

## 2003 Chancellor Certamen

### UPPER LEVEL - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Welcome to the Chancellor Certamen. As we continue to tinker with the format and rules of the game, we ask that you write down the answers to your first five questions. Give the Latin for the subordinate verb in the sentence “We ask that you write the answers, students.” *SCRIBATIS*

BONUS: For the bonus, write the entire sentence “We ask that you write the answers, students.”

*ROGAMUS UT SCRIBATIS  
RESPONSA, DISCIPULI*

2) WRITE-DOWN: What is located in the Roman Forum and known as “Mamertine”?  
PRISON

BONUS: In what part of the Mamertine Prison were executions held?  
TULLIANUM

3) WRITE-DOWN: According to the author Suetonius, Augustus beat his head and tore his hair in dismay because what general had lost three legions to the Germans?

(P. QUINCTILIUS) VARUS

BONUS: Where and when did the disastrous defeat take place?

TUETOBURG FOREST in AD 9

4) WRITE-DOWN: What Greek herald at Troy had a loud, brazen voice? His name gives us the English word for extremely loud or booming, particularly in a voice?

STENTOR

BONUS: Who was the ugliest of the Greeks at Troy? He dared to speak against and ridicule Agamemnon. His name gives us the English word for loud, abusive, and scurrilous.

THERSITES

**Note to Moderator:** Question 5 is a visual question. Show the picture and read the accompanying question. All teams should write their answers as in questions 1-4.

5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify this building in Rome. PANTHEON

BONUS: Is this building located in the Campus Martius, in the Roman Forum, or on the Palatine Hill?  
CAMPUS MARTIUS

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What Roman religious ceremony involved the sacrifice of three different animals? SUOVETAURILIA  
BONUS: What three animals were sacrificed in a suovetaurilia? PIG, SHEEP, and BULL
- 7) TOSS-UP: The mascot for the University of Virginia is the Cavalier, which is derived from the Latin word *caballus*, which means what? HORSE  
BONUS: We must give equal time to Virginia Tech, whose motto is the Fighting Gobbler. The Romans didn't know about turkeys, but they did have peacocks. What is the Latin word for peacock? BUBO
- 8) TOSS-UP: Who was the maiden who was sacrificed by her father so that the Greek fleet could set sail for Troy? IPHIGENIA  
BONUS: Who was Iphigenia's mother who later conspired with her lover to kill Agamemnon when he returned home from the war? CLYTEMNESTRA
- 9) TOSS-UP: What river served as the boundary between Italy and Cisalpine Gaul? Julius Caesar crossed it with the words *Alea iacta est*. RUBICON  
BONUS: What river served as the ancient boundary between Germany and Gaul? Julius Caesar was the first Roman general to cross it. RHINE or RHENUS
- 10) TOSS-UP: Which triumvir was killed at the Battle of Carrhae in 52 BC? (MARCUS LICINIUS) CRASSUS  
BONUS: Against what foe did the Romans lose? PARTHIANS
- 11) TOSS-UP: The substitution of *Vulcanus* for *ignis* is an example of what poetic device? METONYMY  
BONUS: The phrase *magno cum murmure montis* represents what two poetic devices? ALLITERATION and ONOMATOPOEIA
- 12) TOSS-UP: Catullus writes in Carmen 49 that he is *tanto pessimus omnium poeta/ quanto pessimus omnium patronus*. Who is this patron to whom Catullus refers? CICERO  
BONUS: Catullus also writes in Carmen 93 that he doesn't care to know *utrum sis albus an ater homo*. To whom is he speaking in this poem? JULIUS CAESAR

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13) TOSS-UP: What mythological figure does Catullus describe in his lines, *tam gratum est mihi quam ferunt puellae/ pernici aureolum fuisse malum?*

ATALANTA

BONUS: What figure of speech is found in the next line when that golden apple *zonam soluit diu ligatam?*

EUPHEMISM (FOR LOSS OF VIRGINITY)

14) TOSS-UP: After what battle did Vergil lose his family farm in northern Italy when it was confiscated to provide land for soldiers? PHILIPPI

BONUS: What Roman historian, literary patron, statesman, and supporter of the emperor Augustus was responsible for interceding on Vergil's behalf to help him retrieve his property? (GAIUS ASINIUS) POLLIO

15) WRITE-DOWN: Into how many *horae*, or hours, was the Roman day divided?

