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UPPER ROUND 1

Toss-Up #1: You will all be very happy to hear that the history questions in this round will follow a theme of movies and TV-shows. “300,” is the Hollywood version of a handful of Spartans, armed with only spears and protected solely by leather loincloths, fighting to the death against all odds. This incorrect but nonetheless enjoyable depiction of the Spartans' fight against the Persians is actually based on the story of which battle in history?

Thermopylae

Bonus: When did this battle occur?

480 B.C.E.

Toss-up #2 While drama was originally invented by the Greeks, like many aspects of Greek culture, it was imitated by the Romans. Which Roman comic playwright wrote about a “haunted house”?

Plautus

Bonus : What later Roman writer, known primarily for his letters, wrote to his friend about a supposed haunted house in Athens?

Pliny the Younger

Toss Up 3. Give the Latin noun and its meaning from which we derive the English verb “fluctuate.”

Fluctus, wave

Bonus. Now give a Latin verb from which we derive the English noun “fluidity.”

Fluere, to flow

Toss-Up #4 What was the name given to female followers of Bacchus?

Maenads

Bonus: Who are we? We sisters scorned the rites of Bacchus, so he turned us into bats.

Minyades/ Minyae

Toss Up 5. Using the Latin noun for ‘step’, translate the following English sentence into Latin using a dative of possession: “I have the best grades.”

Optimi gradus sunt mihi

Bonus. Again using a dative of possession, translate into Latin: “My friends have better grades than me.”

Meliores gradus sunt meis amicis quam mihi

Toss-Up #6 Give the name of the city that was the home of Orestes, Clytemnestra, Iphigenia, and Agamemnon.

Mycenae

Bonus: Mycenae is said to have been founded by what hero of legend?

Perseus

Toss-up #7 Roman poets would often imitate Greek works as models for their work. Virgil’s Aeneid, for example, follows Homer’s Odyssey. What Greek poetess does Catullus imitate in his poem 51?

Sappho

Bonus: What literary term is used to describe Catullus 64, a short, “mini-epic”?

Epyllion

Toss-Up #8 Listen to the following passage, which will be read twice, and respond *in English* to the question that follows.

Vir praeclarus in historiā Romae erat Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus. Semper vim in proeliō vim dīcendī vim mentis praestitit. Ei cognōmen “Magnum” a Sulla datum est. Deinde pīrātās trēs mēses pugnabat, et eos superavit. Cum Crassō Caesareque pīmum triumvirātum fīxit, quamquam postquam ā Caesare ad Pharsalam vincitur.

What were two strengths which Pompey had?

in battle, of speaking, of the mind

Bonus: How long did it take for him to defeat the pirates?

three months

Toss-Up #9 Give the use of the dative in this sentence: *Omnia mihi simul agenda erant*

Dative of Agent

Bonus: Now translate that sentence

Everything had to be done by me at once

Toss-Up #10 What province bordering the Black Sea was home to the cities Nicomedia, Chalcedon, Cius, Nicaea and Apamea? It is also where Catullus spent a year on the staff of Gaius Memmius.

Bithynia

Bonus: Memmius was governor of Bithynia around 57 BC. What Roman writer/ politician served as governor of Bithynia from 103 – 105 AD?

Pliny the Younger

Toss-Up #11: The popular TV show, “House M.D.” features a blatantly sarcastic and manipulative doctor who ensures that no one leaves his presence without a snide remark. House's only friend is Princeton Plainsboro's unfortunate head of oncology, Wilson. House's characteristics also seem to be shared by Cicero, Rome's greatest orator. Who was Cicero's close friend, to whom he wrote quite often?

Atticus

Bonus: Cicero, like House, was unable to hold his tongue, and often offended people he would have been better off praising. In the end, Cicero's offenses caught up to him, and he was killed. Where and when did this occur?

(December 7,) 43 B.C.E at Formiae

Toss-up #12 Which of the following authors did NOT write during the “Golden Age”: Propertius, Livy, Ovid, or Quintilian?

Quintilian

Bonus: What subject did Quintilian primarily concern himself with?

Rhetoric

Toss Up #13. Give the two possible tenses and moods of *loquimini*?

Present indicative, present imperative

Bonus: In school, teachers are much more likely to say ‘Don’t talk’ than ‘Talk!’. How would you render that in Latin, using the verb *loquor*?

Noli/Nolite loqui

Toss-Up #14 Who was the goddess of the rainbow?

Iris

Bonus: Iris took whose form in book 12 of the Aeneid??

Juturna

Toss-Up #15 The Pythian games were held in honor of which god?

