

## 2000 National JCL Mythology Test

1. Who tricked Hercules into holding the universe on his shoulders?  
a. Prometheus b. Saturn c. Pandora d. Atlas
2. Who is the faithful wife who waited twenty years for her husband Odysseus to return from Troy?  
a. Penelope b. Clytemnestra c. Dido d. Megara
3. Who lost a weaving contest with Athena and was changed into a spider?  
a. Niobe b. Arachne c. Galatea d. Syrinx
4. Who gave Theseus a weapon and a ball of string to defeat the minotaur?  
a. Danae b. Ariadne c. Andromeda d. Lavinia
5. What monster at the gate of Thebes perished when Oedipus answered its riddle?  
a. Python b. Talos c. Sphinx d. Chimera
6. To forget their past lives, from which river in the underworld did dead souls drink?  
a. Lethe b. Styx c. Phlegethon d. Acheron
7. What daughter of a river god had her prayers answered when she was turned into a laurel tree to escape Apollo's advances?  
a. Cyance b. Alcestis c. Baucis d. Daphne
8. Which is the Muse of Epic Poetry, invoked by storytellers?  
a. Terpsichore b. Clio c. Calliope d. Urania
9. Ixion, the first character to murder a family member, was punished in the underworld by ?  
a. spinning on a wheel of fire c. being taunted with food and water  
b. repeatedly pushing a rock up a hill d. sitting restricted to a chair
10. With what rock did Zeus mark the center of the world, with the help of two eagles?  
a. moli b. pomegranite c. agis d. omphalos
11. This son of Daedalus ignored his father's instructions, flew too close to the sun, and fell to his death with melted wings of wax?  
a. Phaethon b. Icarus c. Bellerophon d. Helle
12. One of the Pleiades, this mother "of the beautiful hair" gave birth to the "slayer of Argus"?  
a. Merope b. Maia c. Electra d. Tygete
13. Who was the messenger of Demeter who taught and spread her arts of agriculture?  
a. Triptolemus b. Assaracus c. Labdacus d. Perallus
14. Zeus seduced two women using the form of a swan. One was Leda, and with the help of Aphrodite in the form of an eagle, the other was \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
a. Clytemnestra b. Theia c. Hermione d. Nemesis
15. Who was the father of the outlaw Periphetes, Palaemon the Argonaut, and Ardalus the flute inventor?  
a. Hephaestus b. Hermes c. Polyphemus d. Orpheus

16. Later punished in Hades, what Euboean giant tried to rape Leto, who was rescued by her twins?
  - a. Otis
  - b. Ephialtes
  - c. Tityus
  - d. Porphyryon
17. Which mortal lived part of the year with Persephone and the other part with Aphrodite, both losing this lover when he is killed by a wild boar?
  - a. Peirithous
  - b. Adonis
  - c. Demius
  - d. Phobus
18. Having had a child with Aphrodite, this human broke his promise of secrecy of the affair and was crippled by lightning?
  - a. Anchises
  - b. Eryx
  - c. Butes
  - d. Mulciber
19. In a Homeric Hymn, she supervises the lovely dances of the Muses and the Graces, and traditionally born first at Ortygia, she supposedly aided in the birth of her sibling, and demonstrated one of her responsibilities—that of childbirth.
  - a. Proserpina
  - b. Circe
  - c. Artemis
  - d. Hymen
20. She was a granddaughter of Atlas, daughter of Tantalus, and her sin of hybris included bragging about her children and suggesting that she and her fourteen offspring were greater than Leto and her twins.
  - a. Arachne
  - b. Andromeda
  - c. Phaedra
  - d. Niobe
21. Actaeon, grandson of Cadmus.
  - a. was married first to a goddess, then a mortal
  - b. was abducted by water nymphs, never to be seen again
  - c. was splashed with water, cursed, and torn to shreds by his own dogs
  - d. gave proper prayers and offerings, and solved the riddle of the Sphinx
22. Three goddesses are often associated with each other. Who is the outsider below, not associated?
  - a. Ceres
  - b. Selene
  - c. Artemis
  - d. Hecate
23. In what disguise did Jupiter first appear to Callisto?
  - a. deer
  - b. a cloud
  - c. a goddess
  - d. a raven
24. Which of the following stars and constellations was not associated with the myth of Orion?
  - a. Pleiades
  - b. Arcturus
  - c. the Scorpion
  - d. Sirius
25. Falsely accused, who is a martyr honored by classical Artemis, and by virgin maidens in shorn tresses?
  - a. Lynceus
  - b. Hippolytus
  - c. Meleager
  - d. Pygmalion
26. A priestess of Artemis, she brought famine and was sacrificed when she and her lover slept together in the shrine of the goddess?
  - a. Philyra
  - b. Herse
  - c. Comaetho
  - d. Eribotes
27. Which jealous suitor of Galatea crushed his rival Acis after he hurled a huge rock?
  - a. Hercules
  - b. Polyphemus
  - c. Dictys
  - d. Epeus
28. Which of these is not a nereid or a mermaid?
  - a. Amphitrite
  - b. Galatea
  - c. Thetis
  - d. Polyxena
29. Why did Peleus have such a hard time pursuing his bride?
  - a. she could change shapes
  - b. she was concealed by Jupiter
  - c. she was promised to his brother
  - d. she was swifter-a-foot than any human

