

2011 Classical Literacy Level III Exam

1. What phrase refers to the extended era of peace established under Roman rule?
2. What is the value of the Roman numeral MDCLXVI?
3. What daughter of Minos helped Theseus defeat the Minotaur?
4. What Latin phrase would signify that a meeting is being held in secret?
5. What plural Latin noun is used to refer to customs and values of a society?
6. If a doctor intends for a medicine to be taken orally, he will use what abbreviation?
7. Of what city was Oedipus king?
8. On the side of what mountain was the Delphic Oracle, at right, built?
9. What Roman statesman finished his speeches with “Carthago delenda est”?
10. What English word, derived from the Latin for “chance,” means “accidental” or “lucky”?
11. Who was killed by his own dogs after viewing Diana bathing?
12. What is the title of Apollo’s priestess at Delphi?
13. Epics traditionally begin “in the middle of things.” What is the Latin phrase that refers to this practice?
14. Who was beloved of both Persephone and Aphrodite and in death became an anemone?
15. What is the art of prophecy by means of bird-watching?
16. What Latin abbreviation means “compare”?
17. Who died after running a great distance from the field of Marathon to report the victory over the Persians?
18. What presocratic philosopher believed that there was only the One and all change was illusory?
19. What Latin phrase is synonymous with *rara avis*?
20. What Latin phrase, referring to individual preference, means “to each his own”?
21. What brothers, champions of people against the nobility, were referred to as the “gemmae” or jewels of Cornelia?
22. Though they were nursed by a wolf, who was the actual mother of Romulus and Remus?
23. Penelope is to Odysseus as _____ is to Hector?
24. What Latin phrase literally means “no more beyond”?
25. What Latin phrase refers to something you always have with you?



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26. What Latin verb, meaning “let it stand,” do editors use when they leave something uncorrected?
27. What Latin phrase means “to be rather than to seem”?
28. Patroclus is to Achilles as _____ is to Aeneas.
29. What is the Latin Bible traditionally called?
30. With the praise of what goddess does Lucretius begin his *De Rerum Natura*?
31. What Latin expression means that one should not argue over tastes?
32. Who, after having her tongue cut out, was transformed into a nightingale?
33. To what lawgiver did the Spartans trace their constitution?
34. Who set forth puzzles that served to support the view that motion and change were illusory?
35. What phrase on the back of a one dollar bill means “he has favored our undertakings”?
36. To whose temple in Eleusis did Athenians make an annual pilgrimage for spiritual cleansing?
37. What Latin phrase means “the master has spoken”?
38. What Latin phrase means “other things being equal”?
39. Who received as a gift for their service to their mother an early death?
40. To what Greek mathematician who studied and taught in Plato’s Academy do we owe the first formal proof of that square of the two sides of a right triangle equals the square of the hypotenuse?
41. What Greek writer composed hymns in praise of Olympic victors?
42. What term does Aristotle use when he speaks of art as providing an imitation of life?
43. Who killed himself after losing to Odysseus the right to Achilles’ arms?
44. What did Kant call those fundamental ideas that made experience of the world possible?
45. What structure in Rome boasted Doric, Corinthian, and Ionic columns?
46. To what Roman historian do we owe a history of Jugurtha and Catiline?
47. What daughter of Oedipus, at right, served as his guide?
48. What Greek philosopher described all things as having a material, efficient, formal and final cause?
49. Whose funeral oration upon fallen heroes inspired his fellow Athenians?
50. “Carpe diem” occurs in a poem by what contemporary of Vergil?