TWELVE (12)

BONUS: Into how many *vigiliae*, or watches, was the Roman night divided?

FOUR (4)

16) TOSS-UP: The winners write the history but sometimes the losers become national heroes. Who became a French national hero after losing to Julius Caesar and the Romans at Alesia? VERCINGETORIX

BONUS: What woman became a British national heroine after losing to the Romans in AD 61? BOUDICCA

17) TOSS-UP: Name the Titan who defied Zeus by giving fire to mankind.

PROMETHEUS

BONUS: How did Zeus punish Prometheus?

BOUND HIM TO A WINTRY CLIFF  
WHERE A VULTURE ATE OUT HIS LIVER

18) TOSS-UP: Name the building being described: At one point probably the largest free-standing building of its type in the world. By the use of barrel vaults and arches four stories high, concentric rings lead into the arena.

COLOSSEUM

BONUS: In what year was the Colosseum opened by the Emperor Titus?

AD 80

19) TOSS-UP: What is the fourth principal part of the verb *fero, ferre*?

LATUS

BONUS: What is the difference between the noun *latus* and the adjective *latus*?

NOUN = SIDE and ADJECTIVE = WIDE

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Domus Larvis Infesta*?

THE HAUNTED MANSION

BONUS: What about *Mons Gelidus*?

COLD MOUNTAIN

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END OF ROUND 1.

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Ovid writes in his *Ars Amatoria* that girls *spectatum veniunt, veniunt spectentur ut ipsae*. According to this line, why is the Circus Maximus a good place to find girls?

BECAUSE GIRLS COME TO SEE AND  
BE SEEN

BONUS: In the line *spectatum veniunt, veniunt spectentur ut ipsae*, what form is *spectatum*?

SUPINE

2) WRITE-DOWN: What in ancient Rome was a *naumachia*?

A MOCK NAVAL BATTLE

BONUS: What was a naufragium?

SHIPWRECK

3) WRITE-DOWN: What two reasons in Latin does Ovid give for his exile from Rome?

*CARMEN ET ERROR*

BONUS: Ovid was exiled to a bleak outpost on the Black Sea called Tomi. In what modern country was Tomi, now called Costanza, located?

BULGARIA

4) WRITE-DOWN: Odysseus made a journey to the Underworld in order to seek advice on how to get home. While there, much to his dismay, he ran into Anticlea. Who was she?

HIS MOTHER

BONUS: Odysseus also ran into this Greek hero who refused to speak to him because he was still upset over losing Achilles' armor to him. Who was this hero?

AJAX

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the person represented by this statue.

AUGUSTUS

BONUS: Who is the baby riding the dolphin?

CUPID

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6) TOSS-UP: In what city of the ancient world was the Pharos, or lighthouse, located? This lighthouse was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

ALEXANDRIA

BONUS: In what city of the ancient world were the hanging gardens located? These, also, were one of the Seven Wonders. BABYLON

7) TOSS-UP: Complete the following analogy- *tetigi* : *tango* :: \_\_\_\_\_ : *parco*.

PEPERCI

BONUS: Complete this analogy- *peperci* : *parco* :: \_\_\_\_\_ : *consisto*.

CONSTITI

8) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Pharae, Delos, Dodona, Cumae, Delphi.

ORACLES

BONUS: Which of these sites was a famous oracle to Zeus?

DODONA

9) TOSS-UP: Going to school in the mid-Atlantic region during the winter is always exciting because we often miss days due to snowfall. How do we say in Latin: “Let it snow”?

NINGAT

BONUS: What is the nominative, genitive, and gender for the Latin noun meaning “snow”?

NIX, NIVIS, F.

10) TOSS-UP: Who was the first Roman emperor to build a wall across Britain in order to keep out the barbarians?

HADRIAN

BONUS: Which emperor sent a legion to Britain to gather sea-shells?

CALIGULA (GAIUS)

11) TOSS-UP: Seneca, Tacitus, Martial, and Pliny are all authors from what age of Latin literature?

SILVER

BONUS: Which of the authors, Seneca, Tacitus, Martial, and Pliny, is known for his witty epigrams?

