2015 Classical Literacy Exam: Level II

1. Give the Latin phrase that means 'a healthy mind in a healthy body'?

2. Who were the Roman general and Egyptian queen that Augustus defeated at the Battle of Actium?

3. What Latin sentence means 'Knowledge itself is power'?

4. What Latin abbreviation means 'approximately'?

5. Who defeated Hannibal at the battle of Zama?

6. What brothers of Helen were known as the Dioscouri and became patron gods of sailors?

7. What English word for a command means literally in Latin 'let it be done'?

8. What English adjective means literally 'flowing like honey'?

9. What two sons of Atreus were the leaders of the Greeks during the Trojan War?

10. Give the Latin sentence that means, "Thus passes the glory of the world"?

11. What name is given to a victory won at too great a cost?   15.

12. Vespasian was the founder of what dynasty of Roman emperors?

13. What daughter of Agamemnon was sacrificed to appease Artemis?

14. What Latin phrase means literally 'at first glance'?

15. What is the name for the southern part of the Greek peninsula?

16. What god ruled during the Silver Age?

17. Octavian, Antony and Lepidus formed what legally sanctioned political alliance?

18. Because of the loss of what maiden did Achilles initially withdraw from the Trojan War?

19. What is the Latin phrase that means 'burden of proof'?

20. From what Latin phrase meaning 'not of sound mind' do we derive 'nincompoop'?

21. What was the name for a Roman bath?

22. Which of the muses inspired epic poetry?

23. Who was the mother of Helen, Clytemnestra, Pollux and Castor?

24. What is the Roman numeral for 549?

25. What was the main road that ran through the Roman forum called?

26. What Latin phrase identifies the logical fallacy of thinking a prior event is the necessary cause of a subsequent occurrence?

27. What adjective describes a device or formula that aids memorization?

28. What Latin phrase means literally 'that is'?

29. What mythological character was punished for outwitting Death?

30. Who was the father of Saturn?

31. What English adjective meaning 'idle' or 'indolent' derives from a Latin word meaning 'leisure'?

32. From what rock on the Capitoline were traitors thrown to their deaths?

33. What plural Latin noun refers to the customs and values of a society?

34. What brothers in the late 2nd century BC were assassinated for trying to implement social and economic reforms that favored the common people?

35. What twin dangers did Odysseus manage to avoid: the one a whirlpool, the other a monster?

36. What is the Latin phrase meaning 'with a grain of salt', i.e. with caution?

37. What god rescued Ariadne who had been abandoned by Theseus on the island of Naxos?

38. What former lieutenant of Marius later became his political enemy?

39. What brother of Hector shot the arrow that killed Achilles?

40. What couple was saved from the flood because of their hospitality to Jupiter and Mercury?

41. What warning did Laocoon issue concerning the Trojan Horse?   46.

42. In the night sky, what constellation does Scorpio seem to be chasing?

43. What are the day, month and year of the founding of Rome?

44. What was the name for a courthouse in ancient Rome?

45. What Latin sentence literally means 'While I breathe, I hope'?

46. What daughter of Aeetes killed her sons and fled to Athens in a chariot drawn by dragons?

47. What is the art of prophecy that uses birds to foretell the future?

48. What Latin sentence means 'We who are about to die salute you"?

49. What folk offered to Odysseus' men a flower that caused them to forget their homesickness?

50. What adjective from the name of a Greek herald describes a shout as loud as that of 50 men?