30. What task did Alexander perform?  
 a. he planted an oar in a distant land from the sea  
 b. he abducted the twin of Polydeuces  
 c. he spoke to a Harpie  
 d. he harnessed fire-breathing bulls in Colchis
31. This character from Tartarus is staked to the ground over several acres, having vultures devour his liver over and over again?  
 a. Prometheus  
 b. Tityus  
 c. Danaids  
 d. Pirithous
32. One of the daughters of Lycomedes, she was the mother of the cold-blooded murderer Pyrrhus, or Neoptolemus?  
 a. Deidamia  
 b. Deiphobe  
 c. Dicte  
 d. Dardania
33. Aeneas finds the golden bough, the hall pass to the underworld, when his mother sends \_\_\_\_\_?  
 a. a beam of sunshine  
 b. twin doves  
 c. a singing axe  
 d. Iris
34. From the *Odyssey*, this hero's form (wraith) was seen by Odysseus, yet this actual character from myth resided in Olympus at the same time?  
 a. Tiresias  
 b. Hercules  
 c. Achilles  
 d. Castor
35. She identified Odysseus from a scar he received while she was his nurse?  
 a. Anticleia  
 b. Caieta  
 c. Melanthe  
 d. Eurycleia
36. \_\_\_\_\_ committed suicide because Odysseus, and not he, had been awarded the armor of Achilles?  
 a. Ajax  
 b. Hellenus  
 c. Idomeneus  
 d. Diomedes
37. A key part to the Greek's winning the war at Troy, his stinking snakebite caused him to be marooned on the coast of Lemnos?  
 a. Philemon  
 b. Polydorus  
 c. Aias  
 d. Philoctetes
38. Which son of Zeus was killed by Patroclus, causing Zeus to rain drops of blood on the earth?  
 a. Sarpedon  
 b. Iarbas  
 c. Toxeus  
 d. Helicaon
39. The Corinthian seer Polycidus told his grandson \_\_\_\_\_ to choose death by disease at home or by Paris' fatal wound at Troy?  
 a. Lyrus  
 b. Euchenor  
 c. Almus  
 d. Achilles
40. Husband of Penelope's sister, \_\_\_\_\_ was cheated a chariot race victory by Athena in the funeral games for Patroclus?  
 a. Eumelus  
 b. Guneus  
 c. Gradivus  
 d. Eridanus
41. Who was the conquering competitor of Xanthus at Troy?  
 a. Hephaestus  
 b. Ajax  
 c. Simoeis  
 d. Apollo
42. Finish this analogy. \_\_\_\_\_ : Oeneus :: Theseus : Aegaeus  
 a. Meleager  
 b. Deucalion  
 c. Bellerophon  
 d. Hyacinthus
43. After whose death did his followers turn into birds and fight around his tomb?  
 a. Idomeneus  
 b. Telamon  
 c. Evander  
 d. Memnon
44. What prophet was an important figure in the Greek expedition at Troy, interpreting an omen with a snake and chicks, forecasting the ten year struggle at Troy?  
 a. Calchas  
 b. Halisertes  
 c. Laocoon  
 d. Phineus

