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1982 TSJCL Roman Literature Test

DIRECTIONS: Mark the letter of the best answer on your answer sheet.

- 3 1. Who wrote the following comedies: Pseudolus, Miles Gloriosus, and Asinaria?  
(a) Terence (b) Plautus (c) Ennius (d) Accius
- B 2. What single literary form was most esteemed by the Romans for its practical use in law and politics? (a) history (b) oratory (c) tragedy (d) autobiography
- A 3. About whom are the following statements true: his family was wealthy; he was born in Verona; he was a very un-Roman poet in his acceptance of emotion; his father was a friend of Julius Caesar; he was infatuated with Clodia? (a) Catullus (b) Propertius (c) Lucretius (d) Ovid
- A 4. Which historian wrote a history in 142 books which covered from the foundation of Rome to his own time? (a) Livy (b) Seneca (c) Valerius Antias (d) Licinius Macer
- B 5. Which Silver Age Latin author was banished to Corsica on a charge of adultery with Julia Livilla? (a) Juvenal (b) Seneca the Younger (c) Seneca the Elder (d) Lucan
- A 6. About what epic might the following statements be made: Pompey is the titular hero and the emotional hero, Caesar is the epic hero, and Cato is the moral hero.  
(a) Pharsalia (b) Satyricon (c) Argonautica (d) Punica
- A 7. Who wrote the Liber spectaculorum which commemorates the opening of the Colosseum by Titus in A.D. 80? (a) Martial (b) Juvenal (c) Petronius (d) Lucan
- A 8. Who wrote the Natural History in 37 books? (a) Pliny the Elder (b) Pliny the Younger (c) Martial (d) Phaedrus
- A 9. Which Roman writer was tutor to the sons of Marcus Aurelius? (a) Fronto (b) Suetonius (c) Apuleius (d) Marius Maximus
- A 10. What sixth-century philosopher wrote his most significant work, a Menippean Satire, in prison after being charged with treason? (a) Boethius (b) Sidonius (c) Cassiodorus (d) Tertullian
- C 11. Who was the first Christian author to write exclusively in Latin? (a) Minucius Felix (b) Cyprian (c) Novatian (d) Arnobius
- D 12. Who wrote the Epistulae Ex Ponto? (a) Horace (b) Cicero (c) Propertius (d) Ovid
- C 13. What poet wrote love elegies to Cynthia? (a) Gallus (b) Tibullus (c) Propertius (d) Ovid
- A 14. Which speech deals with a murder by poisoning at Larinum? (a) Pro Cluentio (b) Pro Fonteio (c) Pro Caecina (d) Pro Sexto Roscio Amerino
- B 15. What famous Roman figure wrote treatises on astronomy and grammar, a tragedy of Oedipus, an account in verse of his journey to Spain, and love poetry? (a) Sallust (b) Julius Caesar (c) Cicero (d) Catullus
- B 16. What Epicurean philosopher wrote a poem in hexameter in six books to discredit belief in divine agency in human affairs? (a) Horace (b) Lucretius (c) Cicero (d) Catullus
- B 17. What is an alternate name for Cato's De agricultura? (a) Carmen de moribus (b) De re rustica (c) Ad filium (d) Origines
- D 18. Which of the following statements is not true of Terence? (a) he was born in Carthage (b) he was a member of the Scipionic Circle (c) he wrote comedy of manners (d) most of his plays are lost.
- D 19. Which of the following statements is not true of Livius Andronicus? (a) he was born at Tarentum (b) he translated the Odyssey into Latin (c) he wrote the first Latin comedy for the Ludi Romani in 240 B.C. (d) he modelled his tragedies after those of Aristophanes.
- A 20. In 165 B.C. this man divided Naevius' Bellum Punicum into 7 books (a) C. Octavius Lampadio (b) Marcus Fulvius Nobilior (c) Lucilius (d) L. Accius
- D 21. Which Plautine play deals with Jupiter's violation of Alcmena to beget Hercules? (a) Captivi (b) Casina (c) Curculio (d) Amphitryo
- A 22. Which genre did Quintilian designate as "wholly" Roman? (a) satire (b) tragedy (c) new comedy (d) epic
- D 23. About which of the following writers are these statements true: he was a friend of Catullus; he was son of the annalist G. Licinius Macer; he wrote a lament for Quintilia. (a) Horace (b) Propertius (c) Ovid (d) Calvus
- C 24. What famous Roman historian was expelled from the Senate because of a scandal involving the wife of Annius Milo? (a) Tacitus (b) Livy (c) Sallust (d) J. Caesar.
- B 25. In which speech did Cicero defend a young man from a charge of murdering his own father and also offend Chrysogonus, a powerful freedman of Sulla? (a) Pro Quinctio (b) Pro Sexto Roscio Amerino (c) Pro Cluentio (d) Pro Murena