MARTIAL

12) TOSS-UP: In the Aeneid, Vergil writes, *una Eurusque Notusque ruunt creberque procellis/ Africus*. Generally speaking, what are Eurus, Notus, and Africus?

WINDS

BONUS: A few lines later, Vergil writes that these winds, *fluctusque ad sidera tollit*. What figure of speech does this phrase illustrate? HYPERBOLE

13) TOSS-UP: Which river in the Underworld was the river of lamentation and woe?

COCYTUS

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BONUS: Which was the river of fire? (PERI)PHLEGETHON

14) TOSS-UP: What body of water did the Romans call the Pontus Euxinus?

BLACK SEA

BONUS: Along what modern body of water was the Roman province of Illyricum located?

ADRIATIC SEA

15) TOSS-UP: What cult, most appealing to soldiers, was represented by a man, born from a rock or tree, slaying a bull? The Romans were introduced to this cult after troops reached Persia during the reign of Nero.

MITHRAISM

BONUS: In what disgusting ritual did soldiers participate in order to become initiated?

BATHE/SHOWER IN THE BLOOD OF A SACRIFICED BULL

16) TOSS-UP: Name, in order of their reigns, the “Five Good Emperors”.

NERVA, TRAJAN, HADRIAN,  
ANTONINUS PIUS, MARCUS  
AURELIUS

BONUS: What historian who flourished during the reigns of Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan, and Hadrian wrote works called *Historiae*, *Annales*, and *Agricola*?

TACITUS

17) TOSS-UP: What mythological creature was half-horse, half-fish?

HIPPOCAMPUS

BONUS: What half-man, half-fish son of Poseidon typically rode the hippocampus?

TRITON

18) TOSS-UP: What type of gladiator was a *bestiarius*?

ONE WHO FOUGHT WILD ANIMALS

BONUS: What did the Romans call the condemned criminals who were forced to fight as gladiators?

DAMNATI

19) TOSS-UP: What is the term in Latin poetry for the avoidance of an elision at a point where it would normally occur?

HIATUS

BONUS: What is the term used to describe the special type of elision in Latin poetry in which words ending in a vowel plus an “M” are elided with words beginning with a vowel or an “H”?

ECTHLIPSIS

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What current movie would the Romans call *Dominus et Imperator*?

MASTER AND COMMANDER

BONUS: What movie would be called *Iudices Aufugientes*?

RUNAWAY JURY

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the literal meaning of the Latin abbreviation H.I.S. or, in later years, H.J.S.? You would usually see it inscribed on tombstones.

“HERE LIES BURIED”

BONUS: Give the Latin phrase for “May he rest in peace”.

*REQUIESCAT IN PACE*

- 2) WRITE-DOWN: In ancient Rome, a woman of what profession wore a toga?

PROSTITUTE

BONUS: What Latin phrase did the prostitute have written on the back of her shoes?

*SEQUERE ME*

- 3) WRITE-DOWN: Which emperor tried to have his annoying, busy-body mother killed by building a collapsible boat?

NERO

BONUS: What was the name of Nero’s annoying, busy-body mother?

AGRIPPINA (THE YOUNGER)

- 4) WRITE-DOWN: In the Zodiac, what sign represents the brothers Castor and Pollux?

GEMINI

BONUS: In the Zodiac, what sign represents Almathea, the goat who nourished the infant Zeus?

CAPRICORN

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the mountain looming in the background of this picture.

MT. VESUVIUS

BONUS: The ruins are of the city of Pompeii. What open area can be seen in this photograph?

