

2001 Area F: Roman History (The Empire)

- 1 Which of the following is the correct order for the Julio-Claudian dynasty?
 - a. Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan
 - b. Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Marcus Aurelius
 - c. Augustus, Tiberius, Claudius, Caligula, Nero
 - d. Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero

- 2 Which of the following is the correct order for the “Five Good Emperors”?
 - a. Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan
 - b. Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Marcus Aurelius
 - c. Augustus, Tiberius, Claudius, Caligula, Nero
 - d. Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero

- 3 Constantinople was originally called _____
 - a. Roma
 - b. Byzantium
 - c. Tomis
 - d. Nicomedia

- 4 The first emperor to conquer Britannia successfully was _____
 - a. Julius
 - b. Caligula
 - c. Claudius
 - d. Vespasian

- 5 According to the inscription across the front, the Pantheon in Rome was originally constructed by _____
 - a. Marcellus
 - b. Agrippa
 - c. Hadrian
 - d. Caracalla

- 6 The Flavian Amphitheater is better known as the _____
 - a. Pantheon
 - b. Colosseum
 - c. Circus Maximus
 - d. Parthenon

- 7 The last Roman emperor in the West was _____
 - a. Jovian
 - b. Julian
 - c. Constantine I
 - d. Romulus Augustulus

- 8 The Roman Empire in the West lasted from _____ to _____
 - a. 27 BC – 476 AD
 - b. 14 AD – 1453 AD
 - c. 753 BC – 509 BC
 - d. 44 BC – 69 AD

- 9 Augustus’ first choice as his successor was his first son-in-law whose name was _____
 - a. Germanicus
 - b. Agrippa
 - c. Marcellus
 - d. Tiberius

- 10 Once Tiberius became emperor, he preferred to leave the governing to his Praetorian Prefect whose name was _____
a. Tigellinus b. Macro c. Sejanus d. Burrus
- 11 The conqueror of Dacia was _____
a. Trajan b. Hadrian c. Nerva d. Nero
- 12 Octavian was voted the title "Augustus" in _____
a. 14 BC b. 14 AD c. 27 BC d. 27 AD
- 13 The first non-Italian to be emperor was _____
a. Vespasian b. Trajan c. Philip I d. Constantine I
- 14 The order of emperors in 69 AD was _____
a. Galba, Vitellius, Otho, Vespasian
b. Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian
c. Nero, Galba, Vespasian, Otho
d. Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius
- 15 Augustus composed a short book about the accomplishments of his reign which he called _____
a. Historiae
b. Res Gestae
c. Duodecim Caesares
d. Meditationes
- 16 What was the name of Caligula's horse?
a. Maximus b. Celer c. Senator d. Incitatus
- 17 Who commanded Octavian's fleet at the Battle of Actium?
a. Agrippa b. Germanicus c. Varus d. Marcellus
- 18 What was the name of the Roman commander who lost 3 legions at the Battle of Teutoberg Forest?
a. Agrippa b. Germanicus c. Varus d. Marcellus
- 19 Which emperor introduced the worship of the sun god of Emesa to Rome?
a. Caligula b. Marcus Aurelius c. Maximinus d. Elagabalus

- 20 Originally, what was the meaning of the word “imperator”?
a. king b. general c. hero d. guardian
- 21 Who was the British queen that led a rebellion against the Romans in 61 AD?
a. Julia Domna b. Tarquinia c. Boudica d. Rufilla
- 22 Who built the Domus Aurea?
a. Nero b. Titus c. Hadrian d. Julian
- 23 In whose reign did the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius occur?
a. Nero b. Otho c. Vespasian d. Titus
- 24 In whose reign did the Great Fire of 64 occur?
a. Tiberius b. Nero c. Titus d. Caligula
- 25 Which emperor could be called the “Philosopher Emperor”?
a. Marcus Aurelius b. Claudius
c. Augustus d. Hadrian
- 26 Which emperor could be called the “Travelling Emperor”?
a. Marcus Aurelius b. Claudius
c. Augustus d. Hadrian
- 27 Because he tried to turn back the forces of Christianity and return the Empire to paganism, Julian is also called “The _____”
a. Pious b. Pagan c. Antithesis d. Apostate
- 28 Which emperor was nicknamed with the Latin term for a long Gallic cloak?
a. Galba b. Caligula c. Caracalla d. Elegabalus
- 29 Which emperor was nicknamed with the Latin term for little boots?
a. Galba b. Caligula c. Caracalla d. Elegabalus
- 30 Which emperor first made widespread use of freedmen in high positions of government?
a. Augustus b. Nero c. Claudius d. Commodus

