

2012 Classical Literacy Exam – Level III

1. What was the name of Athena's terror-inducing shield?
2. What was the name of the aged father whom Aeneas, fleeing Troy, carried out on his back?
3. What adjective, derived from a triform mythological monster slain by Bellerophon, refers to something as existing only in unchecked imagination?
4. Which Latin phrase, meaning "Behold the Man," was spoken by Pontius Pilate in the Vulgate when he presented Christ, scourged and crown with thorns, to a hostile crowd?
5. Who was the Greek comic playwright who wrote *The Clouds* and *Lysistrata*?
6. What three Roman brothers, seen below, during the reign of Tullus Hostilius became heroes for defeating three brothers of the enemy, the Curiatii?
7. What Latin phrase means "thus passes the glory of the world"?
8. What noun from the Latin word for "grandson" refers to favoring one's own relatives?
9. What Latin word is used in English to refer to the customs and values of a cultural period?
10. What Latin epic begins *Arma virumque cano*?
11. What Latin legal phrase, meaning "body of crime," refers to the principle that a crime must be proven to have been committed before one can be convicted of that crime?
12. What Roman patrician was continuously at odds with Marius and his followers?
13. What sister of Phrixus fell off the Golden Ram in their escape from their stepmother Ino?
14. What Latin term refers to a person's devotion to his religious responsibilities?
15. What is the oxymoronic Latin phrase used by Augustus in response to supporters who wanted to make changes at a speed that he thought was too great?
16. What Latin phrase means "a healthy mind in a healthy body"?
17. What English adjective, referring to someone as indolent or idle, derives from the Latin noun meaning "leisure"?
18. Give the Latin for the abbreviation Q.E.D.
19. At the end of the *Aeneid*, Aeneas kills what leader of the Rutulians, despite his pleas for mercy?
20. What labor did Hercules accomplish with the help of the Alpheus and Peneus rivers?
21. What Latin abbreviation means "in the same place"?
22. What is the Latin phrase that refers to a law applied retroactively?
23. Give the abbreviated Latin phrase that means "a word to the wise is sufficient."
24. Who was the mother of Zeus' sons Minos, Radamanthus, and Sarpedon?
25. What term did Aristotle use to refer to either a hero's accidental or intentional wrongdoing and is sometimes translated "fatal flaw" or a "missing of the mark"?



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26. What inseparable pair of Trojan warriors was killed when they went on night raid of the Latin forces?
27. What Latin phrase means “according to the value” and often refers to an import tax?
28. What Athenian played a prominent and controversial role during the Peloponnesian War and its aftermath? In Plato’s *Symposium*, he is the last speaker.
29. What lyric poet of the late Republic chose “Lesbia” as the pseudonym for the woman about whom many of his poems are written?
30. What Athenian leader devised a strategy to defeat the Persian navy at Salamis?
31. What was the name of the philosophical doctrine espoused by Marcus Aurelius?
32. What mathematical image did Plato employ to illustrate the ascent of a philosopher to the Good?
33. What Lydian king did Solon not include in his list of the “happiest of men” because the king had yet to finish the course of his life? Though the king was initially angry, he later had reason to acknowledge the truth of Solon’s judgment.
34. What was the name of the philosophical doctrine espoused by Lucretius?
35. What legendary Carthaginian leader with his or her last breath called down vengeance upon Aeneas and his progeny?
36. What religious rites were held in honor of Demeter and Persephone?
37. What presocratic philosopher believed that all things were made up of atoms?
38. What Latin abbreviation means “twice in a day”?
39. What Athenian playwright, at right, was the author of *Medea* and *The Bacchae*?
40. What Latin phrase means “remember to die”?
41. Fill in the blank: Vergil’s fourth eclogue is called the _____ eclogue because it prophesizes a golden child.
42. According to John, “In the beginning was the word.” What is the Greek for “word”?
43. Who was the wife of Augustus, often depicted as treacherous and conniving?
44. Fill in the blank: Days of tranquility may be called _____ days, an adjective derived from a mythical bird in the myth of Alcyone.
45. What is the rhetorical term for the introductory part of a formal speech?
46. What is the classical term for the ceremonial pouring of wine upon the ground?
47. What is the Latin phrase that means “mode of operation”?
48. What Latin phrase is used to refer to statements as if issued from a chair of authority?
49. Who was the Greek author of the *Theogony* and *Works and Days*?
50. What Roman author wrote the gossip *Lives of the Twelve Caesars*, depicting the virtues and vices of the early emperors? Robert Graves in his *I, Claudius* relied heavily on this work.

