

Mottoes, Abbreviations, and Quotations Test  
2000 NJCL Convention

*Part One: Select the appropriate Latin abbreviation for each word or phrase.*

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|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1) adjourned indefinitely       | a) v.s.     | b) u.s.   | c) t.c.     | d) s.d.   |
| 2) after meals                  | a) p.c.     | b) a.c.   | c) a.p.     | d) q.s.   |
| 3) and the rest                 | a) e.g.     | b) s.v.   | c) etc.     | d) a.m.   |
| 4) approximately                | a) et seq.  | b) ob.    | c) ca.      | d) e.g.   |
| 5) before Christ                | a) A.D.     | b) IHS    | c) A.C.     | d) A.M.   |
| 6) by virtue of one's office    | a) pro tem. | b) imp.   | c) ex off.  | d) c.p.   |
| 7) compare                      | a) m.m.     | b) fl.    | c) q.h.     | d) cf.    |
| 8) four times a day             | a) d.t.     | b) t.i.d. | c) q.i.d.   | d) b.i.d. |
| 9) in proportion to the value   | a) s.t.t.l. | b) p.r.n. | c) a/v      | d) fr.    |
| 10) in the meantime             | a) ad int.  | b) h.s.   | c) i.a.     | d) v.i.   |
| 11) in the work mentioned       | a) op.cit.  | b) ibid.  | c) loc.cit. | d) id.    |
| 12) iron                        | a) Ir       | b) Sb     | c) Fe       | d) Hg     |
| 13) it is not permitted         | a) n.l.     | b) fb.    | c) n.s.     | d) imp.   |
| 14) lead (the chemical element) | a) Mg       | b) Me     | c) Pb       | d) Hg     |
| 15) on the back of the page     | a) d.p.     | b) f.v.   | c) r.c.     | d) s.l.   |
| 16) silver                      | a) Au       | b) G      | c) Ag       | d) Gd     |
| 17) the left eye                | a) o.d.     | b) o.s.   | c) d.t.     | d) d.l.   |
| 18) the Senate and Roman people | a) S.R.P.   | b) SPQR   | c) AUC      | d) IHS    |
| 19) which had to be proven      | a) QED      | b) QEA    | c) QEB      | d) QEF    |
| 20) written after               | a) P.P.     | b) N.B.   | c) e.g.     | d) P.S.   |



**Part Four: Complete the currently-used Latin phrase with the correct word.**

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| 41) alter _____     | a. alter      | b. alius   | c. inter   | d. ego     |
| 42) annuit _____    | a. emptor     | b. coeptis | c. tempus  | d. mentes  |
| 43) ante _____      | a. diem       | b. bellum  | c. nihil   | d. mortem  |
| 44) carpe _____     | a. lente      | b. volente | c. humanum | d. diem    |
| 45) cui _____       | a. quibus     | b. sui     | c. bono    | d. patriae |
| 46) mea _____       | a. terra      | b. puella  | c. salute  | d. culpa   |
| 47) nolens _____    | a. contendere | b. volens  | c. nihil   | d. mors    |
| 48) rara _____      | a. rosa       | b. avis    | c. Roma    | d. firma   |
| 49) sine _____      | a. die        | b. dextro  | c. novo    | d. cum     |
| 50) _____ facie     | a. sui        | b. ultima  | c. firma   | d. prima   |
| 51) _____ fide      | a. spectra    | b. tabula  | c. bona    | d. viva    |
| 52) _____ incognita | a. fabula     | b. ista    | c. terra   | d. mens    |
| 53) _____ mater     | a. alma       | b. aurea   | c. fiat    | d. regit   |
| 54) _____ mutandis  | a. nullis     | b. sapiens | c. mutatis | d. navis   |
| 55) _____ vivendi   | a. ordo       | b. modus   | c. locus   | d. corpus  |

**Part Five: Select the correct translation or interpretation of the given Latin phrase. Note: some modern interpretations are included as choices.**

- 56) ab asino lana  
 a. a donkey is beautiful only to a donkey  
 b. make a silk purse from a sow's ear  
 c. finding a needle in a haystack  
 d. not of sound mind
- 57) absit omen  
 a. everything is gone  
 b. go away, bad luck  
 c. actions are louder than words  
 d. a chip on one's shoulder
- 58) ad patres  
 a. with parental permission  
 b. a family reunion  
 c. to the Senate  
 d. dead

- 59) *caveat emptor*  
 a. let the buyer beware    b. a clean slate    c. in its original place    d. time flies
- 60) *exeunt omnes*  
 a. the gang's all here    b. the stage is empty    c. we're all aware    d. I like no one
- 61) *ex pede Herculem*  
 a. from zero to hero    b. he 'saved the day'    c. a faithful friend    d. judge a book by its cover
- 62) *flagrante delicto*  
 a. caught in the act    b. facts of a crime    c. burning love    d. at pleasure
- 63) *habeas corpus*  
 a. permission to speak    c. facts of the crime  
 b. body of evidence in a case    d. bring the person to court
- 64) *in vino veritas*  
 a. casting pearls before swine    c. watch what you eat  
 b. there is truth in wine    d. all's fair in love and war
- 65) *locus classicus*  
 a. the most authoritative source    c. archaeological site  
 b. scene of a crime    d. your Latin teacher's house
- 66) *magnum opus*  
 a. big bottle of champagne    b. extreme wealth    c. great anger    d. an author's greatest work
- 67) *novissima verba*  
 a. invented words    b. hostile language    c. a person's last words    d. elite army unit
- 68) *patres conscripti*  
 a. with parental permission    b. a family reunion    c. the Senate    d. dead
- 69) *Punica fides*  
 a. punish the wicked    b. best friend    c. favorite dog    d. don't trust Carthage
- 70) *sub rosa*  
 a. fragrant    b. small    c. secretly    d. in the ground

**Part Six: Identify the author or speaker of the given quote.**

- 71) *Alea iacta est*  
 a. Caesar    b. Ennius    c. Lucilius    d. Augustus
- 72) *Arma virumque cano, Troiae qui primus ab oris*  
 a. Cicero    b. Catullus    c. Vergil    d. Tacitus
- 73) *Cum dignitate otium*  
 a. Caesar    b. Cicero    c. Cato    d. Petronius
- 74) *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*  
 a. Lucan    b. Petronius    c. Martial    d. Horace
- 75) *Faber est quisque fortunae suae*  
 a. Sallust    b. Columella    c. Varro    d. Apicius
- 76) *Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas*  
 a. Vergil    b. Lucretius    c. Catullus    d. Cicero
- 77) *Lugete O Veneres Cupidinesque*  
 a. Horace    b. Seneca    c. Vergil    d. Catullus

- 78) Malum est consilium quod mutari non potest  
 a. Seneca                      b. Publilius Syrus                      c. Ovid                      d. Vergil
- 79) Nec tecum possum vivere nec sine te  
 a. Juvenal                      b. Ausonius                      c. Martial                      d. Catullus
- 80) Quousque tandem abutere, Catilina, patientia nostra?  
 a. Sallust                      b. Cicero                      c. Propertius                      d. Plautus

**Part Seven: Select the word that is missing from each quotation.**

- 81) De nihilo \_\_\_\_\_ (Lucretius)  
 a. nihil                      b. omnia                      c. homines                      d. Roma
- 82) Deos rogabis totum ut te faciant, Fabulle, \_\_\_\_\_ (Catullus)  
 a. nasum                      b. amicum                      c. Lesbiam                      d. miser
- 83) Equo ne credite, Teucrici; quidquid id est, timeo \_\_\_\_\_ (Vergil)  
 a. Troiam                      b. Aenean                      c. Iunonem                      d. Danaos
- 84) Homo homini \_\_\_\_\_. (Plautus)  
 a. est                      b. asinus                      c. placet                      d. lupus
- 85) Incidis in \_\_\_\_\_ cupiens vitare Charybdim. (Vergil)  
 a. mortem                      b. Scyllam                      c. altum                      d. mare
- 86) Indocilis \_\_\_\_\_ pati (Horace)  
 a. dolorem                      b. pauperiem                      c. doctus                      d. docilis
- 87) Nemo repente fuit \_\_\_\_\_ (Juvenal)  
 a. turpissimus                      b. altus                      c. pulcher                      d. dives
- 88) O fortunatam natam me consule \_\_\_\_\_ (Cicero)  
 a. puellam                      b. Romam                      c. vidi                      d. solo
- 89) Omnia \_\_\_\_\_ cum pretio. (Juvenal)  
 a. multa                      b. sunt                      c. Romae                      d. bona
- 90) Tristis eris si \_\_\_\_\_ eris. (Ovid)  
 a. innuptus                      b. solus                      c. Romanus                      d. pauper

**Part Eight: Select the best translation or interpretation of the given quotation.**

- 91) Dictum sapienti satis est. (Terence)  
 a. Listen only to those who are wise.  
 b. There's no accounting for tastes.  
 c. It is enough to have spoken to a wise person; you too will become wise in doing so.  
 d. You only have to tell something to a smart person once.
- 92) Difficile est longum subito deponere amorem. (Catullus)  
 a. I'll get over you, my love, some day.  
 b. We've been in love forever.  
 c. Love isn't always easy, but it's longlasting.  
 d. I've got you, babe.

- 93) Donec eris felix multos numerabis amicos. (Ovid)
- When you're successful, everyone wants to be your friend.
  - As long as you have many friends, you will be happy.
  - Too many friends make your life unhappy.
  - You won't be happy until you have many friends.
- 94) Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas. (author of #76)
- You're lucky if you understand the law.
  - Curiosity killed the cat.
  - Happy is the man who has no cares.
  - Knowledge is happiness.
- 95) Laudator temporis acti. (Horace)
- Latin teacher
  - watch repairman
  - fortune teller
  - preacher
- 96) Magna di curant, parva neglegunt. (Cicero)
- Great wealth is a concern; do not worry about small things.
  - The gods take care of the big things and ignore the small things.
  - If you care about the great gods, they will neglect the small people.
  - Wealthy persons care about important things and neglect unimportant things.
- 97) Medio tutissimus ibis. (Ovid)
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
  - Don't stray too far to one side or the other; it's safest in the middle.
  - Remember to stop and smell the roses.
  - A calm mind is best; don't let your temper get the best of you.
- 98) Nescire autem quid antequam natus sis acciderit, id est semper esse puer. (Cicero)
- Awareness of the past is important to maintain one's youth.
  - We can all remember a little of what happened to us in our youth.
  - Knowledge of history is an essential element of adulthood.
  - All I really needed to know I learned in kindergarten.
- 99) Non ignara mali miseris succurrere disco. (Vergil)
- I'm a perfect little angel.
  - I learned to be bad growing up in a bad neighborhood.
  - Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil.
  - I've had bad times myself, so I understand yours.
- 100) Nullum est iam dictum quod non sit dictum prius. (Terence)
- It's all been said before.
  - Think before you speak.
  - Nothing should be said because it was not said already.
  - Silence is golden.