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LEVEL TWO ROUND 1

Toss-up # 1. Welcome to TJ Sci-Tech. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we get the word “science”?

Scio, scire, to know

Bonus: The word “grades” comes from what Latin noun with what meaning?

gradus, gradūs, (step, degree, level, rank, status)

Toss-Up #2 Who am I? It was prophesied that I would kill my grandfather, Acrisius, so I was shut into a wooden box and thrown into the sea.

Perseus

Bonus: With what object did Perseus indeed kill his grandfather, many years later?

A discus

Toss-up #3 What did gladiators say to the presiding official before the games?

Nos morituri te salutamus

Bonus: What slave led a famous uprising beginning at the gladiator school at Capua?

Spartacus

Toss-Up #4: Please give the exact date for the founding of Rome.

April 21, 753 B.C.[E]

Bonus: Upon his death, the first Roman king Romulus was deified. What was his new name?

Quirinus

Toss-up # 5 Translate into English: *Verberabamini*?

Were you [all] being beaten?

Bonus: make *verberabamini* pluperfect, keeping everything else the same.

[verberati, verberatae] eratis

Toss-up # 6 All Latin students know that *ita vero* means “Yes!” But what does *vero* truly mean?

truly, in truth, in fact, certainly, to be sure, even, indeed

Bonus: What is the Latin word for the noun “truth”?

veritas

Toss-Up #7 What do the following have in common? Cocytus, Phlegethon, Acheron, Lethe, Styx.

Rivers of the Underworld.

Bonus: Which is the river of fire?

Phlegethon

Toss-Up #8 What was a freed slave called?

Libertus

Bonus: What did the Romans call the process of freeing a slave?

Manumissio

Toss-Up #9: During the Second Punic War, who was the Carthaginian general who defeated the Romans in many battles, most notably Cannae?

Hannibal

Bonus: The battle of Cannae happened in 216 BC. What other major defeat for the Romans occurred the previous year?

Lake Trasimene

Toss-up #10 Listen to the following Latin passage to be read twice and answer in English the questions that follow.

Ningebat. Liberi gaudebant. Magistri magistraeque videbantur dolere sed non sic erant. Vehicula agi in viis frigidis non potuerunt. Igitur, curator scholarum dixit ludos aperituros esse post duas horas. Discipuli irati ad ludum ierunt, sed complures lapsi in terram cecidit et capita eorum fracta sunt. Postea, parentes iratissimi fuerunt.

Question: What were the vehicles not able to do?

They were not able to be driven in/on the cold/frigid roads/streets.

Bonus: What happened to some of the students when they went to school?

Having slipped, they fell into the ground and their heads were broken.

Toss-up #11 From what Latin verb with what meaning do we get the English word subscription?

Scribo, scribere, to write

Bonus: From what Latin verb with what meaning do we get the English word substantial?

Sto, stare, to stand

Toss-Up #12 Which from the following list were nymphs of fresh water: Dryads, Oreads, Naiads, Nereids

Naiads

Bonus: These nymphs, having been chased by Orion, were turned into a constellation.

Pleiades

Toss-Up #13 Who wore a *toga candida*?

One seeking public office

Bonus: What toga was used for mourning?

Toga pulla

Toss-Up #14: Name Rome's first province.

Sicily

Bonus: Which other two islands did Rome gain control over after the First Punic War?

Corsica and Sardinia

Toss-up # 15 Translate into English: *Proelio pugnato, porci gaudebant.*

**After the battle had been fought*, the pigs
were rejoicing.**

***Or any other acceptable ablative absolute translation**

Bonus: Translate into Latin: He has walked for ten days.

Decem dies ambulavit

Toss-up # 16 What is the superlative of *multus*?

plurimus

Bonus: What is the comparative of *facillimum*?

facilius

Toss-Up #17 For what crime was Orestes tried?

Matricide

Bonus: Who tormented until he was found innocent?

Erinyes/Eumenides/Furies

Toss-Up # 18 Conjugate *nolo* in the present tense.

nolo, non vis, non vult, nolumus, non vultis, nolunt

Bonus: Name the infinitives of *nolo* and *volo*.

nolo→nolle, volo→velle

Toss-Up #19: Who was chiefly responsible for putting down Spartacus's slave revolt?

Crassus

Bonus: Who took the majority of the credit for that achievement?

Pompey

Toss-up # 20 Welcome to the Bibliotheca Romana. What book would be known in Latin as *Necare Avem Ridentem*?

To Kill a Mockingbird

Bonus: What Agatha Christie book would be known as *Et Deinde Erant Nulli*?