FORUM

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What Roman assembly regularly met in the Campus Martius and elected censors, praetors, and consuls? COMITIA CENTURIATA  
BONUS: Which assembly was the chief legislative body and elected quaestors and aediles? COMITIA TRIBUTA
- 7) TOSS-UP: What figure of speech is illustrated in this line from Vergil’s *Aeneid*: *Post mihi non simili poena commissa luetis?* LITOTES  
BONUS: Identify one figure of speech illustrated in Martial’s line *Difficilis facilis, iucundus acerbus es idem?* OXYMORON or PARADOX or ASYNDETON
- 8) TOSS-UP: According to mythology, who disregarded his father’s advice and flew too close to the sun, thus falling to his death into the sea? ICARUS  
BONUS: Also according to mythology, who was killed by Jupiter because he rejected his father’s pleas to change his wish and, while driving the chariot of the sun, lost control and set the world on fire? PHAETHON
- 9) TOSS-UP: What modern country takes its name from the Latin word for silver? ARGENTINA  
BONUS: What Mediterranean island takes its name from the Latin word for copper? CYPRUS
- 10) TOSS-UP: What title, bestowed in 27 BC, did Augustus prefer to be called? PRINCEPS  
BONUS: What title used by later emperors originally could only be bestowed by the troops after a military victory? IMPERATOR
- 11) TOSS-UP: What Republican poet was the author of *De Rerum Natura*? LUCRETIUS  
BONUS: Lucretius’ *De Rerum Natura* espouses what philosophy? EPICUREANISM
- 12) TOSS-UP: In Book I of the *Aeneid*, Vergil writes *dux femina facti*. To whom does this statement refer? DIDO/ELISSA  
BONUS: Who speaks the words *dux femina facti* and whom is the speaker addressing? VENUS IS ADDRESSING AENEAS (and ACHATES)
- 13) TOSS-UP: What sculptor, dissatisfied with the real women around him, fell in love with his own beautiful statue? PYGMALION  
BONUS: What was the name of this beautiful, statuesque woman? GALATEA



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- 14) TOSS-UP: What emperor's dying words in translation were "Oh my, I think that I am turning into a god!"  
VESPASIAN  
BONUS: Name Vespasian's two sons who also were to become emperor.  
TITUS AND DOMITIAN
- 15) TOSS-UP: Catullus writes in Carmen 27, *Minister vetuli puer Falerni, / inger mi calices amariores*. What is this Falerni? A TYPE OF WINE  
BONUS: The poem continues, *ut lex Postumiae iubet magistræ*. What function is Postumia performing at this drinking party? *MAGISTER (MAGISTRA)*  
*BIBENDI*
- 16) TOSS-UP: About the head of which king of Rome did flames appear when he was a child?  
SERVIUS TULLIUS  
BONUS: Who, in the *Aeneid*, had a similar experience?  
ASCANIUS/IULUS
- 17) TOSS-UP: Because of the death of Androgeus, King Minos of Crete demanded what as tribute from Athens?  
SEVEN YOUTHS AND SEVEN MAIDENS  
BONUS: What was the fate of these fourteen children?  
THEY WERE FED TO THE MINOTAUR
- 18) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin word for the fresh juice pressed from grapes?  
MUSTUM  
BONUS: What is the Latin word for spoiled wine, which was often used as vinegar or given to slaves?  
ACETUM
- 19) TOSS-UP: What Latin phrase describes a duty or position one takes on by virtue of being elected to a particular office? *EX OFFICIO*  
BONUS: What is the latin phrase for "sincerely" or "from the heart"?  
*EX ANIMO*
- 20) TOSS-UP: Here we are back at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Dominus Anulorum: Reditus Regis*?  
*LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING*  
BONUS: What about *Crudelitas Intolerabilis*? *INTOLERABLE CRUELTY*

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1) WRITE-DOWN: What Latin poet was the author of the phrase *Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit?* VERGIL

BONUS: Translate this phrase into English.

“PERHAPS ONE DAY IT WILL HELP TO REMEMBER EVEN THESE THINGS”

2) WRITE-DOWN: What was the term for a priest who would prophesy the future by taking the auspices? AUGUR/AUGURES

BONUS: What was the term for a priest who would prophesy the future by examining the entrails of sacrificed animals? HARUSPEX/HARUSPICES

3) WRITE-DOWN: Which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World is described here? It’s dedicatory inscription reads: “To you, O Sun, the people of Dorian Rhodes set up this bronze statue reaching to Olympus when they had pacified the waves of war and crowned their city with the spoils taken from the enemy. Not only over the seas but also on land did they kindle the lovely torch of freedom.”

COLOSSUS OF RHODES

BONUS: Which of the Seven Wonders is described here? Pausanias writes, “In his right hand a figure of Victory made from ivory and gold. In his left hand, his scepter inlaid with all metals, and an eagle perched on the sceptre. The sandals of the god are made of gold, as is his robe.”

