

2016 Classical Literacy Exam: Level III

1. What Peloponnesian city, once ruled by Agamemnon, is the site of the Lion's Gate?
2. What is the eight-letter Roman numeral for 2499?
3. Give the month, day and year for the founding of Rome?
4. What Latin phrase means "to each his own"?
5. What was the Roman name for the country known today as Switzerland?
6. What river did Caesar cross with his army against the expressed orders of the Roman Senate?
7. What Titaness, whose name means 'cunning', was the first wife of Zeus?
8. What adjective refers to the publication of work not published until after the death of a writer?
9. To what group do Algaea, Euphrosyne and Thalia, said to be daughters of Aphrodite by some?
10. What is term for the practice of showing favoritism to a relative when filling a job opening?
11. What paranoid Roman emperor of Rome spent his 10 last years living in the Villa Iovis on Capri?
12. What daughter of Priam did Ajax Oileus abduct from the temple of Athena and brutally rape?
13. What Latin word (not abbreviation) means 'in the same place'?
14. What is the Latin for the abbreviation M.O.?
15. What column has its capital decorated with volutes?
16. What Latin phrase refers to a value added tax?
17. What Latin phrase on the back of a one-dollar bill means, "He has favored our undertakings"?
18. What daughter of Oedipus defied Creon's edict and buried the body of her fallen brother?
19. The *Theogony* and *Works and Days* are said to be the work of what ancient Greek poet?
20. What was the war between Sparta and Athens and their respective allies called?
21. The Academy is to Plato as the _____ is to Aristotle.
22. What was the procedure by which an individual could be expelled from a Greek city-state?
23. Who was the Roman author of monographs on the war with Jugurtha and the Catilinarian conspiracy?
24. What Roman historian wrote the gossip-filled *Lives of the Twelve Caesars*?
25. What philosophy did Lucretius' *De Rerum Natura* espouse?



26. What is the term used for the conclusion of a classically composed essay?
27. What Greek tragic playwright actually fought at the battle of Marathon?
28. What Greek statesman told Croesus that he could judge no life happy until he knew how that person died?
29. What crushing words did Brennus speak to the Romans complaining about the measurement of their ransom?
30. What friend, perhaps lover, of Socrates was infamous for changing his political alliances several times?
31. What legendary lawgiver is said to have established Spartan military-oriented society?
32. What term meaning “almost last” refers to the next to last item on an agenda?
33. What Latin derived English noun refers to the customs and values of a society?
34. What is the Latin for Horace’s “It is a sweet and fitting thing to die for one’s country”?
35. What Latin two-word phrase refers to an incidental remark?
36. What presocratic philosopher believed that water was the original principle of the cosmos?
37. The rape of what Roman matron by Sextus Tarquinius precipitated the end of the Roman monarchy?
38. What Roman playwright wrote the comedies *Andria*, *Phormio* and *Adelphoe*?
39. What leader of the Gallic resistance did Caesar defeat and capture at the battle of Alesia?
40. What adjective, from the name of a funeral poem, means ‘mournful’?
41. What is the more common name for Elissa, the daughter of Belus and wife of Sychaeus?
42. What is the Latin for “Carthage must be destroyed”?
43. With whose death does the *Aeneid* end?
44. Who were the father and mother of Oedipus?
45. Derived from the Greek word for ‘war’, what term refers to a harsh verbal or written attack on someone?
46. Against the forces of what Etruscan king did Horatius Cocles take his stand at the Sublician Bridge?
47. What prophet, alone of all the dead, was allowed, according to Homer, to keep his mind alive (his *nous*)?
48. Whose bows and arrows did Philoctetes bring to Troy as a prophecy had prescribed?
49. What philosophy did the *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius espouse?
50. What was association of Greek city-states that assembled under the leadership of Athens to defend against the Persian invasion?



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