Apollo

Bonus: At the same site as the Pythian games, there was a stone thought by Greeks to be the center of the universe. Give the name of this stone.

Omphalos stone

Toss-Up #16: The new Rambo movie, starring Sylvester Stallone, is in reality two hours of senseless killing, explosions, and death. Some people have suggested that such movies are just making our society more violent, but, violence has been part of human nature for thousands of years. Which Roman ended every single speech he gave with the hardly peace-promoting phrase “Carthago Delenda Est?”

Cato the Elder

Bonus: The Rambo movies also seem to suggest that no matter how long you fight or how long people shoot at you, you will never die. Real life works a little differently. Who was the Roman general, during the 3rd Samnite war who blindfolded himself and charged into battle, ensuring his death and the victory of his troops?

Decius Mus

Toss-up #17 Name one poetic device used in this line from book 1 of Vergil’s Aeneid: “Illi indignantes magno cum murmure montis//circum claustra fremunt;”

One of the following: Onomatopoeia, anastrophe, alliteration.

Bonus: Name two more!

The other two from the above list.

Toss Up 18. What verb does not belong for reasons of grammar, and why? *Parco, noceo, servo, persuadeo*

servo, all the others take the dative case

Bonus. Of those 4 verbs, which has a reduplicative perfect stem?

Parco (peperci)

Toss-Up #19 What do the following have in common? Haliai, Oreades, Hamadryads, Nereids, Naiads.

All types of nymphs.

Bonus: Which two of the previous are nymphs of salt water?

Haliai and Nereids.

Toss-Up #20: The last history question of the round will connect to The Sopranos, a television show which recently aired its last episode. Like in the TV show, gangs were also present in ancient Rome. The most famous occurrence of gangs was during the late Republic with the conflict between Clodius and Milo. Which of these men died first?

Clodius

Bonus: In what year did Clodius die?

52 B.C.E.

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UPPER ROUND 2

Toss-Up #1: Politicians hold numerous difficult positions, often laden with many distractions. During President Kennedy's term, there were rumors about Marilyn Monroe, and during the term of President Clinton, we heard a lot about Monica Lewinski. Who was the ruler of Egypt, who captured the attentions of both Julius Caesar and Marc Antony?

Cleopatra

Bonus: During the first Punic war, the Romans were pestered by the notorious pirates of Illyricum. Illyricum's queen ignored Roman complaints. In a few days, she was greeted by nearly 200 Roman ships, and was forced to abandon all her nation's claims to any islands, renounce her conquests in Greece, and cut her naval forces. Who was this ruler?

Teuta

Toss-up #2 Ancient poets named a certain metrical foot after their finger, because fingers have a long bone followed by two short bones. What was this type of foot called?

Dactyl

Bonus 1: If you wanted to write a poem in dactylic hexameter, how many feet would be in each line, and which foot *has* to have a dactyl?

6 metrical feet per line, the 5th foot has to be a dactyl.

Toss Up 3. We all know that “ut” is a word that often followed by the subjunctive, but when used with the indicative how would one translate it?

As/how/when

Bonus. “Dum” is a word that means “while” or “as long as” in the indicative, but when used with the subjunctive how would one translate it?

Until

Toss-Up #4 I am the brother of Dido, and I murdered her husband. In mythology I share my name with Galatea’s husband. Who am I?

Pygmalion

Bonus: Who was Dido’s murdered husband?

Syphaeus

Toss-Up #5 Complete this analogy: Self-restraint is to stoicism as pleasure is to ____.
Epicureanism

Bonus: Which emperor, who wrote a series of essays known now as “Meditationes,” strongly embraced Stoicism?

Marcus Aurelius

Toss-Up #6: As you might have guessed, the history questions in this round will discuss powerful women in Roman history. Who was the queen of Palmyra who revolted against the Romans?

Zenobia

Bonus: Who was emperor during the revolt?

Aurelian

Toss up #7 Publius Ovidius Naso was a prolific writer, and apparently, lover, in ancient Rome. What was his lover’s name in the “Amores”?

Corinna

Bonus 1: Ovid was exiled due to his “Carmen et error”. To what place was he exiled?

Tomis, on the Black Sea.

Toss Up 8. Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs “pereo, perere” and “perdo, perdere.”

Perere = to perish, perdere = to destroy

Bonus. Differentiate in meaning between the Latin verbs “pendeo, pendere” and “pando pandere”.

Pendere = to hang/depend/rely, pandere = disclose/reveal/spread out

Toss-Up #9 Quis sum? Filius sororis Daedali eram, et Daedalus me necavit.

