

1993 TSJCL ROMAN HISTORY TEST

DIRECTIONS: Mark the letter of the correct answer on your scantron sheet.

1. "During whose reign was the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?
A) Augustus B) Vespasian C) Titus D) Domitian
E) Vitellius
2. During whose reign did Christ die?
A) Augustus B) Caesar C) Tiberius D) Caligula
E) Nero
3. The date of the battle of Actium.
A) September 4, 31 B.C.
B) September 2, 31 B.C.
C) December 4, 31 B.C.
D) December 2, 31 B.C.
E) None of these
4. The mother of Severus Alexander was:
A) Julia Mamaea B) Julia Maesa C) Julia Domna
D) Julia Soemias Bassiana E) Domitia Lucilla
5. Who Rome's first emperor?
A) Augustus B) Julius Caesar C) Pompeius Magnus
D) Marcus Antonius E) Romulus
6. On what day did Vesuvius erupt?
A) April 21 B) April 4 C) August 3 D) August 24
E) April 3
7. How did the emperor of 96 come into power?
A) Through a popular election
B) Marched on Rome and took over
C) Selected by the Senate
D) Was adopted by the previous emperor
E) Bought the emperorship
8. Which is the correct order of the "Five Good Emperors?"
A) Nerva, Hadrian, Marcus Aurelius, Trajan, Antoninus
B) Nerva, Commodus, Marcus Aurelius, Hadrian, Trajan
C) Marcus Aurelius, Antoninus, Hadrian, Trajan, Nerva
D) Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus, Marcus Aurelius
E) none of the above
9. Who purchased the emperorship from the Praetorian Guards in the year succeeding the death of Commodus?
A) Pertinax B) Nerva C) Pescennius Niger
D) Septimius Severus E) Didius Julianus
10. Which of the following is incorrectly paired?
A) Marcus Aurelius; Commodus
B) Tiberius; Caligula
C) Vespasian; Domitian
D) Macrinus; Elagabalus
E) Hadrian; Antoninus Pius
11. Who was the father of the emperors Titus and Domitian?
A) Vitellius B) Vespasian C) Septimius Severus
D) Marcus Aurelius E) Germanicus
12. The Roman Empire reached its greatest extent during which century?
A) 1st century B) 1st century B.C. C) 2nd century
D) 3rd century E) 4th century

13. Who am I? Both my father and my brother were emperor. But all they gave to me were empty marks of honor. They died, and now I'm Imperator -- but you can call me Dominus et Deus!
A)Geta B)Domitian C)Constantius D)Caligula
E)Commodus
14. Which emperor wrote the Meditations.
A)Claudius B)Augustus C)Vespasian D)Hadrian
E)Marcus Aurelius
15. Who built the Domus Aurea?
A)Nero B)Caligula C)Augustus D)Domitian
E)Caracalla
16. Who was the emperor in the East when Rome fell?
A)Leo B)Zeno C)Romulus Augustulus D)Justinian
E)Odoacer
17. Which emperor, of A.D. 361, was the half-brother of Constantine?
A)Jovian B)Magnentius C)Julian D)Valentinian I
E)Constans I
18. Who was the ringleader of the conspiracy against Caracalla in 217?
A)Elagabalus B)Marcus Opellius Macrinus
C)Varius Avitus Bassianus D)Lucius Septimius Geta
E)Stephanus
19. Which emperor, in A.D. 326, ordered his wife and eldest son executed?
A)Diocletian B)Theodosius the Great
C)Julian the Apostate D)Licinius
E)Constantine the Great
20. What general fell into Nero's disfavor in A.D. 66 after falling asleep during one of the emperor's performances?
A)Vitellius B)Vespasian C)Flavius Sabinus
D)Calpurnius Piso E)Galba
21. In which year was the Edict of Milan?
A)A.D. 312 B)A.D. 313 C)A.D. 286 D)A.D. 287
E)A.D. 316
22. In what year was the Pisonian conspiracy?
A)A.D. 70 B)A.D. 65 C)A.D. 50 D)A.D. 68
E)A.D. 69
23. Who was the eldest son of Theodosius the Great?
A)Titus B)Domitian C)Honorius D)Arcadius
E)Commodus
24. Which Numidian chieftain rebelled during the reign of Claudius?
A)Sejanus B)Jugurtha C)Hiempsal D)Tacfarinas
E)Massinissa
25. The home town of Septimius Severus was:
A)Carthage B)Lepecis Magna C)Eboracum D)Adrianople
E)Cornuntum
26. Which date does not signify the beginning of the reign of one of the Julio-Claudian emperors?
A)A.D. 14 B)31 B.C. C)A.D. 31 D)A.D. 54
E)A.D. 41
27. Who was the eleventh emperor?
A)Domitian B)Titus C)Nerva D)Vespasian
E)Constantine

