

National Junior Classical League 2005

Latin Literature

1. What Roman author was assassinated by order of Mark Anthony on December 7, 43 BC?
A Caesar B Cicero C Catullus D Brutus
2. What Roman poet fought with Cato in Sardina and later wrote a poem celebrating his friend Scipio Africanus' victory at Zama?
A Lucilius B Livius Andronicus C Ennis D Naevius
3. Which work of Virgil is a collection of ten hexameter verses in pastoral settings with shepherds as the main characters?
A Bucolics B Georgics C Aeneid D Carmina
4. Which Roman dramatist born in Africa was once the slave of a Roman senator?
A Plautus B Naevius C. Terence D Livius Andronicus
5. In which book of the Aeneid did the Sybil lead Aeneas through the Underworld?
A II B. IV C. VI D. VIII
6. Marcus Porcius Cato served with Valerius Flaccus _____.
A as censor. B as consul. C as both censor and consul. D. at no time
7. Which of these statements is TRUE about Caecilius Statius?
A. He was brought to Rome after the battle of Clastidium.
B. He wrote Synephebi and Plocium.
C. He was a close friend of Ennius.
D. ALL of these statements are true about Caecilius Statius.
8. Which Roman poet was co-consul with Marius?
A. Catulus B. Catullus C. Matius D. Varro
9. Which Roman poet wrote a Latin version of the Argonautica by Apollonius of Rhodes?
A. Catulus B. Catullus C. Matius D. Varro
10. Which work of Cicero was a series of speeches that attacked Clodia as much as it defended his client?
A. Pro Sestio B. Pro Caelio C. Pro Milone D. Pro Roscio Amerino
11. Which work of Ovid were fictional letters from famous women in mythology?
A. Fasti B. Tristia C. Heroides D. Amores
12. Which of these Roman authors published a work called De Medicamine Faciei, or the Care of the Face?
A. Virgil B. Horace C. Lucretius D. Ovid

13. Which of these statements is TRUE about C. Cornelius Gallus?
 A. He was born in Hispania.
 B. He wrote four books of elegies about his passion for Lycoris.
 C. He was a friend of Ovid.
 D. ALL of these statements are true about C Cornelius Gallus
14. Who wrote the Ars Amatoria ?
 A. Virgil B. Horace C. Lucretius D. Ovid
15. Which of these is NOT a work by Horace?
 A. Eclogues B. Carmina C. Ars Poetica D. Sermonum
16. Which work of C. Julius Caesar chronicals his war with Pompey?
 A. De Bello Gallico B. De Lege Manila C. De Bello Civile
17. Which of these is NOT a work of Marcus Tullius Cicero?
 A. Pro Tullio B. Pro Ligario C. Pro Scauro D. Pro Publicana
18. Lucretius' De Rerum Natura reflects the author's beliefs in the philosophy of Epicurus.
 A. True B. False
19. The longest and most complex of Catullus' poems is about the tragic love story of Pyramus and Thisbe.
 A. True B. False
20. Which of these is one of the topics covered in Cato's Origines?
 A a history of Rome under the kings
 B origins of Greek cities in Sicily
 C the adventures of the Trojan hero Aeneas
 D creation myths and the origins of the gods
21. Which of these Roman authors did NOT write satires?
 A Lucilius B Quintilian C Juvenal D Petronius
22. According to St. Jerome, who edited Lucretius' De Rerum Natura for publication after the poet committed suicide?
 A Ennius B Virgil C Varius Rufus D Cicero
23. Which of these plays was written by Titus Maccus Plautus?
 A Aulularia B Eunuch C Adelphi D Phaedra
24. Which Roman author said of himself "I sang of pastures, farms and rulers"?
 A Seneca B Lucilius C Virgil D Tibullus

