

Texas State Junior Classical League
Area F, MMV
Greek Life and Literature
Always choose the best answer.

Numbers 96 -- 100 will be scored only to break ties.

1. Which of the following best describes a Greek city-state?
A. county B. precinct C. small country ruled by a powerful city
D. parish associated with a large city
2. Who was the founder of Mycenae?
A. Hercules B. Cecrops C. Perseus
D. Agamemnon
3. What is the name of the Greek writing, which scholars have deciphered, found on clay tablets at Knossos?
A. Linear A B. Linear B
C. cuneiform D. Mycenaean
4. Homer lived and wrote during the ____ in Greece.
A. 5th Century B. C. B. Dark Ages
C. 1st Century A. D. D. Helladic
5. The *Iliad* tells of a war between the Greeks and the ____.
A. Cretans B. Romans C. Britons
D. Trojans
6. At the end of the *Iliad*, Helen ____
A. dies
B. becomes queen of Sparta again
C. marries Aeneas
D. marries Hector
7. Homer's sequel to the *Iliad* is the ____.
A. *Odyssey* B. *Birds* C. *Aeneid*
D. *Thesiad*

8. The first Athenian tragedian about whom anything is known is ____.
- A. Euripides
 - B. Sophocles
 - C. Phrynicus
 - D. Menander
9. The first actor, traditionally, was who?
- A. Aristotle
 - B. Thespis
 - C. Lesbian
 - D. Aeschylus
10. While both men and women in ancient Greece wore tunics, the woman's tunic was known as the what?
- A. stola
 - B. stoa
 - C. peplos
 - D. palladion
11. A man's tunic was the ____.
- A. chiton
 - B. himation
 - C. kothurnos
 - D. buskin
12. Which of the following was most important to Greek culture and to the ancient Greek economy?
- A. wheat
 - B. the olive
 - C. sailing
 - D. fish
 - E. linen and other textiles
13. The Academy and the Lyceum were what?
- A. garments
 - B. hats
 - C. schools
 - D. gymnasia
 - E. libraries attached to baths
14. Plato was a famous ____.
- A. poet
 - B. philosopher
 - C. general
 - D. comedian
 - E. tragedian
15. ____ wrote the *Poetics*.
- A. Plato
 - B. Socrates
 - C. Xanthippe
 - D. Aristotle
 - E. Homer
16. ____ is associated with Greek New Comedy.
- A. Menander
 - B. Aristophanes
 - C. Lucan
 - D. Periander
 - E. Darius

17. In what play does a man learn that he has murdered his father and married his mother?
- A. *Agamemnon* B. *Oedipus Tyrannos*
C. *Choeminidae* D. *The Menechmi*
18. Who is the author of the play which is the correct answer in number 19 above?
- A. Aeschylus B. Aristophanes
C. Euripides D. Sophocles
19. Homer describes the sea as ____.
- A. "our sea" B. "wine dark"
C. "whale road" D. "swan road"
E. none of the above
20. Homer describes the dawn as ____.
- A. "lover of grasshoppers"
B. "scourge of night"
C. "rosy fingered"
D. "light bearer"
E. "Aurora"
21. Glauce and her father Creon of Corinth are characters in what play?
- A. *Medea* B. *the Argonautica*
C. *Antigone* D. *The Libation Bearers*
22. The meter of Greek epic poetry is ____.
- A. iambic pentameter
B. dactylic trimeter
C. dactylic pentameter
D. dactylic hexameter
E. choliambic
23. *Buskin* and *kothurnos* (*cothurnus*) are terms or items associated with what?
- A. the theater B. war C. painting
D. sculpture E. Greek religion
24. Which of the following was a Greek mathematician?
- A. Ramses B. Archimedes C. Solon
D. Periander E. Ptolemy

25. Which of the following did a person in ancient Greece not eat regularly?
A. cheese B. olives C. honey
D. tomatoes E. bread
26. It is believed that ____ originated in a festival dedicated to Dionysus.
A. drama
B. flute music
C. sacrifices
D. the pouring of libations
E. all of the above
27. A hoplite was a ____.
A. farmer B. courtesan
C. teacher D. ship's captain
E. soldier
28. Athens' wooden walls were her ____.
A. navy B. army C. slaves
D. groves
29. Keramos was what?
A. potters' clay B. gold C. wax
D. paper E. barrel-makers' wood
30. A "goat song" is (probably) a ____.
A. comedy B. tragedy C. epic
D. religious hymn E. Greek hip-hop
31. The dancing circle was the ____.
A. scaena B. orchestra C. persona
D. chorus
32. Who is the son of Odysseus, the hero of the *Odyssey*?
A. Laertes B. Polyphemus
C. Telemachus D. Coriander
33. Which of the following Greek authors is known primarily for history?
A. Sophocles B. Themistocles
C. Thucydides D. Aristophanes
E. Homer
34. Who wrote the *Anabasis*?

- A. Xenophon B. Aristotle
- C. Thucydides D. Menander

35. A great poetess of ancient Greece was ____.
- A. Cassandra B. Helena C. Cleopatra
 - D. Semiramis E. Sappho

For numbers 36 - 45, give the author.

The choices are as follow:

- A. Aeschylus B. Euripides C. Sophocles
- D. Aristophanes E. other than these

- 36. *The Frogs*
- 37. *Timaeus*
- 38. *The Furies*
- 39. *Agamemnon*
- 40. *the Library*
- 41. *The Clouds*
- 42. *The Republic*
- 43. *Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans*
- 44. *fables*
- 45. *Seven Against Thebes*

Choose the best answer.

46. "Red figured" and "black figured" are terms associated with ____.
- A. pottery B. draperies C. chita
 - D. temple walls E. temple doors
47. The ____ began in 776 B. C. and continue today.
- A. Laws of Solon
 - B. Hippocratic Oaths and Practices
 - C. Laws of Galen
 - D. Olympic Games
 - E. Rules of Drama set out by Aristotle
48. Who was the "Father of History"?
- A. Herodotus B. Xenophon
 - C. Thucydides D. Plato
49. Which of the following, if any, describes a typical Greek home?
- A. humble by today's standards

- B. meager by today's standards
- C. furnished tastefully with well-made and beautifully adorned furniture
- D. all of the above
- E. none of the above

50. A Greek male ____.
- A. learned to play the lyre as a schoolboy
 - B. knew the value of society and of socializing
 - C. honored his gods with song and dance
 - D. honored architecture, sculpture, and painting
 - E. all of the above OR none of the above

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Tie-Breakers

96. Alcaeus was known for ____.
- A. epic poetry
 - B. tragedy
 - C. comedy
 - D. lyric poetry
 - E. painting
97. The ____ was on the acropolis of Athens.
- A. Pantheon
 - B. Parthenon
 - C. Sphinx
 - D. Temple of Ares
98. ____ lived on the island of Lesbos.
- A. Homer
 - B. Sappho
 - C. Corydon
 - D. Thrysis
 - E. Plato
99. A chlamys was a type of ____.
- A. book
 - B. cloak
 - C. hat
 - D. shoe
100. ____ was a Greek poet of Ephesus, credited with inventing the parody and banished around 540 B. C.
- A. Hipponax
 - B. Ion
 - C. Isaeus
 - D. Leucippus