28. Who was the concubine of Commodus?
A) Marcia B) Domitia Lucilla C) Agrippina D) Julia
E) Bruttia Crispina
29. Who built the first great public baths?
A) Augustus B) Agrippa C) Maecenas D) Caracalla
E) Titus
30. Who, in 287, set up a local empire in Britannia, with himself as Augustus?
A) Postumus B) Constantius Chlorus C) Galerius
D) Carausius E) Achilleus
31. Who was the "Gallic" emperor defeated by Aurelian in A.D. 274?
A) Postumus B) Civilis C) Victorinus D) Tetricus
E) Tacfarinas
32. The year Augustus received the title Pontifex Maximus.
A) 27 B.C. B) A.D. 14 C) A.D. 8 D) A.D. 12
E) 31 B.C.
33. Who promised a restoration of the republic after years of civil wars and dictatorships?
A) Vespasian B) Constantine C) Nerva D) Augustus
E) Antony
34. Who was the last in the dynasty of Constantine?
A) Constantius II B) Constans I C) Jovian D) Julian
E) Constantine II
35. Which emperor signed a treaty with King Decebalus of Dacia?
A) Trajan B) Augustus C) Nero D) Domitian
E) Vespasian
36. Which of the following did not occur during the brief reign of Titus?
A) Plague
B) A major fire in Rome
C) Scandal dealing with his relationship with Berenice
D) Executions of his rivals for maiestas
E) Deification of Vespasian
37. Which emperor made himself censor for life?
A) Titus B) Vitellius C) Vespasian D) Domitian
E) Nerva
38. Which emperor is said to have murdered his brother while he (the brother) was in their mother's arms.
A) Constantius II B) Constans I C) Constantine II
D) Geta E) Caracalla
39. Which emperor's last words were said to have been "Vae puto deus fio?"
A) Nero B) Domitian C) Caligula D) Vespasian
E) Augustus
40. Who created the Aerarium Militare to provide for the pensioning of discharged soldiers.
A) Augustus B) Tiberius C) Gaius D) Claudius E) Nero
41. Which was not an emperor of the second century?
A) Hadrian B) Caracalla C) Trajan D) Commodus
E) Didius Julianus
42. The last known one of these was ordered by Titus and Vespasian.
A) Proscription B) Execution of a Vestal Virgin
C) Ludi Scaenici D) Census E) major building project

43. Who was the son of and co-emperor with Valerian?
A)Aemilianus B)Tacitus C)Claudius Gothicus
D)Aurelianus E)Gallienus
44. Who was executed on the whim of Salome?
A)Josephus B)Suetonius Paulinus C)John the Baptist
D)Jesus of Nazareth E)Herod
45. Who committed the murder of Agrippina the younger?
A)Nero B)Burrus C)Anicetus D)Tigellinus
E)Faenius Rufus
46. Julius Ursus Servianus was executed in 136 for conspiring to put his son on the throne. Who was the son?
A)Lucius Ceionius Commodus Verus
B)Titus Aurelius Antoninus
C)Marcus Cocceius Nerva
D)Gnaeus Medius Fuscus
E)Platorius Nepos
47. What was the real name of Caracalla?
A)Titus Aurelius Antoninus
B)Gaius Julius Caesar Germanicus
C)Lucius Septimius Geta
D)Varius Avitus Bassianus
E)Marcus Aurelius Antoninus
48. Who was the son of Queen Zenobia of Palmyra?
A)Odaenathus B)Gallienus C)Timesitheus
D)Vaballathus E)Asclepiodotus
49. What is considered the last notable triumph of the Romans?
A)The battle of the Milvian Bridge
B)The defeat of Zenobia at Antioch
C)The defense of Mesopotamia from the Persians
D)The defeat of Attila the Hun
E)Teutoburgian Wald
50. Until Gratian in 367, every emperor possessed this title.
A)Princeps B)Imperator C)Pontifex Maximus D)Rex
E)Dominus
51. Of Caligula, Claudius, Augustus, Tiberius, and Vespasian, the one descended from Agrippa is:
A)Caligula B)Claudius C)Augustus D)Tiberius
E)Vespasian
52. Asclepiodotus was the Praetorian Prefect of which emperor?
A)Constantine B)Nero C)Tiberius
D)Constantius Chlorus E)Galerius
53. Which emperor issued the Edict of Partial Toleration to the Christian Church?
A)Constantine B)Galerius C)Julian
D)Constantius Chlorus E)Maxentius
54. Which of the following does not belong with the rest:
A)Augustus B)Vespasian C)Septimius Severus D)Otho
E)Constantine
55. Which of the following was not one of the so-called "Barracks Emperors?"
A)Probus B)Macrinus C)Claudius Gothicus
D)Fupienus E)Tacitus
56. Following the death of his mother, Nero began a festival to celebrate the first clipping the the imperial beard. What was this festival called?
A)Nuptialia B)Iuvenalia C)Barbaria D)Neronia
E)Domitialia

