **Utinam dignus talī coniuge marītus vidērī possem.**

WOULD THAT I BE ABLE TO SEEM A HUSBAND
WORTHY OF SUCH A SPOUSE

17. Which enemy of Rome steadily took territory in the east while Rome was distracted in the Social War and massacred 80,000 Italian residents in the Asiatic Vespers?

MITHRIDATES VI

B1: Which Roman general did Mithridates kill by having molten gold poured down his throat?

MANIUS AQUILIUS

B2: To finally address this issue, who received the command in the First Mithridatic War after marching on Rome to get it?

(L. CORNELIUS) SULLA

18. As a nocturnal deity, what goddess regularly carried torches, which she used to kill Clytius in the Gigantomachy?

HECATE

B1: What group killed the giants Agrius and Thoas with brazen clubs?

THE FATES

B2: Which of the gods chased Polybotes to Cos, broke off a promontory, and crushed the Giant beneath it?

POSEIDON

19. What pupil of Arnobius was lauded as the Christian Cicero due to the eloquence he showed in his works, especially in his 7 book **magnum opus** which intends to explain the folly of pagan beliefs and the reasonableness of Christian ones?

LACTANTIUS

B1: What was the name of this magnum opus of Lactantius?

DIVINAE INSTITUTIONES / DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

B2: Lactantius tutored a son of what late emperor?

CONSTANTINE I / THE GREAT

20. **Cissēis**, **Thaumantiās**, and **Anchīsiadēs** are what kind of words, which indicate descent or relationship?

PATRONYMICS

B1: Using your knowledge of mythology, what goddess was known by the name **Thaumantiās**?

IRIS

B2: What grammatical distinction do **moenia** and **Quirītēs** share?

PLURALIA TANTUM / LACK A SINGULAR

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Myth:

1. What woman hanged herself when her husband Demophon did not return at the appointed time, becoming an almond tree?

PHYLLIS

B1: What brother of Demophon is also sometimes said to be the husband of Phyllis?

ACAMAS

B2: Before he departed, Phyllis gave Demophon a box sacred to what goddess, warning him never to open it unless he had given up the intention of returning?

RHEA

2. What daughter of Cebren was abandoned by Paris and later refused to heal him when he was mortally wounded by Philoctetes?

OENONE

B1: On what mountain near Troy did the pair meet?

MT. IDA

B2: What other daughter of Cebren was loved by Aesacus, but she was bitten by a snake and died, causing him to become a diver bird?

ASTEROPE/HESPERIA

Literature:

1. What poem of unknown origin describes the festivities of Venus to celebrate spring in Sicily and contains the famous refrain “**cras amet qui numquam amavit, quique amavit cras amet**”?

PERVIGILIUM VENERIS

B1: Translate that refrain.

LET HIM WHO HAS NEVER LOVED LOVE TOMORROW
AND LET HIM WHO HAS LOVED LOVE TOMORROW.

B2: In what meter is the *Pervigilium Veneris* written?

TROCHAIC TETRAMETER

2. What statesman and author was friend to Catullus and Vergil and built the first public library in Rome, called the **Atrium Libertatis**?

ASINIUS POLLIO

B1: Where was Asinius Pollio born?

TEATE

B2: Which Eclogue did Vergil dedicate to Asinius Pollio?

IV

History:

1. Famous for asking her chariot driver to run over her father, what daughter of a Roman king participated in patricide with her husband Lucius Tarquinius Superbus?

TULLIA (THE YOUNGER/MINOR)

B1: According to Livy, how did Lucius Tarquinius earn his cognomen “**Superbus**”?

HE REFUSES PROPER BURIAL FOR SERVIUS TULLIUS

B2: What is this notorious street, where the murder happened, renamed as, literally meaning “wicked street”?

VICUS SCCELERATUS

2. In 462 BC, the tribune Terentilius Harsa proposed what first codification of laws, allegedly inscribed on 12 bronze tablets and displayed in public for all Roman citizens to view?

LAWS OF THE TWELVE TABLES

B1: What organization revised the Twelve Tables to satisfy plebeian demands?

DECEMVIRI

B2: Who is the most famous of the **decemviri**, especially for lusting after a girl Verginia whose father killed her to save her freedom?

APPIUS CLAUDIUS CRASSUS
(PROMPT ON APPIUS CLAUDIUS)

Grammar:

1. What university has the motto **terrās irradiat**?

AMHERST

B1: What university has the motto **mēns agitāt molem**?

UNIV. OF OREGON

B2: What university has the motto **non sibi sed suīs**?

TULANE UNIV.

2. What does the correlative pair **tot...quot** mean?

AS MANY...AS

B1: What does the correlative pair **tum...tum** mean?

NOT ONLY..BUT ALSO

B2: For what are the enclitics **-nam** and **-met** used?

EMPHASIS

WJCL State Certamen 2018 **Level IV Final Round Tiebreak I**

1. What author, a native of modern day Cadiz in Spain, complained that there were no good schools for agriculture in his *De Re Rustica*?

COLUMELLA

2. What derivative of the adjective **clarus** is a “dark purplish-red color?”

CLARET

3. After Cornelius Dolabella had won a battle here, where did Trajan conquer the Dacians under King Decebalus?

TAPAE

4. According to Tiresias, who must “wander again, carrying an oar on his shoulder, until he came to a land where the people ate no salt,” and could only then return home?

ODYSSEUS

5. For the phrase **altum pelagus**, give the accusative plural.

ALTA PELAGĒ

WJCL State Certamen 2018 Level IV Final Round Tiebreak II

1. Translate the following quotation from Cicero into English: **Sī ea defendēs quae ipse recta esse sentiēs.**

IF (ONLY) YOU WILL DEFEND WHAT / WHICH THINGS YOU YOURSELF FEEL TO BE CORRECT

2. What man grieved so inconsolably at the death of his daughter Chione that he was transformed into a hawk?

DAEDALION

3. What university has the motto “**hinc lūcem et pocula sacra?**”

CAMBRIDGE

4. What author and **magister memoriae** under Valens took the title of his 10 book historical pamphlet, the *Breviarum Ab Urbe Condita*, from a work of Livy?

EUTROPIUS

5. Placed on the throne by Orestes while Zeno ruled in the east, who served as the last Roman emperor in the west?

ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS