

TSJCL AREA F CONVENTION 1999

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL DECATHLON TEST

Part I: VOCABULARY: Choose the best meaning for each Latin word.

1. agere A. throw B. do C. chase D. before
2. heri A. today B. tomorrow C. every day D. yesterday
3. legere A. read B. work C. fight D. look for
4. donum A. give B. home C. gift D. master
5. cera A. care B. ash C. pen D. wax
6. cur A. how B. why C. who D. where

Part II: LATIN DERIVATIVES: Choose the best meaning for each derivative.

7. Julius had an insatiable thirst for learning.
A. unsatisfactory B. poor C. unquenchable D. outstanding
8. A person's appellation is his: A. home B. country C. family D. name
9. Roman farmers invoked the gods when their crops were in need of water.
A. called upon B. refused to worship C. cursed D. built temples to
10. The lucid statement in the lawyer's closing argument greatly influenced the jurors. A. enlightening B. bitter C. kind D. bold
11. A somnambulist is someone who: A. talks in his sleep B. sleeps too much
C. sleep walks D. is unable to fall asleep
12. What is the shape of a lunate window? A. 5-pointed star B. crescent moon
C. square D. right triangle

Part III: GRAMMAR: Choose the best translation for the underlined phrase.

13. The children decided to watch the gladiators.
A. spectant B. spectate C. spectabant D. spectare
14. The teacher told a story to his daughter.
A. filiam B. filiae C. filias D. filia
15. Mater ad door currit. A. ianuam B. ianua C. ianuis D. ianuae
16. Agricola aquam by cart portavit.
A. plaustrum B. plaustra C. plastro D. plaustris
17. The slave was working in the garden.
A. laborat B. laborabat C. laboravit D. laborabit
18. You are good slaves. A. Sum B. Sunt C. Es D. Estis

Part IV: MYTHOLOGY: Choose the best answer.

19. Which god's possessions included winged sandals, a winged cap, and a staff?
A. Jupiter B. Mercury C. Neptune D. Mars
20. Which of the following were the children of Hades?
A. Fates B. Muses C. Graces D. none of these
21. What famous couple met a tragic death near a mulberry tree?
A. Apollo & Daphne B. Philemon & Baucis
C. Orpheus & Eurydice D. Pyramus & Thisbe
22. Who was the woman who used her magic power to help Jason in his quest for the Golden Fleece?
A. Medea B. Circe C. Ariadne D. Andromeda
23. Which mythological creature is half horse and half man?
A. centaur B. satyr C. minotaur D. sphinx
24. Theseus forgot to change black sails to white to signify his victory over which monster on the island of Crete?
A. Hydra B. Minotaur C. Medusa D. Chimaera

Part V: ROMAN DAILY LIFE: Choose the best answer.

25. What would a male Roman slave most likely wear?
A. toga B. stola C. tunica D. palla
26. To what do the Latin words *cena*, *secunda mensa*, and *prandium* refer?
A. meals B. games C. clothing D. rooms
27. Where did Romans gather for recreation, relaxing, and bathing?
A. basilica B. taberna C. thermae D. curia
28. What would one need in order to write a letter?
A. tabella et stilus B. aqua et lac C. lares et penates D. tunica et toga
29. To what does the Twelve Tables refer?
A. medicine B. games C. law D. architecture

Part VI: ROMAN HISTORY: Choose the best answer.

30. What were the conflicts between the Romans and Carthaginians known as?
A. Alexandrine Wars B. Punic Wars C. Trojan Wars D. Latin Wars
31. Who were Rome's first two consuls?
A. Romulus and Remus B. Castor and Pollux
C. Brutus and Collatinus D. Caesar and Pompey
32. What type of government did Augustus initiate in 27 B.C.?
A. monarchy B. republic C. empire D. dictatorship
33. When did Tarquinius Superbus rule Rome?
A. monarchy B. republic C. empire D. dictatorship
34. What was Augustus known as before 27 B.C.?
A. Julius B. Octavian C. Antonius D. Nero

Part VII: READING COMPREHENSION: Answer the questions about the passage.

