

# 2007 TEXAS STATE JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

## ROMAN HISTORY TEST: THE EMPIRE

**DIRECTIONS:** Please mark the letter of the correct answer on your scantron answer sheet.

**N.B.** – All dates are AD unless otherwise specified.

1. The Julio-Claudian emperor who died at Nola at the age of seventy-six was  
(a) Augustus (b) Tiberius (c) Claudius (d) Nero
2. Much of Rome was destroyed in a great conflagration during Nero's reign in  
(a) 60 (b) 62 (c) 64 (d) 68
3. Which of the following was NOT a member of the original Tetrarchy?  
(a) Galerius (b) Constantius Chlorus (c) Maximinus Daia (d) Maximian
4. The Palmyrene king who recovered Mesopotamia for Rome in 264 and was appointed **dux orientis** by Gallienus was (a) Tetricus (b) Odaenathus (c) Vaballathus (d) Postumus
5. In 26 Tiberius permanently retired to the island of (a) Rhodes (b) Capri  
(c) Pandetaria (d) Crete
6. Which emperor sacked the **Castra Praetoria** in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century?  
(a) Constantine (b) Maxentius (c) Valentinian II (d) Theodosius I
7. This daughter of Theodosius and Galla was the mother of Valentinian III (a) Placentia  
(b) Helena (c) Theodora (d) Placidia
8. The wife of Antoninus Pius was (a) Plotina (b) Sabina (c) Faustina (d) Helena
9. Which of these barbarian leaders sacked Rome in 455? (a) Alaric (b) Brennus  
(c) Atilla (d) Gaeseric
10. Where did Septimius Severus defeat Pescennius Niger in 196? (a) Lugdunum  
(b) Issus (c) Edessa (d) Augusta Treverorum
11. Which of the following emperors suffered a **damnatio memoriae**?  
(a) Diocletian (b) Aurelian (c) Commodus (d) Julian
12. Which of these men did NOT govern Britain under the Flavians? (a) Q. Petilius Cerialis  
(b) P. Ostorius Scapula (c) Cn. Iulius Agricola (d) Sex. Iulius Frontinus
13. What emperor required himself to be addressed as **Dominus et Deus**? (a) Nero  
(b) Commodus (c) Caligula (d) Domitian
14. What emperor was enticed to a conference and taken prisoner by the Persian Shapur I in 260? (a) Valentinian (b) Valens (c) Valerian (d) Valentinian II

30. In 212 Caracalla became sole emperor by murdering his brother (a) Alexianus  
(b) Elagabalus (c) Geta (d) Macrinus
31. Philip the Arab succeeded Timesitheus as Praetorian Prefect to the emperor (a) Decius  
(b) Maximinus Thrax (c) Aemilianus (d) Gordian III
32. This prefect of Egypt administered to his own troops the oath of allegiance for Vespasian on July 1, AD 69 (a) Antonius Primus (b) Cornelius Gallus (c) Caecina Alienus  
(d) Tiberius Alexander
33. The Christian lady and the mistress of Commodus who was responsible for the quick succession of his praetorian prefects was (a) Marcia (b) Caesonia (c) Milonia  
(d) Caecilia
34. When Augustus recovered the standards lost by Crassus at Carrhae, he placed them in the (a) Forum Romanum (b) Temple of Mars Ultor (c) Ara Pacis  
(d) Campus Martius
35. Galba's freedman advisor who brought word that the Senate had appointed him emperor was (a) Laco (b) Icelus (c) Paullus (d) Narcissus
36. The forces of Octavian defeated Antony and Cleopatra at (a) Naulochus  
(b) Actium (c) Pharsalus (d) Mutina
37. Which emperor was known as **optimus princeps**? (a) Augustus (b) Trajan  
(c) Marcus Aurelius (d) Vespasian
38. Which emperor presided over Rome's 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary? (a) Hadrian (b) Commodus  
(c) Antoninus Pius (d) Marcus Aurelius
39. The mother of the emperor Nero was (a) Livia Drusilla (b) Agrippina the Younger  
(c) Agrippina the Elder (d) Messalina
40. Who co-ruled with Marcus Aurelius until his death in 169? (a) Lucius Verus  
(b) Antoninus Pius (c) Hadrian (d) Commodus
41. Which two of the emperors of 238 were appointees of the Senate? (a) Gordian I & II  
(b) Pupienus & Balbinus (c) Maximinus Thrax & Gordian I (d) Gordian II & III
42. The nephew of Constantine who died while fighting the Persians in Mesopotamia in 363 was (a) Jovian (b) Julian (c) Didius Julianus (d) Gratian
43. What commander of the legions of the Upper Rhine conspired to replace Caligula with a senator named M. Aemilius Lepidus in 39? (a) C. Silius (b) C. Iulius Vindex  
(c) Lentulus Gaetulicus (d) Nero Claudius Drusus Minor

58. Whose revolt in 89 caused Domitian to suspend his military campaign against the Dacians? (a) Oppius Sabinus (b) Tettius Iulianus (c) Cornelius Fuscus (d) Antonius Saturninus
59. From whom did Constantius Chlorus recover Britain in 296? (a) Carausius (b) Tetricus (c) Allectus (d) Postumus
60. This general defeated Decebalus at the Battle of Tapae in 88 (a) Oppius Sabinus (b) Tettius Iulianus (c) Casperius Alienus (d) Thrasea Paetus
61. Avidius Nigrinus, a governor of Dacia, and Publilius Celsus were involved in a conspiracy against (a) Marcus Aurelius (b) Commodus (c) Tacitus (d) Hadrian
62. The Bishop of Milan who forced Theodosius the Great to perform public penance for massacring citizens at Thessalonica in 391 was (a) Ambrose (b) Demophilus (c) Gregory (d) Nectarius
63. Born a Vandal, he rose to the rank of **magister militum** under Honorius and twice defeated the Visigoth chieftan Alaric (a) Aetius (b) Rufinus (c) Eugenius (d) Stilicho
64. Which emperor granted citizenship to all free born men within the Roman Empire? (a) Antoninus Pius (b) Constantine (c) Caracalla (d) Hadrian
65. Who was the lieutenant of Augustus who built the original Pantheon? (a) C. Maecenas (b) M. Agrippa (c) Statilius Taurus (d) Cornelius Gallus
66. Which emperor died in 235 near Moguntiacum? (a) Severus Alexander (b) Elagabalus (c) Macrinus (d) Geta
67. Whom did Diocletian defeat at the River Margus in 285 to become sole emperor? (a) Carinus (b) Carus (c) Numerian (d) Aper
68. The emperor who immediately succeeded Gallienus was (a) Valerian (b) Claudius Gothicus (c) Aurelian (d) Probus
69. Which emperor instituted the **praefectus alimentōrum** to supervise the repartition and administration of treasury grants? (a) Nerva (b) Trajan (c) Hadrian (d) Antoninus Pius
70. The man who became the sole ruler of the Roman world in 324 was (a) Theodosius I (b) Constantine (c) Maximian (d) Licinius