In which work does Virgil announce his intention to write an epic of which Augustus is to be the central figure? (a) Georgic III (b) Eclogues IV (c) Aeneid (d) Gopa

27. Which poet writes elegies to Nemesis? (a) Gallus (b) Tibullus (c) Propertius (d) Ovid
28. Which is not a division of an oration? (a) peroratio (b) narratio (c) exordium (d) nuntio
29. What Silver Age writer was both tragedian and Stoic philosopher? (a) Petronius (b) Seneca the Younger (c) Juvenal (d) Lucan
30. What satirist was banished for lampooning the actor Paris? (a) Juvenal (b) Petronius (c) Persius (d) Statius
31. What governor of Bithynia is remembered for his correspondence with Trajan? (a) Pliny the Elder (b) Pliny the Younger (c) Martial (c) Phaedrus
32. What literary critic was appointed by Vespasian as the first salaried professor of rhetoric at Rome? (a) Pliny the Younger (b) Quintilian (c) Frontinus (d) Tacitus
33. What fourth-century A.D. Roman wrote the Saturnalia about a small group of gentlemen who discuss such varied topics as the origin of the Saturnalia, the calendar, the toga praetexta, as well as whether the hen or the egg came first? (a) Ambrose (b) Jerome (c) Augustine (d) Macrobius
34. Which statement is not true of St. Augustine? (a) he had been pagan, Manichee, and Neoplatonist before he became a Christian (b) he wrote the Confessions and City of God (c) he became Bishop of Hippo in 395 A.D. (d) he was born in Spain in 354 A.D.
35. The earliest composition which may be designated as literature is (a) Carmen Saliare (b) De rerum natura (c) Bellum Gallicum (d) De inventiione
36. Which two Plautine plays have no female characters? (a) Trinummus and Captivi (b) Rudens and Mercator (c) Mostellaria and Miles Gloriosus (d) Curculio and Gasina
37. Which philosophical treatise of Cicero contains "Dream of Scipio"? (a) De legibus (b) De republica (c) De finibus (d) De officiis
38. Which Eclogue is called "Messianic"? (a) first (b) second (c) third (d) fourth
39. In which work does Horace mention his education and his father's part in it? (a) Satires (b) Odes (c) Epodes (d) Epistles
40. What other poet besides Ovid had used the fictitious letter? (a) Tibullus (b) Lucretius (c) Catullus (d) Propertius
41. Who wrote the Silver Age epic Thebais which tells of the struggle between Oedipus' sons Eteocles and Polynices? (a) Valerius Flaccus (b) Silius Italicus (c) Lucan (d) Publius Papinius Statius
42. About which of the following authors are the following statements true: he was called the "freedman of Augustus," his works contained fables, and he was prosecuted by Sejanus. (a) Martial (b) Phaedrus (c) Petronius (d) Pliny
43. Which of the following was not written by Tacitus? (a) Agricola (b) Dialogue on Oratory (c) Lives of the Caesars (d) Germania
44. What Christian writer is called "the father of Church song"? (a) Jerome (b) Tertullian (c) Novatian (d) Ambrose
45. Sapphic meter consists of (a) 3 lines of eleven syllables each and a 4th line of 5 syllables (b) 4 lines with six syllables each (c) 1st two lines of 11 syllables, a 3rd line of 9 syllables, and the 4th line with 10 syllables (d) one verse of dactylic hexameter followed by one of pentameter.
46. An alternate name for Cicero's essay on old age, De senectute, is (a) Laelius (b) Ad Atticum (c) Ad Quintum fratrem (d) Cato Maior
47. Which book of the Aeneid deals with Aeneas' visit with Anchises in the Elysian fields where Anchises points out the souls of unborn heroes? (a) Book II (b) Book IV (c) Book VI (d) Book IX
48. What friend of Ovid wrote replies to six of the letters of the Heroides? (a) Sabinus (b) Acontius (c) Clodius Tuscus (d) Atticus
49. In which literary work are the escapades of Encolpius, Ascyltus, and Giton explored? (a) Satyricon (b) Argonautica (c) Apophoretta (d) Apocolocyntosis
50. What third-century A.D. biographer wrote twelve Lives beginning with Nerva, where Suetonius had stopped, and ending with Elagabalus? (a) Marius Maximus (b) Paulus (c) Ulpian (d) Papinian
51. What Christian writer wrote Divine Institutions, On the Wrath of God, and On the Deaths of Persecutors? (a) Lactantius (b) Tertullian (c) Jerome (d) Augustus

