

Junior High/Middle School Decathlon Test

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best meaning for each Latin word.

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| 1. discedo | A. to climb down | B. to learn | C. to teach | D. to depart |
| 2. patruus | A. uncle | B. brother | C. father | D. nephew |
| 3. culina | A. bedroom | B. kitchen | C. study | D. bathroom |
| 4. adesse | A. to be | B. to be able | C. to be away | D. to be present |
| 5. vitare | A. to forbid | B. to live | C. to avoid | D. to come |
| 6. tandem | A. however | B. so much | C. to touch | D. finally |

II. Derivatives: Choose the word from which the English word is derived.

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| 7. translate | A. tollere | B. ferre | C. transire | D. latus |
| 8. fiction | A. conficere | B. ferre | C. favere | D. facere |
| 9. ossify | A. os | B. ora | C. fossa | D. bos |
| 10. novel | A. novem | B. novus | C. nox | D. invocō |
| 11. commiserate | A. mittere | B. committere | C. miser | D. commendare |
| 12. deposition | A. ponere | B. portare | C. postulare | D. posse |

III. Grammar: Choose the best translation for the underlined phrase.

13. The students were driven by their eagerness to excel.
 A. studium B. studia C. studiū D. studiō
14. Our father had to obey the emperor's command.
 A. princeps B. principis C. principe D. principī
15. Fueramus iratī quod madidī eramus.
 A. We are B. We were C. We have been D. We had been
16. Ducēsne me in urbem?
 A. Will you take B. Are you taking C. Have you taken D. Did I take
17. We gave the dolls to the girls.
 A. puellae B. puellārum C. puellās D. puellīs
18. In rivō natāre poterat.
 A. is able B. will be able C. was able D. had been able

IV. Mythology: Choose the best answer.

19. Bellerophon won fame _____.
 A. killing Medusa B. dragging Cerberus from the Underworld
 C. riding Pegasus D. killing the Nemean lion
20. Hippomenes and Atalanta were transformed into _____.
 A. a mulberry tree B. flowers C. lions D. a laurel tree
21. The daughter of Ceres was married to _____.
 A. Neptune B. Pluto C. Jupiter D. Mars

22. The daughter of Jupiter who wore the head of Medusa on her armor was _____.
A. Diana B. Minerva C. Athena D. Proserpina

23. The horse was the sacred animal of _____.
A. Neptune B. Jupiter C. Pluto D. Mars

24. Named for the god of war, this was the first month of the Roman year.
A. January B. August C. July D. March

V. Daily Life: Choose the best answer.

25. The Circus Maximus is located between the Palatine and _____ hills.
A. Caelian B. Capitoline C. Aventine D. Esquiline

26. Which words are associated with the body?
A. genus/gens B. gener/socer C. hostis/hospes D. genu/genae

27. Cloacae were used by the Romans to _____.
A. carry sewage B. bring water into the city C. drain marshes
D. build bridges

28. The chariots at the races would be driven around the _____.
A. carceres B. spina C. mappa D. russati

29. The household gods were the _____ and Penates.
A. Lares B. dei C. Olympiani D. divi

30. _____ was a fermented fish sauce.
A. Mulsum B. Garum C. Merum D. Mel

VI. Roman History: Choose the best answer.

31. Rome was founded in _____.
A. 1125 B.C. B. 753 B.C. C. 509 B.C. D. 27 B.C.

32. Cincinnatus and Camillus were famous _____ of Rome.
A. kings B. consuls C. dictators D. emperors

33. During the Punic Wars the Romans fought against _____.
A. the Spaniards B. the Gauls C. the Parthians D. the Carthaginians