- 31 To which emperor did Pliny the Younger write seeking advice on how to handle Christians?
a. Trajan b. Hadrian c. Marcus Aurelius d. Julian
- 32 Which emperor liked to dress up in a lion skin and carry a club and have people call him "Hercules"?
a. Commodus b. Caligula c. Elegabalus d. Nero
- 33 Who was the popular father of Caligula who was reputedly poisoned at the behest of Tiberius?
a. Drusus b. Varus c. Claudius d. Germanicus
- 34 Before going into battle at the Milvian Bridge, Constantine had his soldiers paint a _____ on their shields to represent Christ.
a. cross b. chi-rho c. triangle d. fish symbol
- 35 How did Nerva come into power in 96 AD?
a. marched on Rome
b. adopted by previous emperor
c. popular election
d. selected by Senate
- 36 The official imperial palace was located on which hill?
a. Palatine b. Aventine c. Vatican d. Esquiline
- 37 Who was the tenth emperor?
a. Vitellius b. Otho c. Titus d. Domitian
- 38 Hadrian built a wall across Britain. This emperor did, too. Who was he?
a. Vespasian b. Trajan
c. Antoninus Pius d. Severus Alexander
- 39 After Augustus received the title "Pater Patriae" in 2 BC, most, but not quite all, emperors took this title as well. It is best translated as _____
a. father of fathers b. father of patriarchs
c. father of the Senate d. father of the country

- 40 In 293 AD Diocletian created the _____, a system where 2 Augusti and 2 Caesares shared power over the whole empire.
a. Imperium Romanum b. Tetrarchy
c. Consilium Principis d. Comites Augusti
- 41 The 2nd wife of Augustus and mother of his step-son was _____
a. Livia b. Scribonia c. Julia d. Calpurnia
- 42 Claudius' 3rd wife and the mother of his son and daughter was _____
a. Drusilla b. Valeria Messalina
c. Agrippina the Elder d. Agrippina the Younger
- 43 Nero's 1st wife and step-sister was _____
a. Agrippina the Elder b. Agrippina the Younger
c. Poppaea d. Octavia
- 44 Domitian's wife was _____
a. Domitia Longina b. Pompeia Plotina
c. Julia Domna d. Vibia Sabina
- 45 Trajan's wife was _____
a. Domitia Longina b. Pompeia Plotina
c. Julia Domna d. Vibia Sabina
- 46 Hadrian's much neglected wife was _____
a. Domitia Longina b. Pompeia Plotina
c. Julia Domna d. Vibia Sabina
- 47 Who was the wife of Septimius Severus?
a. Domitia Longina b. Pompeia Plotina
c. Julia Domna d. Vibia Sabina
- 48 The name of the island that Tiberius retired to was _____
a. Rhodes b. Crete c. Corsica d. Capri
- 49 The first Arab to seize the imperial throne was _____
a. Otho b. Trajan c. Philip I d. Elagabalus

- 50 Which of the following tribes of barbarians did not invade the Roman Empire in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD?
- a. Regnenses
 - b. Franks
 - c. Vandals
 - d. Goths

Tie-Breakers: The following questions will only be scored in case of a tie.

- 51 How many emperors had the name "Gordian"?
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
- 52 Which emperor made Egypt a province directly administered by the emperor?
- a. Augustus
 - b. Tiberius
 - c. Vespasian
 - d. Diocletian
- 53 Which of the following was not a writer of the Augustan Age?
- a. Vergil
 - b. Horace
 - c. Ovid
 - d. Dio Cassius
- 54 Which emperor was the first to receive the title "primus inter pares"?
- a. Augustus
 - b. Claudius
 - c. Trajan
 - d. Probus
- 55 Who was defeated at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge?
- a. Maxentius
 - b. Carinus
 - c. Galerius
 - d. Gordian II