

## 2009 NJCL Roman Life Test

1. The Roman hour could be as short as \_\_\_\_ minutes, by modern standards.  
A. 40                      B. 45                      C. 50                      D. 55
2. Which carriage was furnished with a bed?  
A. pilentum                      B. carpentum                      C. petoriturum                      D. carruca
3. Roman farm estates were called \_\_\_\_.  
A. fundi                      B. agri                      C. latifundia                      D. campi
4. The puticuli on the \_\_\_\_\_ Hill were replaced by the Gardens of Maecenas.  
A. Esquiline                      B. Aventine                      C. Quirinal                      D. Caelian
5. The top layer of a road was the \_\_\_\_.  
A. statumen                      B. dorsum                      C. rudus                      D. nucleus
6. What was the box that was used to throw dice?  
A. fritillus                      B. arca                      C. zona                      D. capillus
7. Which king created the flamines?  
A. Servius Tullius                      B. Romulus                      C. Ancus Martius                      D. Numa
8. When was the first wooden theater built in Rome?  
A. 165 BC                      B. 155 BC                      C. 145 BC                      D. 135 BC
9. Which was NOT used to seal a letter?  
A. torcular                      B. linum                      C. cera                      D. signum
10. The blue racing faction was the \_\_\_\_ team.  
A. prasina                      B. albata                      C. russata                      D. veneta
11. A scroll was written with a \_\_\_\_.  
A. nurus                      B. stylus                      C. calamus                      D. saepta
12. The standard four-wheeled traveling vehicle was the \_\_\_\_.  
A. plaustrum                      B. raeda                      C. petoriturum                      D. cisium
13. Scrolls containing a single work were stored in a/an \_\_\_\_.  
A. umbilicus                      B. titulus                      C. fritillus                      D. capsula
14. The earliest known amphitheater was at \_\_\_\_.  
A. Pompeii                      B. Tarentum                      C. Capua                      D. Veii
15. Which emperor established the fee for lawyers?  
A. Caligula                      B. Claudius                      C. Tiberius                      D. Augustus
16. Which gladiators fought from chariots?  
A. desultores                      B. essedarii                      C. secutores                      D. murmillones
17. Tenant farmers were called \_\_\_\_.  
A. miseri agricolae                      B. limitanii                      C. coloni                      D. hydraules
18. The most important horse in a four-horse team was the \_\_\_\_.  
A. far right                      B. inside right                      C. inside left                      D. far left
19. What trade did a sutor practice?  
A. shoe maker                      B. locksmith                      C. baker                      D. dry cleaner

20. The hot-water tub was the \_\_\_\_.
- A. solium                      B. labrum                      C. alveus                      D. testudo
21. The plane tree was popular for its \_\_\_\_.
- A. wood for ships              B. shade                      C. wood for charcoal              D. bark for medicine
22. What was the wine serving bowl for a dinner party?
- A. crater                      B. patera                      C. calix                      D. poculum
23. The “conversation party” after dinner was the \_\_\_\_.
- A. compotatio                      B. symposium                      C. convivium                      D. comissatio
24. The Romans preferred to use \_\_\_\_\_ for plowing.
- A. mules                      B. oxen                      C. horses                      D. slaves
25. What were uninvited dinner guests called?
- A. hospites                      B. socii                      C. comites                      D. umbrae
26. Which town office was filled by freedmen?
- A. Aediles                      B. Decuriones                      C. Augustales                      D. Duo Viri
27. Who was the manager of a bath?
- A. conductor                      B. camillus                      C. caupo                      D. carnifex
28. Which was NOT among the original eight guilds of Rome?
- A. carpenters                      B. blacksmiths                      C. dyers                      D. flute-players
29. What represented the genius of the paterfamilias?
- A. serpent                      B. lion                      C. wolf                      D. bear
30. When did the Romans plant wheat?
- A. summer                      B. spring                      C. winter                      D. fall
31. A Roman male would pay one \_\_\_\_ to enter the baths.
- A. as                      B. denarius                      C. sestertius                      D. quadrans
32. What was the term for the clients visiting their patron?
- A. quaesitus                      B. salutatio                      C. puteal                      D. permixtio
33. The water pipes in Rome ran from the reservoirs or \_\_\_\_.
- A. tibia                      B. calamus                      C. fistula                      D. castella
34. What were tombs built to hold urns filled with the ashes of the dead?
- A. columbaria                      B. cenotaphium                      C. cepotaphium                      D. cingulum
35. For whom was the cena libera given?
- A. boys receiving the toga      B. the groom                      C. gladiators                      D. liberti
36. When traveling, the rich preferred to spend the night with their \_\_\_\_.
- A. hospites                      B. socii                      C. comites                      D. caupones
37. In the early empire, most wheeled vehicles were barred from Rome for the first \_\_\_\_ hours of the day.
- A. 4                      B. 6                      C. 8                      D. 10
38. What was the most important part of the farm, according to Cato the Elder?
- A. the grain field                      B. the vegetable garden      C. the olive grove      D. the vineyard
39. What was the highest ranking group of permanent civil servants?
- A. lictores                      B. scribae                      C. frumentarii                      D. harioli
40. Which aqueduct was NOT built in the reign of Augustus?
- A. Virgo                      B. Marcia                      C. Tepula                      D. Alsentina
41. Patricians and plebeians could legally marry after \_\_\_\_ BC.
- A. 485                      B. 465                      C. 445                      D. 425