45. The Gorgon's blood is said to have dripped through the *kibisis* (sack) over the Libyan desert, creating?  
a. unicorns b. poisonous snakes c. a new gorgon d. cactus
46. Which of these was not an Argonaut?  
a. Calais b. Cyzicus c. Acastus d. Euphemus
47. The "Wandering Rocks" were also called the?  
a. Symplegades b. Cyanean Rocks c. Planctae d. Dactyls
48. Finish the following analogy. Aetes : Jason :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Bellerophon  
a. Glaucus b. Hipponous c. Isander d. Iobates
49. Finish this analogy. Chiron : Achilles :: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Minotaur : Theseus c. Nisus : Deianira  
b. Neptune : Triton d. Linus : Hercules
50. Who wanted to keep the Golden Fleece in Colchis and offered Jason two impossible tasks in order to win the Fleece?  
a. Belus b. Butes c. Amyclas d. Aetes
51. To what profession was Hermes' infamous son Myrtilus most remembered?  
a. hunter b. thief c. messenger d. charioteer
52. Two sons were born to Alcmene. The one not fathered by Zeus with her was \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. Tros b. Iphicles c. Idas d. Thestius
53. Who saved the Argonauts from the bird-like and musical sirens?  
a. Butes b. Euphemus c. Zetes d. Orpheus
54. This outlaw tied his victims to bent limbs of trees, flinging them to their deaths or tearing them apart?  
a. Sinis b. Periphetes c. Sciron d. Procrustes
55. Phaedra, Dido, Anticleia, and Hero. What do all of the preceding women have in common in their respective myths?  
a. rape b. lost sons c. virginity d. suicide
56. What ruler of Cadmeia built the walls of his city as the stones moved into place by the music of his lyre?  
a. Amphion b. Laius c. Zethus d. Cadmus
57. Orpheus loses his head and would walk through Hades for the love of  
a. Pygmalion b. Halcyon c. Eurydice d. Echo
58. She lost her tongue and could not tell her sister of her evil seduction by Tereus? She became a nightingale.  
a. Phaedra b. Philomela c. Phoebe d. Procne
59. This pair called themselves Zeus and Hera and were turned into sea birds?  
a. Pandion & Zeuppe b. Capaneus & Evadne c. Ceyx & Halcyone d. Hippasus & Clio
60. After his fall, these sisters of Phaethon were transformed into poplar trees beside the Eridanus River?  
a. Heliades b. Pylades c. Echinades d. Hesperides

61. Having a connection with horses and mules, who was the Roman god with an underground alter, sometimes worshipped with Ops, goddess of plenty?  
 a. Phoroneus b. Tellus c. Consus d. Phocus
62. Aegina the daughter of the river-god Asopus was seduced by Zeus in the form of a  
 a. wind b. flame c. bird d. drop of rain
63. Which constellation completes the cast of characters with these constellations: Andromeda, Perseus, Cassiopeia, Cepheus, and \_\_\_\_\_?  
 a. Cygnus b. Eridanus c. Lepus d. Cetus
64. Who was the young inventor who created the saw from a fishbone?  
 a. Hephaestus b. Perdix c. Chiron d. Abydos
65. Agave, Ino, and Autonoe were Baccants who tore to pieces \_\_\_\_\_?  
 a. Apsyrtus b. Acrisius c. Pentheus d. Phrixus
66. Some say that Ladon guarded the Garden of the Hesperides and became what heavenly body?  
 a. Scorpio b. Sirius c. Lupus d. Draco
67. For tricking the goddess of childbirth, the faithful attendant of Alcmene, Galanthis, was changed into?  
 a. a weasel b. a pig c. a peacock d. the Milky Way
68. The Pierides became chattering magpies after losing a contest with?  
 a. Orpheus b. Athena c. the Graces d. the Muses
69. While being seduced by Zeus, whose clever single wish from Zeus was, "I wish to remain a virgin"?  
 a. Larissa b. Alexandra c. Erato d. Sinope
70. Just three of one-thousand sons, Ovid says Phobetor, Phantasos, and Morpheus were fathered by?  
 a. Priam b. Pontus c. Somnus d. Zeus
71. She raised Dionysus like a girl, tore her son to shreds, and would have killed Phrixus and Helle?  
 a. Pero b. Doso c. Tyro d. Ino
72. From what was the talking timber on the Argo created?  
 a. asphodel from Erebus b. pines from Phrygian Ida c. ash from Hesperia d. Oak from Dodona
73. Minos declared war and levied sacrificial punishment on Athens because of his death?  
 a. Androgeus b. Catreus c. Glaucus d. Deucalion
74. The Roman Liber is best associated with?  
 a. knowledge b. fertility c. wealth d. law
75. This goddess regretted the accidental death of a young girl and thereafter bore her name. A monster whose skin the goddess wears as armor, bears the same name?  
 a. Ops b. Pallas c. Hippothoe d. Ker
76. A keeper of bees, a captor of Proteus, and the cause of a famous dryad's death by snake, this agriculture expert vanished from the sight of men?  
 a. Hicetaon b. Iasus c. Thesprotus d. Aristaeus

