

TSJCL READING COMPREHENSION, 1994
LATIN I

Read the selection carefully and answer the questions about it. Always choose the best answer for each item.

A Miraculous Island

In media insula est mons altissimus et in medio monte aurum. Ex hoc monte tria flumina fluunt, quae insulam in tres partes dividunt. Nomen primo flumini Frigidum est, secundo Lentum, tertio Piscosum.

In prima parte huius insulae herbae mirabiles crescunt; in secunda parte animalia mirabilia habitant; in tertia parte homines. De herbis igitur tibi primum narrabo. Est enim in hac insula herba, cui nomen est Mandragoras, quae, si qui eam e terra evellere temptat, maxima voce exclamat. Si eam evellere vis, oportet te occidentem spectantem ter eam gladio circumscribere. Nisi hoc facies, mortem certe obibis.

In secunda parte insulae animalia mirabilia habitant. De elephanto tibi narrabo. His enim, quia neque genua neque alios articulos in cruribus habet, humi neque sedere neque iacere potest, sed dum dormit abori semper incumbit.

Tertia in parte huius insulae habitant homines. Alii minimi sunt, alii maximi. Alii unum solum crus habent in quo maximus est pes. Si pluit aut sol maxime ardet, humi supini iacent, crus ad caelum extendunt, sub pede corpus omne celant.

1. What is in the middle of the island?
a. a little mountain b. a creek c. a very tall mountain d. a graveyard
2. What is in the thing in the middle of the island?
a. silver b. gold c. ears d. an altar
3. Quot flumina defluunt de monte?
a. duo b. unum c. quattuor d. tria
4. Quot partes sunt insulae?
a. duo b. quinque c. sex d. tres
5. Which of the following would not describe any river mentioned in the selection?
a. cold b. full of fish c. slow d. fast
6. In what part of the island do plants grow?
a. the north b. the south c. the first d. the third
7. What does the author describe for us first?
a. men b. animals c. silver mining d. plants
8. Quales plantae crescebant in parte insulae?
a. parvae b. mirabiles c. maximae d. minimae
9. Mandragoras est _____.
a. herba b. homo c. flumen d. mons
10. When the mandrake is attacked it _____.
a. plays dead b. shows no fear c. shouts in a very loud voice d. trembles
11. The animal described in the story would be _____.
a. large b. very small c. purely fictitious d. probably from another planet

12. Quae res elephantus non habent?
a. genua b. artiucli in cruribus
c. both a and b d. none of the above
13. The animal in the story sleeps lying on the ground.
a. true b. false
14. The animal leans upon _____.
a. a golden column b. the nearest man
c. a tree d. a mountainside
15. Omnes homines in tertia parte insulae sunt alti.
a. verum b. falsum
16. Omnes homines in tertia parte insulae duo pedes habent.
a. verum b. falsum
17. How many feet do some people on the island have?
a. three b. four c. one d. not any
18. Some people on the island employ their feet for _____.
a. an umbrella b. a weapon c. walking backward
at all times d. None of the people have feet at
all.
19. Ubi pluebat, quid agebant homines?
a. Corpora pedibus celebrant.
b. Humi iacebant.
c. both a and b
d. none of the above
20. Study the following sentence and choose the best
alternative Latin version: "Alii homines in insula
modo pedem unum habuerunt."
a. Aliis hominibus in insula fuit unus pes.
b. Nonnulli homines in insula multi pedes habuit.
c. Duo pedes sunt omnibus in insula homines.
d. Omnes incolae insulae duo aut tres pedes habuerunt.

TIE-BREAKERS

THE FOLLOWING FIVE ITEMS WILL BE SCORED ONLY TO BREAK TIES.

96. Where do strange plants grow?
a. all over the island b. only on the riverbanks
c. only at the foot of the mountain d. none of the
above
97. The clause "cui nomen Mandragoras est" illustrates
what grammatical construction?
a. genitive of possession b. dative of possession
c. ablative of meand d. ablative of manner
98. Quando una planta exclamavit?
a. ubi ea est laeta b. ubi ea est tristis
c. ubi ea est misera d. ubi aliquis evellere
e. e terra temptavit
99. In the selection, for what purpose would one use a
sword?
a. to draw a line around a plant
b. to mine gold
c. to encircle a plant three times
d. to cut down a plant
100. Which of the following would best describe the
elephants in the story?
a. pigri b. infelices c. parvi d. piscosci