Perdix/Talus/Calus

Bonus: Quis sum? Daedalus necavit me in thermis.

Minos

Toss-Up #10 Which Roman province on the Black Sea has a name that means literally “sea?”

Pontus

Bonus: With which king of this region did Sulla fight?

Mithridates

Toss-Up #11: Another powerful woman might as well have been the empress of Rome. Don't think Agrippina here, although there are some similarities. This woman's son became emperor at the age of fourteen, and she took the reigns from him until the end of his rule. Who was this woman, the mother of Severus Alexander?

Julia Mamaea

Bonus: Who was Severus Alexander's predecessor, an extravagant young man who thought of himself as an Oriental Sun God?

Elagabalus

Toss up #12 How many elisions are there in this line of poetry, which I will read aloud as prose: "Conticuere omnes, intentique ora tenebant

Two.

Bonus 1: What is the term, meaning a "yawning", for the pause between words that would normally be elided but are not?

hiatus

Toss Up 13. Which of the following words is not an I-stem: bos, vis, pars, mare, civis?

Bos

Bonus. Decline *vis* in the singular:

Vis, vis, vi, vim, vi

Toss-Up #14 What do the following have in common? Dodona, Pytha, Cumae, Delphi.

Oracles.

Bonus: Which of these is an oracle of Jupiter?

Dodona

Toss-Up #15 Which Roman value, meaning roughly "duty," is associated with Aeneas?

Pietas

Bonus: What other value, meaning "prestige" or "worth," is associated with Cicero?

Dignitas

Toss-Up #16: Who am I? My husband, the king, had willed my kingdom to the Romans. They confiscated our farmlands and raped my daughters. But I sought revenge by collecting an army and capturing the colony of Camulodunum. I then proceeded to march on Londinium where I ordered the massacre of 70,000 Romans. After being defeated by another Roman legion, I took my own life.

Boudicca

Bonus: Who was the Roman general who defeated Boudicca's forces?

Suetonius Paulinus

Toss up # 17 What does the phrase *Mirabile dictu!* mean?

A: Wonderful to relate! Marvelous to say! etc

Bonus 1: What grammatical construction is seen in the phrase, and what gender is it?

A: The supine; neuter.

Toss Up 18. Complete the following analogy: participles are to adjectives as gerunds are to what?

Nouns

Bonus. Complete the following analogy: gerunds are to nouns as gerundives are to what?

Adjectives

Toss-Up #19 This sorceress, after killing her two sons, escaped in a carriage pulled by dragons.

Medea

Bonus: *Medea* was a play written by the Greek playwright Euripides, but also by what Roman author of the Silver Age?

Seneca

Toss Up 20. Often the last question in a round asks students to perform a silly command or moo like a cow. We are much more grown up in the upper level, right? So instead, after being recognized, please imitate what Aeneas does in the following line from Book I of the *Aeneid*, which I will read in prose: *ingemit et, duplices, tendens ad sidera palmas:*

Student must stretch both hands to the sky, groaning

Bonus. Have one team member display the emotion felt by Aeneas in this line, from the end of book II: *Obstipui, steteruntque comae et vox faucibus haesit*

Student must look amazed, scared, hair on end, grabbing throat—anything reasonably to that effect

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UPPER ROUND 3

Toss-Up #1: The history theme for the third round is rulers, battles and laws. During the Civil war with Pompey, where and when did Caesar suffer a major defeat upon landing in Greece?

Dyrrhacium in 48 B.C.E

Bonus: Immediately before the battle of Pharsalus, Caesar's trusted centurion Crastinus told Caesar "Faciam hodie, imperator, ut aut vivo mihi aut mortuo gratias agas."
Translate that.

"I shall make it, today, general, that you give thanks to me either living or dead."

Toss-up #2 Augustus commissioned Vergil to write Rome's national epic, the Aeneid. Who was Vergil's patron?

Maecenas.

Bonus 1: What did Vergil want to happen to his manuscript of the Aeneid after he died, and who prevented it?

He wanted it burned; Augustus didn't allow it.

Toss Up 3. There are a lot of weapons used in Latin poetry. Which from the following list is NOT a weapon? 'tela', 'arcus', 'ensis', 'sagitta', 'munus'?

'munus'

Bonus. Give a Latin synonym for 'ensis'.

Gladius

Toss Up 4. What are the possible genders for 4th declension nouns?

Masculine, Feminine, Neuter

Bonus. Translate just the 4th declension word in the following sentence. "The strings of their bows were very strong."

