2016 Classical Literacy Exam: Level II

- 1. Which Homeric epic ends with the funeral of the Trojan hero, Hector?
- 2. What ancient epic ends with Aeneas slaying the Rutulian leader Turnus?
- 3. What villain in the Underworld served up his own son Pelops as food fit for the gods?
- 4. To what group do Calliope, Terpsichore and Clio belong?
- 5. The maenads were the enthusiastic women who were followers of what Greek god?
- 6. Whose life did Orpheus seek to restore through the power of his music?
- 7. What is the two-word Latin phrase for the peace Augustus tried to establish in the Roman world?
- 8. What Peloponnesian city, once ruled by Agamemnon, is the site of the Lion's Gate?
- 9. What Latin phrase means "to err is human"?
- 10. What is the Latin for "Thus passes the glory of the world"?
- 11. What is the Latin taxonomical name for the human species?
- 12. What is the six-letter Roman numeral for 244?

13. What river did Caesar cross with his army against the expressed orders of the Roman Senate?

- 14. What Latin derived English noun refers to the customs and values of a society?
- 15. What was the Roman name for the country known today as Switzerland?
- 16. What name, meaning "snatcher", refers to a bird with a human face?
- 17. Give the month, day and year of the founding of Rome.
- 18. What Titaness, whose name means 'cunning', was the first wife of Zeus?
- 19. What adjective refers to the publication of work not published until after the death of a writer?
- 20. What Roman general died in Egypt after siding with the Roman Senate against Caesar?
- 21. What is the Latin for "a healthy mind in healthy body"?
- 22. To what group do Algaea, Euphrosyne and Thalia, said to be daughters of Aphrodite by some?
- 23. What is the term for the practice of showing favoritism to a relative when filling a job opening?
- 24. What queen of Sparta was the mother of both Helen and Clytemnestra?
- 25. What paranoid Roman emperor of Rome spent his 10 last years living in the Villa Iovis on Capri?



- 26. What is the term for the art of reading the flight of birds to interpret the will of the gods?
- 27. What daughter of Priam did Ajax Oileus abduct from the temple of Athena and brutally raped?
- 28. What Latin phrase tells us that art will outlast the life of the artist?
- 29. What daughter of Helios tried unsuccessfully to bewitch Odysseus but later aided him on his journey?
- 30. What is the motto of the District of Columbia, meaning "Justice for all"?
- 31. What Roman brothers were murdered for their support of policies favoring the equites and plebs?
- 32. What Latin sentence means "Knowledge itself is power"?
- 33. What Latin word means 'hate" and is etymologically relate to the name Odysseus?
- 34. Who was the two-faced Roman god of beginnings and doorways?
- 35. What Latin word (not abbreviation) means 'in the same place'?
- 36. What was the title of the priestess who delivered the prophecies of Apollo at Delphic Oracle?
- 37. What was the warning the priest Laocoon delivered to his fellow Trojans?
- 38. The construction of the Colosseum was largely the result of the efforts of what dynasty of emperors?
- 39. What Latin phrase means "to each his own"?
- 40. What ancient Babylonian story was the source for the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet?
- 41. What Latin phrase means "not of sound mind"?
- 42. What Roman official assessed taxes and removed senators from office for bad behavior?
- 43. What is the Latin term for the building that included a caldarium, frigidarium, and tepidarium?
- 44. What are the first two Latin words of the Lord's Prayer?
- 45. Who told his fellow Romans that he spoke not to praise Caesar but to bury him?
- 46. What English word for an arbitrary decision is literally translated "let it be done"?
- 47. What son of Poseidon prayed to his father to make trouble for Odysseus on his way home from Troy?
- 48. What was the war between Sparta and Athens and their respective allies called?
- 49. What daughter of Agamemnon was sacrificed so that the Greek ships could set sail for Troy?
- 50. What daughter of Atlas detained Odysseus for seven years on the island of Ogygia?