And Then There Were None

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LEVEL TWO ROUND 2

Toss-Up #1 Everybody at TJ takes calculus. What is the meaning of the Latin noun *calculus*?

Pebble

Bonus: The word “calculus” ultimately derives from “calx” meaning stone/chalk and the diminutive ending –ulus. Using that ending, how would you form the diminutive “little girl”?

puellula

Toss-Up #2: Please name the members of the first triumvirate.

Pompey, Julius Caesar, Crassus

Bonus: Who made up the second triumvirate?

Octavian, Antony, Lepidus

Toss-Up #3 Who was Oedipus’ mother and wife?

Jocasta

Bonus: When Oedipus found out that his wife was also his mother, what did he do to himself?

Blinded himself with Jocasta’s brooch.

Toss-Up # 4 Translate just the verb in the following sentence: “The boy was seen by the wolf.”

(visus est, videbatur)

Bonus: Now translate the whole sentence:

Puer lupo visus est/ videbatur

Toss-up #5: Give the Latin names of the four teams or factions that competed in chariot races?

Albati, Veneti, Prasini, Russati

Bonus: What English word, meaning “to imprison”, is derived from the Latin word for the starting gates at the circus?

incarcerate

Toss-Up #6 Say in Latin, “the seven cities”

septem urbes

Bonus: Say in Latin, “the seventh city”

septima urbs

Toss-Up #7: Who was the queen of Egypt who captured the attentions of both Julius Caesar and Marc Antony, thereby gaining the hatred of most Romans?

Cleopatra

Bonus: Who was her son by Julius Caesar?

Caesarion

Toss-Up #8 On what myth, told by Ovid, was “Romeo and Juliet” based?

Pyramus and Thisbe

Bonus: What other play by Shakespeare contains a play within a play of Pyramus and Thisbe?

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Toss-Up #9 Complete the analogy: *illi* is to *illius* as *huic* is to ____.

huius

Bonus: Complete the analogy: *laetus* is to *laetior* as *laete* is to ____.

Laetius

Toss-Up #10 What did the Romans call the open courtyard in the middle of their houses, usually containing a garden and columns?

peristylum

Bonus: What room in a Roman house was the father’s study?

Tablinum

Toss-Up #11 What does the expression *ars longa, vita brevis* mean?

art is long, life is short

Bonus: What does the abbreviation *R.I.P* stand for in Latin?

requiescat in pace

Toss-Up #12: How many wars did the Romans fight with the Samnites?

3

Bonus: Which major defeat did the Romans suffer in 321 B.C.E?

Caudine Forks

Toss-Up #13 Quis sum? Filius solis sum. Quando ego egi quadrigam solis, Iuppiter me necavit.

Phaethon

Bonus: This nymph turned into a sunflower when she was rejected by the sun god.

Clytie

Toss-Up #14 The word “opera,” also the name of a web browser, comes from what Latin noun with what meaning?

opus, operis, work

Bonus: Netscape Navigator is another web browser. From what noun AND verb with what meanings do we get the word “navigator”?

navis, ship, and agere, to drive

Toss-Up #15 Who wrote the major historical work *Ab Urbe Condita*?

Livy

Bonus: Livy wrote during the reign of which emperor?

Augustus

Toss-Up #16 Translate the motto of California State University, *vox, veritas, vita*.

voice, truth, life

Bonus: Translate the motto of Canada: *a mari usque ad mare*

from Sea to Sea

Toss-Up #17: Quis sum? I defended my people against the Aequi, who had trapped the forces of the consul Minucius Esquilinus in the Alban Hills. Though, by law, I had six months with the powers of dictator, I returned to my farm in 15 days, after defeating the Aequan forces. There is a city in Ohio named after me.

Cincinnatus

Bonus: Which famous Roman defended the bridge across the Tiber against the forces of Lars Porsenna?

Horatius [Cocles]

Toss-Up #18 Who am I? I disguised myself as my nephew Ascanius so that I could, on my mother’s orders, shoot Dido with an arrow of love.

Cupid

Bonus: Who was my mother, who gave the orders, and my brother, who was the recipient of Dido’s affections?

Venus, Aeneas

Toss-Up #19 Say in Latin, “Teachers teach many things.”

(magistri, magistrae) (multa, multas res) docent

Bonus: Say in Latin, “We don’t believe them.”

[Nos] non credimus eis.

Toss-Up # 20 Responde Latine: Quaeenam est tempestas hodie?

accept any of [sol] lucet (if it is sunny), pluit (if it is raining), ningit (if it is snowing), fulgurat (if it is lightning/thunder), or nimbi/nubes sunt (if there are clouds).