TEMPLE OF ZEUS AT OLYMPIA

4) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of the Greek who was left behind at Troy to convince the Trojans to take the horse into the city? SINON

BONUS: What was the name of the Trojan priest who tried to convince the Trojans not to take the horse into the city and exclaimed “I fear Greeks, even those bearing gifts”?

LAOCOON

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify the two men in this picture.

AENEAS AND ANCHISES

BONUS: Identify the child in this picture.

ASCANIUS/IULUS/ILUS

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular, imperfect active subjunctive of the Latin verb from which we get the English word “tractor”?

*TRAHERET*

BONUS: Change *traheret* to the pluperfect tense, keeping all else the same.

*TRAXISSET*

- 7) TOSS-UP: Horace wrote, *exegi monumentum aere perennius*. What was this monument more lasting than bronze? HIS POETRY

BONUS: What is the meaning of Horace’s phrase *aurea mediocritas*?

THE GOLDEN MEAN

- 8) TOSS-UP: What arrogant Greek woman boasted that she was a greater mother than Latona, the mother of Apollo and Artemis, because she had fourteen children and Latona only two? NIOBE

BONUS: To avenge her slighted honor, Apollo and Artemis killed all fourteen of Niobe’s children. Into what was the grieving Niobe changed?

A WEeping ROCK/SPRING

- 9) TOSS-UP: What Latin phrase is used to describe a habitual or typical procedure for performing some action or carrying out some activity? It is abbreviated m.o.

*MODUS OPERANDI*

BONUS: What Latin phrase could be used to describe the modus operandi as it stands at the present?

*STATUS QUO*

- 10) TOSS-UP: Divorce was a prominent in ancient Rome as it is today. Which wife did Julius Caesar divorce? POMPEIA

BONUS: After 30 years of marriage, whom did Cicero divorce in order to marry a rich, young wife? TERENCEIA

TERENTIA

- 11) TOSS-UP: What Roman poet claimed *exegi monumentum aere perennius*?

HORACE

BONUS: Who was Horace’s literary patron?

MAECENAS

- 12) TOSS-UP: In Carmen 8, Catullus asks, seemingly with a broken heart, *Cui videberis bella?* Translate this sentence into English. “TO WHOM WILL YOU SEEM BEAUTIFUL?”

BEAUTIFUL?”

BONUS: Two lines later Catullus asks, *Cui labella mordebis?* Translate this sentence.

“WHOSE LITTLE LIPS WILL YOU NIBBLE?”

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- 13) WRITE-DOWN: Jason led the Argonauts in search of the Golden Fleece. Not only did he bring back the Golden Fleece but he also brought back this witchy woman as his wife. Who was she? MEDEA  
BONUS: Jason later dumped Medea in favor of the princess Glauce. How did Medea seek revenge against Jason? SHE KILLED THEIR CHILDREN and/or GLAUCE
- 14) TOSS-UP: In AD 476, the last Roman emperor in the West was deposed. Name the barbarian who removed this youngster from the throne. ODOACER  
BONUS: How many years longer did the Eastern Roman Empire survive before it fell? 997
- 15) TOSS-UP: What festival in ancient Rome involved, among other things, scantily-clad youths running through the streets brandishing leather thongs said to promote fertility? LUPERCALIA  
BONUS: What Christian holiday replaced the Lupercalia? ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Teutoberg Forest, Lake Regillus, Cannae. ROMAN MILITARY DISASTERS  
BONUS: Identify the victorious enemy for each of the previous disasters (repeat the battles). TEUT - GERMANS; LAKE REG - LATINS; CAN - CARTHAGINIANS
- 17) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Eurus, Notus, Boreas, and Zephyr. WINDS  
BONUS: Which one of the winds was the father of two of the Argonauts? BOREAS
- 18) TOSS-UP: What was the purpose of the *laudatio* at a Roman funeral? TO GIVE THE EULOGY  
BONUS: Who gave Julius Caesar's eulogy? MARC ANTONY
- 19) TOSS-UP: Does the English word "pelagic" refer to land, germs, skin, sea, or fear? SEA  
BONUS: Does the English word "sidereal" refer to star, sun, moon, giant, or sand? STAR
- 20) TOSS-UP: Our last trip to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Feles in Petaso*? THE CAT IN THE HAT  
BONUS: What about *Imbecilli Animati: Rursus Actiones*? LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION

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