Arcuum

Toss-Up #5 What island was home to Teucer, Pygmalion, and Venus?

Cyprus

Bonus: What city, the Cyprus' capital, was named from the child of Pygmalion- at least according to Ovid?

Paphos

Toss-Up #6: Everyone loves getting gifts. However, during the second Punic war, Hannibal received one that he did not ask for and did not appreciate: the head of his brother Hasdrubal. At what battle had he died?

Metaurus River

Bonus: When did the battle of the Metaurus River occur?

207 B.C.E.

Tossup #7 If your Latin teacher catches you stealing *Ecce Romani* from the class library with the book in your hand, what legal Latin phrase might she use, despite your protests that it's not what it seems?

“Res ipsa loquitur” or “in flagrante delicto”

Bonus 1: If Hilary Clinton is elected president, what phrase about a woman leader—describing Dido and later adopted by Queen Elizabeth I—might be recirculated?

Dux femina facti

Toss Up 8. Use an ablative absolute to translate the dependent clause in the following sentence. “After he had spoken these words, the moderator waited for the students to answer.”

his verbis dictis

Bonus. Suppose you had just said “his” instead of “his verbis”. What grammatical form would that be an example of?

Substantive

Toss-Up #9 What do the following mythological characters have in common? Hebe, Megara, Deianira.

Wives of Hercules

Bonus: The emperor Commodus thought he was Hercules, and met a sticky end, as did Hercules himself. What monster's poisonous blood indirectly caused Hercules to burn himself alive?

The Hydra's.

Toss-Up #10 What is the home of the Sibyl who leads Aeneas to the underworld?

Cumae

Bonus: In the *Aeneid*, what is the name of the Cumaean Sibyl?

Deiphobe

Toss-Up #11: Which law gave Pompey command against the pirates in 67 B.C.E.?

Lex Gabinia

Bonus: Which law gave Pompey command against Mithridates that next year?

Lex Manilia

Tossup #12 “Elmo was clothed in mystery and a towel.” What literary device is this an example of?

Zeugma.

Bonus 1: What does the Greek word “Zeugma” mean?

Bond, or bridge.

Toss-Up #13 What soldier did the Myrmidons serve?

Achilles

Bonus: On what island, named for a lover of Zeus, did the Myrmidons originate?

Aegina

Toss Up 14. ‘Oculus’ is the usual word for eyes, but what word meaning ‘light’ is used as a poetic substitution for eyes?

Lumen (lumina)

Bonus. In Catullus 64, Amphitrite stands for the sea over which she rules. What poetic device is this an example of?

Metonymy

Toss up 15 Listen to the following passage, which will be read twice, and respond in *English* to the question that follows.

“Mater, mater, mihi illam vestem eme! Mea pulchritudo, secunda modo deabus forma, servanda est.” puella molesta poposcit. Diu adspexit matrem, sed tandem excedere e taberna coepit. Puella exclamavit, “Cur excedimus?” Mater respondit, “Si recte rogavisses, dicens “si vis”, tibi vestem emissem. Autem, nunc necesse est nobis ire domum.”

Why does the girl want to have the garment?

She wants to preserve her beauty

Bonus: Under what condition would the girl have been able to get the garment?

if she properly asked, saying please

Toss-Up #16: List two major events in 133 B.C.E.

(Any two): Pergamum bequeathed to Rome by Attalus III, Scipio Aemilianus captured Numantia, tribuneship and assassination of Tiberius Gracchus

Bonus: Why was Gracchus killed?

for attempting to implement land reforms

Tossup # 17: Which of the following words is not onomatopoeic in nature? Moenia, murmur, cachinnus, ululo.

Moenia

Bonus 1: What is the difference between metonymy and synecdoche?

A: Metonymy uses one word to mean another, while synecdoche uses a part to suggest a whole. Synecdoche is a type of metonymy but not the other way around.

Toss Up 18. Translate just the infinitive in the following sentence. "I thought you had left Rome."

Exi(v)isse ; discessisse; (or synonyms)

Bonus. Translate just the subjunctive in the following sentence. "I don't know where she is going."

Eat (or synonyms)

Toss-Up #19 What nymph was turned into a sunflower, as she pined away for Apollo's love?

Clytie

Bonus: A crow told Apollo that this woman had cheated on him.

Coronis

Toss-Up #20. Welcome to the *Biblioteca Romana*. What is the name of the English class classic the Romans would have called "Pictura Artificis Iuvenis"?

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

Bonus: Well, you can't read the serious stuff all the time. What popular fantasy series would the Romans would have called "Eius Obscurae Materiae"?

His Dark Materials