52. Which is a play on historical Roman subjects? (a) palliatae (b) contaminatio  
 C (c) praetextae (d) togata
- D 53. Which is not true of Ennius? (a) he was born in Calabria (b) he claimed descent  
 from Messapus (c) he was competent in Greek, Oscan, and Latin (d) he opposed  
 Greek culture with Cato.
- C 54. Who was the author who gave satire its permanent shape in form and in content?  
 (a) Ennius (b) Pacuvius (c) Lucilius (d) Accius
- A 55. About which man are the following statements true: he was born at Tusculum; he  
 fought in the Second Punic War; he was leader of the opposition to the aristocratic  
 group headed by the Scipios; he opposed Hellenism; and, he wanted Carthage to be  
 destroyed. (a) Cato the Elder (b) Cato the Younger (c) Cicero (d) Calvus.
- C 56. About whom are the following statements true: Catullus dedicated poems to him; he  
 wrote biographies of "barbarian generals"; he was the first Roman to attempt a  
 universal history, entitled Chronica; and he wrote a eulogistic biography of  
 Atticus. (a) Julius Caesar (b) Sallust (c) Cornelius Nepos (d) M. Terentius Varro
- D 57. Which is not a Menippean Satire? (a) Varro's Saturae Menippeae (b) Seneca's  
Apocolocyntosis (c) Petronius' Satyrica (d) Nepos' De viris illustribus.
- D 58. Which book of Virgil's Georgics contains the story of Orpheus and Eurydice?  
 (a) I (b) II (c) III (d) IV
- B 59. What Roman poet claims immortality through his poetry when he begins a poem with  
 the line: "Now I have reared a monument more durable than brass." (a) Catullus  
 (b) Horace (c) Juvenal (d) Lucretius.
- B 60. What figure of speech omits conjunctions where they are expected? (a) hendiadys  
 (b) asyndeton (c) hyperbole (d) onomatopoeia
- B 61. This work of Ovid was originally dedicated to Augustus but was later changed to  
 Germanicus. (a) Metamorphoses (b) Fasti (c) Heroides (d) Ars Amatoria.
- A 62. Which is the earliest Latin work on geography? (a) De chorographia by Pomponius  
 Mela (b) De medicina by Aulus Cornelius Celsus (c) De re rustica by Columella  
 (d) Astronomica by Marcus Manlius.
- C 63. Which is Ovid's fragmentary work on fishing? (a) Ibis (b) Gigantomachy  
 (c) Halientica (d) Epithalamium.
- C 64. About what writer might the following statements be made: his teacher was Cornutus,  
 his acquaintances included Seneca and Lucan, he died of a stomach ailment at the  
 age of 28, and Lucilius was his model. (a) Juvenal (b) Petronius (c) Persius  
 (d) Statius.
- B 65. What African writer was initiated into both the mysteries of Isis and Osiris, and  
 was accused of murdering his stepson? (a) Fronto (b) Apuleius (c) St. Augustine  
 (d) Aulus Gellius.
- B 66. About which Roman historian are the following statements true: he was a friend of  
 Pliny the Younger, his given name may have been Publius or Gaius, he married  
 Agricola's daughter, he was consul under Nerva, and he was governor of Asia Minor  
 under Trajan. (a) Livy (b) Tacitus (c) Suetonius (d) Varro.
- B 67. What Christian writer has been called a "barbarizing Tacitus" and a "Christian  
 Juvenal"? (a) Lactantius (b) Tertullian (c) Jerome (d) Augustine.
- A 68. Which - besides Seneca - wrote a play entitled Thyestes? (a) Ennius  
 (b) Pacuvius (c) Caecilius Statius (d) L. Accius.
- D 69. Another name for mime is (a) fabula togatae (b) fabulae palliatae  
 (c) fabula tabernaria (d) fabula riciniata.
- A 70. Who wrote the miniature epic, or epyllion, The Marriage of Peleus and Thetis?  
 (a) Catullus (b) Propertius (c) Lucretius (d) Ovid.
- TIE-BREAKERS: The following questions will be graded and scored only to break ties.
- B 71. According to Suetonius, who wrote Book VIII of Bellum Gallicum? (a) Julius Caesar  
 (b) Hirtius (c) Oppius (d) Gellius.
- A 72. Which is Cicero's earliest extant speech? (a) Pro Quinctio (b) Pro Roscio  
 (c) Pro Cluentio (d) Pro Murena.
- B 73. In which of Virgil's works does the shepherd Corydon lament his inability to win  
 Alexis? (a) Georgics (b) Eclogues (c) Aeneid (d) Copa.
- C 74. Which of the works of Annaeus Seneca the Elder are deliberations on alternative  
 courses of action such as "Shall Agamemnon sacrifice Iphigenia?" (a) Oratorum  
sententiae divisiones colores (b) Controversiae (c) Suasoriae (d) Thyestes.
- A 75. What fourth-century A.D. writer wrote Rape of Proserpina, Against Rufinius,  
Against Eutropius, and Carmina minora? (a) Claudius Claudianus (b) Ausonius  
 (c) Lactantius (d) Symmachus.