77. Traveling past Labadeia, this evil architect carried away the head of his fellow conspirator, when the earth suddenly opened and swallowed him?  
a. Quirinus b. Asius c. Trophonius d. Hyettus
78. This king of the Edonians in Thrace persecuted Dionysus and his followers, became drunk, and cut off his own feet?  
a. Lycurgus b. Strymon c. Tatus d. Lycomedes
79. This king arranged for Hercules to spend one night with each of his fifty daughters, and purified Hercules from murdering Megara and his children?  
a. Sabazius b. Thespius c. Thoas d. Telamon
80. Zeus granted this character that his self-castrated body would never decay?  
a. Epopeus b. Pereus c. Sestus d. Attis
81. This hero was a prisoner of war saved by his sister Hesione when she ransomed him with her veil?  
a. Podarces b. Merops c. Memnon d. Eteocles
82. This satyr lost an upside down flute contest with Apollo and was flayed to a tree?  
a. Nissus b. Periphas c. Marsyas d. Faustulus
83. Who tricked Zeus into accepting the thrown-away parts of animal sacrifices, leaving the best parts as food for man?  
a. Asclepius b. Epimetheus c. Prometheus d. Bacchus
84. Since the daughters of King Minyas of Orchomenus refused to worship Dionysus, the god turned them into \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. dolphins b. mice c. goats d. bats
85. Cephalus, Cleitus, and Astraeus were all whose lovers?  
a. Aurora b. Iris c. Hygeia d. Hymen
86. Two men held claim to Hermione. Which fathered Tisamenus, who succeeded as King of Sparta?  
a. Orestes b. Battus c. Bias d. Neoptolemus
87. Who was the judge of the music contest between Apollo and Pan?  
a. Arion b. Tmolus c. Misenus d. Paraeubius
88. Seduced by Poseidon, who bore the two sons Peleus and Neleus?  
a. Tethys b. Tyro c. Doris d. Arene
89. This mother of Borcas, Notus, and Zephyrus angered Aphrodite by having an affair with Ares?  
a. Eris b. Aerope c. Eos d. Nysa
90. Which diety specifically helped the Athenians at the battle of Marathon, was honored afterwards with sacrifices, torch races, and a shrine under the Acropolis?  
a. Hemera b. Nike c. Bellona d. Pan
91. This young man, made from clay by Prometheus, became the planet Jupiter?  
a. Etearchus b. Miletus c. Phaenon d. Oxylus
92. Who were the mother and father of the original six Olympian gods?  
a. Cronus and Rhea b. Uranus and Ge c. the Fates d. Chaos

93. Brontes, Steropes, and Arges were \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. Cyclops b. Argonauts c. Harpies d. Graces
94. Cottus, Briareus, and Gyes were unique in that each \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. could fly b. shared a single eye c. were deaf d. had 100 hands
95. From whose blood did the Erinyes come?  
a. Uranus b. Medusa c. Zeus d. Gaea
96. What "young men" clashed their spears on their shields in order to cloak the sound of the crying of the infant Zeus from his father?  
a. Bebryces b. Thesprotians c. Curetes d. Cimmerians
97. Who was the second wife of Zeus and the mother of the Horae, Eumomea, and Dike?  
a. Themis b. Tethys c. Mnemosyne d. Theia
98. Who caused Cronus to vomit up his children, and then was herself swallowed instead of rewarded?  
a. Metis b. Pholoe c. Euxine d. Antiope
99. This character was the Greek counterpart to Noah and the flood, repopulating the earth with stones thrown over his shoulders?  
a. Baton b. Talauis c. Epimetheus d. Deucalion
100. Calculate the following. Take the number of Pleides and multiply it by the number of Graiai. Subtract from this the number of children of Niobe. Add to this the number of Muses. Add to the total the number of Graces.  
a. XIX b. VII c. XXV d. XVII

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