34. Marc Antony and Cleopatra were defeated at Actium in _____.
A. 44 B.C. B. 31 B.C. C. 27 B.C. D. 9 B.C.

35. The censor was elected every _____.
A. year B. 18 months C. 3 years D. 5 years

36. After 27 B.C. Rome was ruled by _____.
A. the Senate B. kings C. consuls D. emperors

VII. **Mottoes, Abbreviations, Expressions:** Choose the best answer.

37. All EXCEPT _____ may be found on American currency or coin.
A. e pluribus unum B. novus ordo seclorum C. annuit coeptis
D. sic semper tyrannis
38. Quid pro quo means _____.
A. for someone B. something for something C. that without which
D. the existing state
39. The motto of South Carolina is _____.
A. Labor omnia vincit B. in Deo speramus
C. sic semper tyrannis D. dum spiro, spero
40. The abbreviation for that is is _____.
A. i.e. B. et. al. C. etc. D. e.g.
41. The last day of a legislative session is referred to as _____.
A. corpus delecti B. de iure C. ex post facto D. sine die
42. When an attorney takes a case for no fee, she's working _____.
A. quid pro quo B. pro bono C. per capita D. in toto
43. R.I.P. stands for _____.
A. requiescat in pace B. rem in perpetua C. rem in pace
D. reliquat in pace
44. Steven's silly statement was nonsense.
A. a non sequitur B. a prima facie C. a sine qua non D. per se

VIII. **Reading Comprehension:** Read the passage and answer the questions by choosing the best response.

AN HEROIC FAMILY

Est in Etruria urbs Veii: Romani olim cum Veientibus bellum gerebant. Hostes urbem muris ingentibus muni-
verant et agros finitimos vastabant: ubi nostri oppugna-
bant, intra muros milites ducebant; mox, ubi discesse-
runt, iterum agros vastabant. Tum Caeso Fabius, populi Romani consul, 'Vos,' inquit, 'cives Romani, aliis bellis animum iam applicabitis, Veiens bellum genti Fabiae mandabitis: Fabii soli cum Veientibus pugnabunt: nec pecuniam nec milites a civitate postulabimus.' Placuit civibus consilium Fabii: po-
tridie consul cum omni gente ex urbe excessit. Diu non solum agros Romanos defendebant sed etiam omnem populum Veientem terruerunt. Tandem dux hostium, 'Armis,' inquit, 'non superavimus: consilio supera-
bimus.' Itaque pecora in agris reliquerunt, insidias haud procul posuerunt. Fabii, quod propter multas victorias non iam hostes timebant, praedam in agris incaute petebant. Tum repente magnos hostium

clamores audiverunt: undique Veientes iaculis et sagittis oppugnaverunt. Frustra Fabii contra ingentes copias hostium pugnabant. Gens omnis Fabia, praeter unum puerum, in pugna cecidit: nam, ubi ex urbe excesserunt, unum puerum propter aetatem domis reliquerant.

45. Quī sunt Fabiī?
 A. familia Rōmāna B. familia Veientēs C. militēs D. consulēs
46. Totum bellum Veiens pugnābant Fabiī.
 A. verum B. falsum
47. Quid fēcērunt Veientēs?
 A. agrōs Rōmānōs vastābant B. Rōmam obsidēbant
 C. ā Fabiīs superātī sunt D. populū Rōmānū terrēbant
48. Veientēs timēbant Fabiōs.
 A. verum B. falsum
49. Quōmodō repulērunt Veientēs Fabiōs?
 A. iaculīs et sagittīs B. cum militibus Rōmānīs C. sine consiliō
 D. nōn repulērunt Fabiōs
50. Tandem omnēs Fabiī in pugnā cecidit.
 A. verum B. falsum

Tie Breakers -- These will only be scored to break ties!!

51. The case used for a predicate adjective is the _____ case.
 A. nominative B. genitive C. dative D. ablative
52. Complete the analogy: Perseus : Jupiter :: Hercules : _____
 A. Pluto B. Neptune C. Mars D. Jupiter
53. One would buy _____ from a lanuus.
 A. vegetables B. fish C. meat D. fruit
54. A Roman student traveling to the Academy would go _____.
 A. Brundisium B. Greece C. Egypt D. Bithynia
55. A nonagenarian is a person who is _____.
 A. extremely negative B. in his nineties
 C. an orphan D. a newborn baby