57. This emperor made a bonfire in the Forum of about 900 million sesterces worth of debts owed to the imperial treasury.
A)Nerva B)Hadrian C)Marcus Aurelius D)Trajan
E)Antoninus Pius
58. This was the city of Antoninus Pius' birth.
A)Narnia B)Carthage C)Lanuvium D)Lorium E)Baiae
59. Which emperor had Cornelia, the chief Vestal Virgin, buried alive.
A)Domitian B)Titus C)Elagabalus D)Augustus
E)Nero
60. The appointment of this man as procurator of Jerusalem in A.D. 64 set the stage for the Jewish insurrection of 66.
A)Pontius Pilate B)Gessius Florus C)Agrippa I
D)Agrippa II E)Vespasian
61. The wealthy freedwoman mistress of Nero.
A)Poppaea Sabina B)Domitia C)Claudia Acte
D)Octavia E)Statilia Messallina
62. Which Praetorian Prefect was made to resign in A.D. 68?
A)Tigellinus B)Nymphidius Sabinus C)Narcissus
D)Clodius Macer E)Fonteius Capito
63. Of what province was Vindex governor?
A)Hispania Tarraconensis B)Gallia Lugdunensis
C)Gallia Narbonensis D)Hispania Citerior
E)Gallia Transalpinum
64. What decisive mistake did Probus Commit, thus preventing him from continuing as emperor after 282?
A)Abandoning all of Aurelian's advances
B)Failing to defeat Florian, thus he had to contend with a local empire in the East
C)Celebrating a triumph for signing an unpopular treaty with the Franks
D)Failing to give senators army commands, thus heightening their discontent
E)Deciding not to give Carus the position of Praetorian Prefect, leading to Carus being proclaimed emperor by his troops
65. Who disbanded the (very politically active) Praetorian Guard, thus ending their importance in Roman politics?
A)Diocletian B)Constantine C)Theodosius the Great
D)Honorius E)they were never disbanded, they collapsed when the empire did
66. Which of these was not annexed by Trajan?
A)Dacia B)Arabia Petraea C)Bithynia D)Armenia
E)Mauretania
67. Which of these was not a fortress that held-out against the Romans?
A)Masada B)Herodium C)Machaerus D)Carrasium
E)none of the preceding
68. To whom did Antonius Primus write in order to incite a diversion to prevent Vitellian reinforcements from reaching Italy?
A)Gaius Julius Civilis
B)Julius Classicus
C)Clodius Macer
D)Aulus Alienus Caecina
E)Fabius Valens

69. During the reigns of the "Five Good Emperors," the financial situation continued to decline after the splendors of Domitian. Two of these emperors, Nerva and Marcus Aurelius, decided to raise revenues by:
- A) Raise taxes on the wealthy
 - B) Conduct military explorations
 - C) Institute greater mining operations in the provinces
 - D) Sell imperial property
 - E) Free political prisoners on bond
70. While farming in Southern Italy, you uncover three ancient Roman coins each with a separate inscription. The first says "Salus Generis Humani." The second says "Libertas Restituta." The third states "Roma Renascens." Using your vast knowledge of Ancient coins, you recognize that all three were minted during the reign of one emperor -- which one?
- A) Aurelian
 - B) Augustus
 - C) Vespasian
 - D) Galba
 - E) Nerva

TIE-BREAKERS: The answers to the following questions will be graded and scored only to break ties.

71. Which of the following was not involved in any way in either of the Battles of Cremona?
- A) Otho
 - B) Vespasian
 - C) Aulus Caecina
 - D) Antonius Primus
 - E) Galba
72. The Senate passed which posthumous act concerning Domitian?
- A) Maiestas
 - B) Damnatio Memoriae
 - C) Acta Senatus
 - D) Acta Ambitus
 - E) Damnatio ad Metalla
73. Which man was in charge of the construction of Antoninus Pius' was across Britain?
- A) Platorius Nepos
 - B) Titus Flaminius Valicus
 - C) Lollius Urbicus
 - D) Plauticus Moenianus
 - E) Dinarchus
74. To where did Augustus banish Julia, the daughter of Agrippa, for adultery?
- A) Tomis
 - B) Pandateria
 - C) Trimerus
 - D) Panthalassa
 - E) The Pontian Islands
75. Who was the sister of Julia Domna?
- A) Julia Mamaea
 - B) Julia Soemias
 - C) Julia Maesa
 - D) Julia Bassiana
 - E) She had no sister