2014 Classical Literacy Exam: Level II

- 1. What is the name for the Greek goddess of victory?
- 2. What Greek hero vanquished Procrustes, Sinis, Periphetes, and other villains on the way to Athens?
- 3. According to Shakespeare, what were Julius Caesar's last words?
- 4. Give the Latin name for field outside of Rome on which soldiers trained and assembled?
- 5. What was the title of the priest who governed the activities of the Vestal Virgins?
- 6. What Greek word, literally meaning "goat-skin," refers to the shield that Athena carried?
- 7. On which of the Seven Hills of Rome did Romulus found his city?
- 8. What is the large southern part of the Greek peninsula called?
- 9. What is the name for a gentle wind or breeze, commonly from the west?
- 10. What Roman official had the power to veto legislation?
- 11. What Latin nominative plural noun is used in English to refer to the customs and values of a society?
- 12. What is the name for the 49 sisters who all murdered their husbands on their wedding night?
- 13. Whose children did Artemis and Apollo kill because she had boasted that she was superior to Leto?
- 14. Who was the author of the great epic that begins "I sing of arms and the man," the man being Aeneas?
- 15. What were the Roman laws of 451-450 B.C., the first to be written, called?
- 16. What god bestowed upon Midas the power of the golden touch?
- 17. What Greek city, over which Agamemnon was said to have ruled, is famous for its Lion Gate?
- 18. What English adjective, derived from Latin for "coming after," may describe fame garnered after death?
- 19. What Latin phrase means, "Thus passes the glory of the world"?
- 20. What four capital letters stand for the Senate and the Roman people?
- 21. What is the Latin for the abbreviation *Q.E.D.*?
- 22. What Titan was the goddess of memory and the mother of the muses?
- 23. What derivative from the Latin word for "hinge" describes a fault or sin as having great significance?
- 24. What god did the Sibyl at Cumae serve as his priestess?
- 25. What is the Latin for Francis Bacon's pronouncement, "Knowledge itself is power."





- 26. Souls that were to be reborn drank from what river in the Underworld?
- 27. What Latin phrase means "to each his own"?
- 28. What was Alexander the Great's native country?



- 29. What was the Roman name for the building that served as a law court and a place for public meetings?
- 30. What Latin noun refers to a gap in government, i.e. between the reign of one king and the next?
- 31. What English noun refers to a job or position that is "without worry"?
- 32. Who, carried off by Zeus in the form of a white bull, was the mother of King Minos of Crete?
- 33. What Latin abbreviation is used in footnotes to mean "in the same place"?
- 34. What Greek word refers to a "city of the dead"?
- 35. Latium is to Rome as is to Athens.
- 36. Who was the mother of Helen, the wife to be of Menelaus?
- 37. What adjective, meaning "extremely loud," derives from the name of a Greek herald?
- 38. What Latin phrase refers to the "body of the crime" or substantial evidence a crime has been committed?
- 39. What handsome young man's disdain did Echo suffer?
- 40. What is the Latin for "we who are about to die salute you"?
- 41. Make "exit" a plural Latin verb?
- 42. What English noun from the Latin word for grandson, refers to the practice of favoring relatives?
- 43. What Latin phrase means "Justice for All," the motto of the District of Columbia?
- 44. What adjective meaning "very changeable" derives from the Roman name for Hermes?
- 45. What daughter of Helios was notorious for turning men into pigs?
- 46. What Greek word refers to the universe or other well ordered space?
- 47. What Latin abbreviation means, Compare!
- 48. What boy rode a golden ram to the court of Aeetes?
- 49. The five Julio-Claudian emperors were Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius and
- 50. Romulus and Remus were originally from what city, sixteen miles away from Rome?

