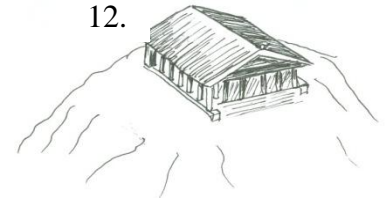




2013 Classical Literacy Exam Level II

1. What Latin phrase means “unknown land”?
2. What is the Latin phrase that refers to the peace imposed on nations during the reign of Augustus?
3. What Greek mathematician exclaimed, “Eureka!” when he made an important discovery about the displacement of water?
4. What is the Latin name for the Field of Mars where Roman armies trained and assembled?
5. What Roman soldier defended the Sublician Bridge against an onslaught of Etruscans?
6. Rome was approximately 16 miles away from what port city on the Italian coast?
7. What term, derived from the Latin word for the common people, means a referendum of the people?
8. Who was the remorseless Greek goddess of divine retribution?
9. What is the Latin for the sentence, “Thus passes the glory of the world”?
10. What is the group name for the 49 sisters who all murdered their husbands on their wedding night?
11. What Latin phrase is used to designate a person whose membership on a committee derives from his or her position of authority or superior office?
12. On what hill in ancient Rome did the Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus stand?
13. Which of the muses is said to inspire epic poetry?
14. Who was the third member of the First Triumvirate that also included Caesar and Crassus?
15. What name was given to the first laws to be written down in ancient Rome?
16. What mountain range runs the length of the Italian peninsula?
17. What Latin expression, meaning “with a grain of salt,” is used to express skepticism?
18. What is the Latin for the gladiatorial shout: “We who are about to die salute you!”
19. What term, etymologically meaning “flesh-eater,” was a box-like receptacle for a corpse?
20. Who was carried to the safety of Aetes’ court on a golden ram?
21. What term for a sworn statement literally means, “He has pledged his faith”?
22. What Latin phrase literally means “at one’s pleasure”?
23. What twin deities, offspring of Leda, were considered patrons of sailors?
24. What English adjective, derived from the noun meaning “hinge,” may be used to describe a sin or a rule as of utmost importance?
25. Who was the Athenian orator who denounced the father of Alexander the Great in the series of Philippics?

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26. What is the Latin legal writ requiring a person who has been arrested to be brought before a judge?
27. What grandson of Laertes sought information from Menelaus about his father's return from Troy?
28. What Latin phrase, literally meaning "in the glass," is used to designate scientific experiments that occur in the laboratory instead of in a natural setting?
29. What reverent couple, who hospitably received Jupiter and Mercury disguised as beggars, asked to be turned into an oak and linden?
30. What Latin phrase, literally meaning "it does not follow," is used to designate a proposition as illogical?
31. Who were the female followers of Dionysus? 31. 
32. What god is said to be the ruler over the winds?
33. What Latin phrase designates service done without pay and "for the public good"?
34. What special parade of honor was accorded a Roman general who had achieved a great victory?
35. What daughter of Priam, who foresaw her own murder, was taken as a prize of war by Agamemnon?
36. What Egyptian queen allied herself with Antony against Octavian?
37. With what mortal girl did Cupid fall in love after he scratched himself with one of his own arrows?
38. What Latin phrase, literally meaning "by itself" or "through itself," is used in English to mean "necessarily" or "by strict interpretation"?
39. What is the Latin for the name that is often given to the Lord's Prayer? 50. 
40. What is the Latin for Francis Bacon's pronouncement, "Knowledge itself is power"?
41. What is the Latin abbreviation that means "in the same place"?
42. What king of Sparta challenged Paris to a duel for the return of Helen?
43. What is the Latin for the classical ideal: "a healthy mind in a healthy body"?
44. Who was the fifth of the Julio-Claudian emperors after Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula and Claudius?
45. What Latin phrase is used in court by a defendant who does not wish to contend his guilt or innocence but rather pleads, "no contest"?
46. What Roman general defeated Hannibal at the battle of Zama, concluding the second Punic War?
47. What is the term for a victory won at too great a cost, named after a Greek general who had three such victories against the Romans?
48. What Latin phrase, literally "to each his own," suggests that each person has his or her own personal preferences?
49. From what river in the Underworld did souls to be reborn drink to forget their past lives?
50. What riddling creature with the body of a lion, the wings of an eagle, and the head of a woman did Oedipus defeat?