Bonus: Say in Latin, “Yesterday it was snowing for a long time”

Heri, ningebat diu

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LEVEL TWO ROUND 3

Toss-Up #1 *Responde Latine. Quot oculi sunt Cerbero et Polyphemo, in toto?*

septem

Bonus: *Respondite Latine. Quot dies sunt huic mensi?*

viginti novem

Toss-Up #2: Which Gallic chieftan led a revolt against Caesar, and was finally defeated in 52 B.C.E?

Vercingetorix

Bonus: At which battle was he defeated?

Alesia

Toss-Up #3 This three-faced goddess ruled crossroads and witchcraft.

Hecate

Bonus: This goddess was the leader of the Nereids.

Amphitrite

Toss-Up #4 Translate just the quam phrase in the following sentence? *Quintus est altior quam sua mater.*

Than his mother

How do you translate the quam phrase in the following sentence? *Advenite domum quam celerrime.*

As quickly as possible

Toss-Up #5

Listen to the following passage (to be slowly read twice) and answer in English the questions that follow:

Olim erat discipulus huius scholae. Prima hora discipulus surrexit, et ad scholam ivit, multitudinem librorum ferens. Post prandium, examen difficillimum de lingua Gallica scripsit. Tandem, domum rediit et usque ad mediam noctem scholae laborem faciebat.

What class did he have after lunch (subject)?

French

Bonus: Until what time did he work on his homework?

Midnight

Toss-Up # 6 Which of the following words is not derived from the same Latin word as the others? Domicile, dominion, domestic, dome?

dominion

From what Latin noun with what meaning is “dominion” derived?

Dominus, master

Toss-Up #7: Which Roman, in an act of defiance, shoved his right hand into a flame in front of an Etruscan king?

Mucius Scaevola

Bonus: Who was the Etruscan king?

Lars Porsenna

Toss-Up #8 Between what two monsters did Odysseus sail?

Scylla and Charybdis

Bonus: How long did Odysseus remain on Ogygia?

Seven years

Toss-Up #9 Give the present passive infinitive form of the verb *vinco, vincere*.

Vinci

Bonus: What tense and voice of the verb did Caesar use when he said “*Veni Vidi Vici?*”.

Perfect active

Toss-Up #10 What, according to the poet Juvenal, were the only remaining cares of Romans under the Empire?

Panem et circenses, or bread and circuses

Bonus: To what hero were gladiators particularly devoted?

Hercules

Toss-Up # 11 Give the third person plural, future passive indicative form of the word meaning to throw, from which we get the English word “object”

iacientur

Bonus: give the present active participle, “throwing”

iaciens

Toss-Up #12: Name the Julio-Claudian emperors in order.

Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero

Bonus: Who was Nero's overbearing mother?

Agrippina the Younger

Toss-Up #13 This man was tormented by insatiable hunger and thirst as his punishment in Tartarus:

Tantalus

Bonus: This man was consumed by insatiable hunger after he offended Demeter by cutting down a sacred oak.

Erysichthon

Toss-Up #14 Give the locative translation for the word *Romae*.

in/at Rome

Bonus: We know that cities, towns and small islands take the locative case. Give two of the additional nouns which have a locative form:

Domus/ humus/ rus

Toss-Up #15 Where would a Roman NOT go to bathe: *thermae*, *balneae*, *rostra*, or *frigidaria*?

rostra

Bonus: What was the word for a changing room in a bath?

apodyterium

Toss-Up #16 Differentiate in meaning between *opus* and *onus*.

opus means work or achievement, and onus means burden or load

Bonus: Differentiate in meaning between *cēdo* and *caedo*.

cēdo means yield or move, and caedo means cut or kill

Toss-Up #17: Under whose rule did the Empire reach its greatest extent?

Trajan

Bonus: Who added the most territory to the Empire?

Augustus

Toss-Up #18 What were Roman policemen-firemen called?

Vigiles

Bonus: Which emperor instituted the *vigiles*?

Augustus

Toss-Up #19 Translate only the word “better” in the sentence, “This certamen is better than that certamen.”

melius

Bonus: Now from that same sentence, translate “than that certamen.”

(either “quam illud certamen” or “illo certamine”)

Toss-Up #20 What JK Rowling character am I? My first name is another name for the dog-star, quite appropriate given how I can transform. If my last name were also Latin it would be “Ater” or “Niger.”

Sirius Black

Bonus: Who am I? I am symbolized by creatures such as Pigwidgeon and Errol, and the transfiguration professor at Hogwarts bears my name.

Minerva