Olim Laomedon Troiam regebat. Illo tempore urbs Troia muros non habuit. Dei, Neptunus et Apollo, ad regem venerunt et dixerunt, "Muniemus muros Troiae, si nobis pecuniam dabis." Laomedon erat laetus quod urbs Troia muros mox habebit. Postquam Neptunus et Apollo muros fecerunt, Laomedon eis pecuniam non dedit. Neptunus et Apollo erant iratissimi et monstrum ad urbem Troiam mittere constituerunt. Hoc monstrum, quod erat horribile, et viros et animalia devorabat. Laomedon erat territus et deum rogabat, "Quid faciam?" Deus dixit, "Tu filiam tuam sacrificare debes." Laomedon erat miserrimus sed Hercules pervenit. Hercules eius filiam servavit et monstrum interfecit. Laomedon Herculi pro hoc beneficio magnas gratias egit.

35. Quis est rex? A. Troia B. Laomedon C. Neptunus D. Hercules
36. Cur erat Laomedon laetus? A. He found money. B. Neptune and Apollo had left Troy. C. Neptune and Apollo were going to build the walls of Troy. D. Neptune and Apollo slew the monster.
37. What did Laomedon give to Neptune and Apollo?
A. money B. nothing C. his daughter D. a monster
38. Why were Neptune and Apollo angry?
A. Laomedon didn't want walls for the city.
B. The monster was eating the men.
C. Laomedon did not pay for the walls.
D. The walls fell.
39. What did the god tell Laomedon?
A. to pay Apollo and Neptune for the walls
B. to build walls for Troy
C. to kill the monster
D. to sacrifice his daughter
40. Quid fecit Hercules?
A. Animal devoravit. C. Deo gratias egit.
B. Filiam servavit. D. Muros fecit.

Part VIII: ANCIENT GEOGRAPHY: Choose the best answer.

41. What is the name of the river that flows through Rome?
A. Flumen Tiberis B. Campus Martius C. Mons Capitolinus D. Via Appia
42. Initially the Via Appia led from Rome to Capua; to where was it later extended? A. Ostia B. Pompeii C. Brundisium D. Tarentum
43. Which of the following is a Mediterranean island?
A. Ostia B. Crete C. Carthage D. Brundisium
44. Which direction would a Roman travel if he were leaving Rome and was heading for Pompeii? A. north B. south C. northwest D. west

45. Which land is west of Italy?
A. Graecia B. Aegyptus C. Hispania D. Germania

Part IX: MOTTOES, PHRASES, ABBREVIATIONS: Choose the best answer.

46. What abbreviation represented the Roman state?
A. S.P.Q.R. B. A. U. C. C. I.N.R.I D. Q.E.D.
47. What does the abbreviation N.B. mean?
A. for example B. that is C. and others D. note well
48. Which phrase would ancient mapmakers use to indicate an unknown land?
A. sanctum sanctorum B. terra incognita C. mea culpa D. in medias res
49. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the Latin de mortuis nihil nisi bonum?
A. speak only good about the dead B. good always triumphs over wrong.
C. only the good die young D. good actions never die
50. Which state has the motto let weapons yield to diplomacy?
A. Washington B. Wyoming C. Alabama D. Missouri

~~~~~TIE-BREAKERS~~~~~

THESE WILL BE SCORED ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A TIE!!

51. Which of the following structures was first developed by the Romans?  
A. column      B. rounded arch      C. pyramid      D. temple
52. Who was the goddess of discord?  
A. Eris      B. Eros      C. Iris      D. Isis
53. For what were the augurs in ancient Rome best known?  
A. lending money      C. curing sick people  
B. racing chariots      D. interpreting the flight pattern of birds
54. Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian were members of which dynasty?  
A. Roscian      B. Flavian      C. Flaminian      D. Julian
55. Quot pedes habet equus?  
A. VI      B. III      C. V      D. IV

**FINIS :-)**