

## 2015 ADVANCED POETRY ANSWER KEY

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| 1. C  | 26. C | 51. A |
| 2. B  | 27. B | 52. B |
| 3. A  | 28. A | 53. B |
| 4. B  | 29. C | 54. D |
| 5. B  | 30. D | 55. B |
| 6. C  | 31. B | 56. D |
| 7. C  | 32. D | 57. C |
| 8. B  | 33. B | 58. B |
| 9. D  | 34. C | 59. B |
| 10. C | 35. C | 60. D |
| 11. B | 36. B | 61. D |
| 12. C | 37. A | 62. C |
| 13. D | 38. D | 63. B |
| 14. B | 39. A | 64. A |
| 15. B | 40. C | 65. B |
| 16. D | 41. D | 66. C |
| 17. A | 42. A | 67. B |
| 18. D | 43. D | 68. D |
| 19. A | 44. D | 69. C |
| 20. B | 45. B | 70. A |
| 21. B | 46. B | 71. B |
| 22. D | 47. B | 72. D |
| 23. A | 48. D | 73. C |
| 24. D | 49. B | 74. D |
| 25. B | 50. C | 75. B |

**CAV Latin Tournament 2015: Advanced Poetry**

Seneca, *Thyestes* 339-349, 365-368

[The chorus chastises the brothers for competing over the throne of Mycenae]

“Quis vōs exagitat furor,  
alternīs dare sanguinem  
 et scēptrum scelere aggredī?  
 Nēscitis, cupidī arcium,  
 rēgnū quō iaceat locō. 5  
 Rēgem nōn faciunt opēs,  
 nōn vestis Tyriae color,  
 nōn frōntis nota rēgia,  
 nōn aurō nitidae trabēs.  
 Rēx est quī posuit metūs 10  
 et dīrī mala pectoris,  
 quī tūtō positus locō  
 īfrā sē videt omnia  
 occurritque suō libēns  
 fatō nec queritur morī.” 15

What frenzy drives you  
 to give (spill) blood in turns  
 and to approach the sceptre by means of crime?  
 You don't know, you who are desirous of citadels,  
 in which spot power lies.  
 Wealth does not make a king,  
 nor the color of the Tyrian clothing,  
 nor the kingly symbol of the forehead,  
 nor the roof shining with gold.  
 A king is one who has placed aside fears  
 and the evils of a hard heart,  
 who, placed in a safe location,  
 sees everything under himself  
 and approaches his own fate willingly  
 and does not complain that he (will) die.

**alternīs** = “in turns”  
**trabs, trabis, f.**: roof, house

**arx, arcis, f.**: citadel  
**libēns, libentis**: willing

**nota, -ae, f.**: sign, mark

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. quis furor              | what furor/frenzy/craze ... ?                                               |
| 2. vos exagitat            | excites/drives/pushes/compels you / y'all (pl.)                             |
| 3. alternis dare sanguinem | to give/spill blood in turns                                                |
| 4. et sceptrum aggredi     | and (to) approach the sceptre                                               |
| 5. scelere                 | by (means of) / with crime                                                  |
| 6. cupidi arcium           | (you) desirous of citadels/strongholds/cities                               |
| 7. nescitis quo loco       | you (pl.) do not know where / in what place                                 |
| 8. regnum iaceat           | the kingdom/power lies/is                                                   |
| 9. non faciunt opes        | wealth/aid does not make/create                                             |
| 10. regem                  | a king                                                                      |
| 11. non color              | nor (does) the color                                                        |
| 12. vestis Tyriae          | of a Tyrian garment/cloth/clothing/vestment                                 |
| 13. non nota regia frontis | nor (does) the royal mark/sign of the forehead ==> i.e. “crown”             |
| 14. non nitidae trabes     | nor (do) the houses/roofs ( <i>can be collective sg.</i> ) shining/gleaming |
| 15. auro                   | with gold                                                                   |
| 16. rex est qui            | a king is one who                                                           |
| 17. posuit metus           | has placed (down/aside) fear(s)                                             |
| 18. et mala diri pectoris  | and evils/evil things of the hard/dreadful/awful heart/chest                |
| 19. qui positus            | who, (having been) placed/located/situated/put                              |
| 20. tuto loco              | in a safe place/location                                                    |
| 21. videt omnia            | sees everything / all / all things                                          |
| 22. infra se               | beneath/under him                                                           |
| 23. occurritque suo fato   | and runs into/meets his own fate/end/death                                  |
| 24. libens                 | willing(ly)                                                                 |
| 25. nec queritur mori      | and does not complain to die / that he dies                                 |