

**2004 VJCL Convention Latin II Open Certamen
Round III**

1. TOSS UP: Translate “Caesar” into Latin as it would be expressed in the following sentence: “The senate named Caesar consul.” ANS: *Caesarem* (accusative singular, direct object)
 - a. BONUS: Now translate the word “consul” into Latin: (REPEAT the sentence from the TOSS UP). ANS: *consulem* (a predicate accusative singular)
2. TOSS UP: Give your answer to the following question as a Roman numeral: Add the number of Latin declensions to the number of Latin conjugations. ANS: IX (V + IV = IX)
 - a. BONUS: Give your answer to the following question as a Roman numeral: Add the number of cases in Latin to the number of moods. ANS: VII + III = X
3. TOSS UP: Who am I? Though I am best remembered as a fierce warrior, I spent some time dressed in disguise as a girl. It wasn’t exactly my idea, but my mom Thetis wanted to protect me from going to Troy, where I was destined to die young. I must have been pretty good looking as a girl or a boy because in May, 2004, Brad Pitt played me on the silver screen in the movie *Troy*. Who am I? ANS: Achilles
 - a. BONUS: Who am I? I was the clever Greek who lured Achilles out of his disguise. Of course I had tried to skip the war myself. I had pretended to be crazy, sewing salt in my fields, but Agamemnon’s ambassador threw my baby boy Telemachus before my plow to test my sanity. Since I stopped the plow, I was proven sane and fit to go to war. I then spent ten years in war and another ten trying to find my way home. Who am I? ANS: Odysseus
4. TOSS UP: Which of the following Latin terms does **NOT** refer to a feature of the Roman house? *ianua, cubiculum, rudis, triclinium*. ANS: *rudis*
 - a. BONUS: Give the definition of any one of the terms listed in the toss-up question. ANS:
 - i. *ianua* - door, doorway, entrance (NOT a gate(way))
 - ii. *cubiculum* – bedroom (NOT a cubicle)
 - iii. *rudis* - wooden sword (given to a gladiator when he won/earned his freedom); also a (wooden) training/fencing sword
 - iv. *triclinium* - dining room (NOT a kitchen)
5. TOSS UP: What tense are all of the following verbs? *poterint, capiam, docēberis, agēmus, dābunt*. ANS: Future
 - a. BONUS: What Latin verb tense is expressed in English with the words “will have,” such as in the sentence “By the end of this round, you will have played twenty toss-up questions.” ANS: Future Perfect
6. TOSS UP: On which of the following hills did Romulus claim he saw twelve birds fly overhead, a sign he interpreted to mean that *he* was the destined founder and king of the new city? Aventine, Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine. ANS: Palatine
 - a. BONUS: While standing on the Aventine hill, Romulus’ twin brother also saw six birds and even saw his earlier than Romulus did. Who Romulus’ brother and eventual rival? ANS: Remus

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7. TOSS UP: What domed temple, dedicated to all the gods, did the emperor Hadrian build in 125 AD, replacing another temple originally built by Agrippa on the Campus Martius?
ANS: Pantheon
 - a. BONUS: The inscription on the front of the Pantheon indicates that Marcus Agrippa built the pantheon during his third consulship. What three letters are used to abbreviate the word “consul” in this inscription? ANS: C-O-S
8. TOSS UP: A charioteer would race his horses around the dividing “backbone” or “spine” of the circus. What was the Latin term for this structure, which was often decorated with statues along its length and divided the racecourse into two even halves? ANS: spina
 - a. BONUS: What was the term for the turning pillars posted at both ends of the *spina*? ANS: *meta(e)*
9. TOSS UP: What handsome but stuck-up young man suffered the unfortunate fate of looking into a pool of water and falling desperately in love with his reflection? ANS: Narcissus
 - a. BONUS: What prophet had foretold that Narcissus would live a long life as long as he “never knew himself”? ANS: Teiresias
10. TOSS UP: Translate the following sentence into English: *post certamen, domum ambulābimus*. ANS: After the *certamen*, we will walk (to/towards) home.
 - a. BONUS: Now translate this sentence into English: *hērī in ludō nostrō manēbāmus*. ANS: Yesterday we were staying (used to stay) in (on) our school.