25. Who wrote a forty-four book history of the non-Roman world called Historiae Philippicae?
 A. M. Iunianus Iustinus B. Pompeius Trogus C. Lucius Annaeus Seneca
26. Which Roman dramatist wrote Adelphi and Phormio?
 A. Plautus B. Naevius C. Terence D. Livius Andronicus
27. Who wrote De Finibus Bonorum et Malorum and De Natura Deorum?
 A. Ennius B. Cicero C. Horace D. Seneca
28. The poet Sextus Propertius, who wrote elegies to his beloved Cynthia, was a member of Maecenas famous circle of poets.
 A. True B. False
29. Which Roman author took his main character into the depths of the Underworld where he saw the future souls of great Romans?
 A. Seneca B. Lucilius C. Virgil D. Ovid
30. Which of these poets was NOT part of the literary circle of Quintus Lutatius Catulus?
 A. Valerius Aedituus B. Porcius Licinus C. Gaius Helvius Cinna
31. Who was the first Graeco-Roman author to create a collection of fables intended for reading?
 A. Aesop B. Phaedrus C. Quintillian D. Petronius
32. Which of the following statements about Pliny the Younger is TRUE?
 A. He was adopted by his mother's brother, Pliny the Elder.
 B. He had two wives and six children.
 C. He was killed during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.
 D. ALL of these are true about Pliny the Younger
33. Who wrote the letter to the senate justifying the emperor Nero's murder of his mother, Agrippina?
 A. Seneca B. Lucilius C. Virgil D. Tibullus
34. Who served as a tribune, a governor in Africa appointed by Julius Caesar and retired from public life to write history?
 A. Cicero B. Cornelius Nepos C. Sallust D. Tibullus
35. According to Plutarch, Cicero was considered the best poet as well as the best orator of his time, and his poetry was only neglected because many superior poets had since appeared.
 A. True B. False
36. The works of Sextus Iulius Frontinus are a valuable source of information about the working of aqueducts in ancient Rome.
 A. True B. False
37. Decimus Iunius Juvenalis was the greatest author of tragedy during the Roman empire.
 A. True B. False

38. Sextius Niger wrote a work on the design and building of Roman military camps and roads.
 A. True B. False
39. Tacitus' Historiae deal with the period of Roman history _____.
 A. from Galba to Titus B. from Nero to Domitian
 C. from Nero to Titus D. from Galba to Domitian
40. Who wrote a history of early Rome called Ab Urbe Condita?
 A. Seneca B. Sallust C. Livy D. Tacitus
41. Which Roman author was a quaestor in Spain, proconsul of Gaul and was elected Pontifex Maximus?
 A. Seneca B. Caesar C. Cicero D. Sallust
42. Which Roman emperor wrote an autobiography dedicated to Maecenas and Agrippa?
 A. Caesar B. Augustus C. Claudius D. Nero
43. Which Roman author published his correspondence with the emperor Trajan?
 A. Tacitus B. Juvenal C. Pliny the Younger D. Sallust
44. Which of these philosophical works was written by Seneca?
 A. De Providentia B. De Ira
 C. De Vita Beata D. ALL of these were written by Seneca
45. Which Roman author, who was also an excellent farmer, wrote a work called De Agri Cultura?
 A. Velius Longus B. Virgil C. Columella D. Cato the Censor
46. Which work of Seneca was dedicated to the prefect in charge of the food supply, possibly a relative of his second wife?
 A. Ad Helviam Matrem B. De Brevitate Vitae
 C. De Clementia D. De Ira
47. Which of these statements are TRUE about Lucan's anti-epic the Pharsalia?
 A. It criticizes the rule and music of the emperor Nero.
 B. It includes a vision of the Underworld in Book VI like Virgil's Aeneid.
 C. It includes a harsh yet passionate speech similar to Cicero's Phillipics.
 D. ALL of these statements are true about the Pharsalia.
48. Who began a 12 book work, one for each month, about Roman celebrations and holidays, but only completed through early July?
 A. Ovid B. Virgil C. Propertius D. Naevius
49. What type of literature did Pliny the Elder and Varro write?
 A. encyclopedias B. poetry C. history D. philosophy

50. Which of these statements about Terullian is TRUE?
 A. He was born to Christian parents.
 B. He was the bishop of Antioch.
 C. He wrote Ad Martyras about a group of Christians imprisoned awaiting martyrdom.
 D. ALL of these statements about Terullian are true.
51. In which work of Virgil does the story of Aristaeus and the bees appear?
 A Bucolics B Georgics C Aeneid D Carmina
52. Who was the author of De Consulatu et de Regus Gestis Suis?
 A. Catulus B. Catullus C. Matius D. Varro
53. Who was the author of the Annals?
 A. Tacitus B. Plutarch C. Livy D. Sallust
54. Caesar's Commentary on the Gallic war cover the years 58BC – 52BC in seven books.
 A. True B. False
55. Gaius Cilnius Maecenas, the great literary patron of the Augustan age, never held any traditional government posts and was a member of the equestrian order.
 A. True B. False
56. Which Roman author was a student of Quintilian and governor of Bithynia?
 A. Tacitus B. Suetonius C. Pliny the Younger D. Sallust
57. Which Roman author held public office under all three of the Flavian emperors, was consul under Nerva and governor of Asia under Trajan.
 A. Tacitus B. Juvenal C. Pliny the Younger D. Martial
58. The African author Arnobius of Sicca converted to Christianity during the reign of the emperor Diocletian.
 A. True B. False
59. Who was known as the "Christian Cicero"?
 A. St. Ambrose B. St. Jerome C. Tertullian D. Lactantius
60. Who wrote in ten books half-fictional biographies of famous persons?
 A. Statius B. Rufus C. Petronius D. Lucan
61. Which of these is NOT true about Columella?
 A. His works gave practical advice to farmers on agriculture.
 B. He served in the army as tribune.
 C. His praenomen was Marcus.
 D. His style of writing suggests he had rhetorical training.
62. Gaius Plinius Secundus was an equestrian who came to the attention of the emperor Tiberius through his elegant didactic poetry.
 A. True B. False

