

2016 Classical Literacy Exam: Level II

1. Which Homeric epic ends with the funeral of the Trojan hero, Hector?
2. What ancient epic ends with Aeneas slaying the Rutulian leader Turnus?
3. What villain in the Underworld served up his own son Pelops as food fit for the gods?
4. To what group do Calliope, Terpsichore and Clio belong?
5. The maenads were the enthusiastic women who were followers of what Greek god?
6. Whose life did Orpheus seek to restore through the power of his music?
7. What is the two-word Latin phrase for the peace Augustus tried to establish in the Roman world?
8. What Peloponnesian city, once ruled by Agamemnon, is the site of the Lion's Gate?
9. What Latin phrase means "to err is human"?
10. What is the Latin for "Thus passes the glory of the world"?
11. What is the Latin taxonomical name for the human species?
12. What is the six-letter Roman numeral for 244?
13. What river did Caesar cross with his army against the expressed orders of the Roman Senate?
14. What Latin derived English noun refers to the customs and values of a society?
15. What was the Roman name for the country known today as Switzerland?
16. What name, meaning "snatcher", refers to a bird with a human face?
17. Give the month, day and year of the founding of Rome.
18. What Titaness, whose name means 'cunning', was the first wife of Zeus?
19. What adjective refers to the publication of work not published until after the death of a writer?
20. What Roman general died in Egypt after siding with the Roman Senate against Caesar?
21. What is the Latin for "a healthy mind in healthy body"?
22. To what group do Algaea, Euphrosyne and Thalia, said to be daughters of Aphrodite by some?
23. What is the term for the practice of showing favoritism to a relative when filling a job opening?
24. What queen of Sparta was the mother of both Helen and Clytemnestra?
25. What paranoid Roman emperor of Rome spent his 10 last years living in the Villa Iovis on Capri?



26. What is the term for the art of reading the flight of birds to interpret the will of the gods?
27. What daughter of Priam did Ajax Oileus abduct from the temple of Athena and brutally raped?
28. What Latin phrase tells us that art will outlast the life of the artist?
29. What daughter of Helios tried unsuccessfully to bewitch Odysseus but later aided him on his journey?
30. What is the motto of the District of Columbia, meaning "Justice for all"?
31. What Roman brothers were murdered for their support of policies favoring the equites and plebs?
32. What Latin sentence means "Knowledge itself is power"?
33. What Latin word means 'hate' and is etymologically related to the name Odysseus?
34. Who was the two-faced Roman god of beginnings and doorways?
35. What Latin word (not abbreviation) means 'in the same place'?
36. What was the title of the priestess who delivered the prophecies of Apollo at Delphic Oracle?
37. What was the warning the priest Laocoon delivered to his fellow Trojans?
38. The construction of the Colosseum was largely the result of the efforts of what dynasty of emperors?
39. What Latin phrase means "to each his own"?
40. What ancient Babylonian story was the source for the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet?
41. What Latin phrase means "not of sound mind"?
42. What Roman official assessed taxes and removed senators from office for bad behavior?
43. What is the Latin term for the building that included a caldarium, frigidarium, and tepidarium?
44. What are the first two Latin words of the Lord's Prayer?
45. Who told his fellow Romans that he spoke not to praise Caesar but to bury him?
46. What English word for an arbitrary decision is literally translated "let it be done"?
47. What son of Poseidon prayed to his father to make trouble for Odysseus on his way home from Troy?
48. What was the war between Sparta and Athens and their respective allies called?
49. What daughter of Agamemnon was sacrificed so that the Greek ships could set sail for Troy?
50. What daughter of Atlas detained Odysseus for seven years on the island of Ogygia?



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