63. Who was responsible for the Vulgate, a Latin translation of the bible?
 A. St. Ambrose B. St. Jerome C. St. Augustine D. Lactantius
64. Who wrote the Metamorphosis ?
 A. Virgil B. Horace C. Lucretius D. Ovid
65. Which Roman author worked in the court of Trajan and for a while was in charge of Hadrian's official correspondence?
 A. Tacitus B. Suetonius C. Pliny the Younger D. Sallust
66. Which Roman emperor's Meditations reflect his belief in Stoic philosophy?
 A. Trajan B. Hadrian C. Marcus Aurelius D. Constantine
67. Who wrote a biography of his father-in-law Agricola, a governor of Britain?
 A. Tacitus B. Suetonius C. Pliny the Younger D. Sallust
68. What is the subject of Martial's Liber Spectaculorum?
 A. the triumph of Titus after the destruction of Jerusalem
 B. the opening of the Colosseum
 C. the Etruscan origins of gladiatorial games
 D. the history of Rome's aqueducts
69. Which work begins with the line "Aeneadam genetrix, hominum divumque voluptas"?
 A. Aeneid B. Satyricon C. De Rerum Natura D. Georgics
70. Juvenal's Fourth Satire describes a council called by the emperor Nero to decide whether to change the location of the Olympics to Rome. A. True B. False
71. The first theatrical performance in Rome written in Latin occurred in 110 BC and was the work of Ennius. A. True B. False
72. What was the customary meter for Roman satire?
 A. elegiac couplet B. hendecasyllabic
 C. dactylic hexameter D. iambic trimeter
73. Which Roman emperor was not only an author, but proposed adding three new letters to the Latin alphabet?
 A. Augustus B. Marcus Aurelius C. Nero D. Claudius
74. Who is the author of Institutio Oratoria, about the training of an orator?
 A. Cicero B. Hortensius C. Quintillian D. Cato the Censor
75. Vitruvius was the author of a three-book treatise on ship construction and navigation.
 A. True B. False

90. Which golden age author was exiled to Tomis by the emperor Augustus?
A. Catullus B. Vergil C. Horace D. Ovid
91. What type of literature did Claudianus write?
A. encyclopedias B. poetry C. history D. philosophy
92. Who was the author of Suasoriae and Controversiae?
A. Pliny the Elder B. Pliny the Younger C. Seneca the Elder D. Seneca the Younger
93. Terence's Eunuchus is based upon which Greek play by Menander?
A. Dyskolos B. Kolax C. Synaristosai D. Adelphoi
94. Which Roman historian encouraged the future emperor Claudius to write history?
A. Cornelius Nepos B. Sallust C. Gellius D. Livy
95. Who was the author of De Legibus?
A. Horace B. Titus Livius C. Quintillian D. Cicero
96. Who wrote letters to Atticus?
A. Cato B. Cicero C. Pliny the Younger D. Caesar
97. What Roman author was the nephew of Ennius?
A. Pacuvius B. Andronicus C. Sempronius D. Petronius
98. What is the subject of Vespa's Iudicium Coci et Pistoris Iudice Vulcano?
A. the origins of cooking bread
B. an argument between a cook and a baker
C. the philosophy of Epicurius
D. the laws concerning bakers and bakeries
99. Vitruvius Pollio wrote a treatise on architecture during the age of Augustus.
A. True B. False
100. Who is the author of De Viris Illustribus?
A. Livy B. Tacitus C. Suetonius D. Sallust