42. What was a xystus?  
 A. flour mill                      B. olive press                      C. granary                      D. flower bed
43. How many balls were used in trigon?  
 A. 2                      B. 3                      C. 4                      D. 5
44. Who made the foreign doctors working in Rome Roman citizens?  
 A. Hadrian                      B. Gaius Gracchus                      C. Augustus                      D. Caesar
45. Who built the present Pantheon?  
 A. Trajan                      B. Hadrian                      C. Tiberius                      D. Augustus
46. Which deity was brought to Rome in 204 BC?  
 A. Diana                      B. Hercules                      C. Cybele                      D. Apollo
47. The Roman equivalent of the Fourth of July was the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Lupercalia                      B. Regifugium                      C. Lemuria                      D. Vinalia Rustica
48. Which god was given the first part of a sacrifice?  
 A. Jupiter                      B. Apollo                      C. Mars                      D. Janus
49. What praenomen was abbreviated C.?  
 A. Gaius                      B. Gnaeus                      C. Cicero                      D. Claudius
50. What were the small cubes used in mosaics?  
 A. tali                      B. tesserae                      C. cubacula                      D. cybia
51. The secret ballot for Roman elections was instituted in \_\_\_\_ BC.  
 A. 159                      B. 149                      C. 139                      D. 129
52. What was the curved horn used to give commands in battle?  
 A. cornu                      B. tuba                      C. bucina                      D. lituus
53. What was the footwear for soldiers?  
 A. carbatinae                      B. cothurni                      C. caligae                      D. soleae
54. When was exposure of children made illegal?  
 A. AD 174                      B. AD 274                      C. AD 374                      D. AD 474
55. What was the purpose of the groma?  
 A. survey land                      B. track stars                      C. release chariots                      D. pump water
56. What year did Caesar extend to 445 days?  
 A. 50 BC                      B. 48 BC                      C. 46 BC                      D. 44 BC
57. What was the courtyard at the rear of a Roman domus?  
 A. atrium                      B. oecus                      C. cubiculum                      D. peristylum
58. What was the hypocaustum?  
 A. oven                      B. heating system                      C. fire engine                      D. water trough
59. On what would HDSP appear?  
 A. a milestone                      B. a city gate                      C. a tombstone                      D. a triumphal arch
60. Of what were water pipes made?  
 A. lead                      B. iron                      C. bronze                      D. copper
61. What do we call a malum persicum?  
 A. plum                      B. pear                      C. quince                      D. peach
62. Which official of the Republic served for eighteen months?  
 A. praetor                      B. aedile                      C. censor                      D. tribune
63. What were lower roof tiles called?  
 A. tegulae                      B. imbrices                      C. opera spicata                      D. lateres

64. Which official had the right of intercessio?  
 A. consul                      B. dictator                      C. praetor                      D. tribunus
65. What priest had to attend a meeting of the senate?  
 A. Flamen Martialis      B. Flamen Dialis      C. Pontifex Maximus      D. Rex Sacrorum
66. What was the oldest form of Roman marriage?  
 A. contubernium      B. usus      C. coemptio      D. confarreatio
67. When did the consuls originally take office?  
 A. January      B. February      C. March      D. May
68. What did the praefectus annonae manage?  
 A. grain supply      B. water supply      C. fire department      D. traffic
69. Where was the greatest lighthouse in the empire?  
 A. Alexandria      B. Ostia      C. Marseilles      D. Rhodes
70. Which emperor built a stadium at Rome?  
 A. Nero      B. Domitian      C. Caracalla      D. Commodus
71. What were the turning posts in the circus?  
 A. spinae      B. metae      C. carceres      D. bigae
72. Under Augustus, how many years did a soldier serve before retirement?  
 A. 10      B. 15      C. 20      D. 25
73. When was the first permanent amphitheater built in Rome?  
 A. 29 BC      B. 19 BC      C. 9 BC      D. AD 9
74. Which emperor produced a series of edicts which banned pagan practices?  
 A. Constantine      B. Theodosius      C. Julian      D. Galerius
75. Who is credited with opening the army to men without property?  
 A. Servius Tullius      B. Scipio Africanus      C. Marius      D. Caesar
76. Who watched over the Palladium?  
 A. Epulones      B. Luperci      C. Salii      D. Vestal Virgins
77. What was the purpose of a clepsydra?  
 A. measure time      B. shoot arrows      C. draw water      D. put out fires
78. Whose temple in Rome housed a mint?  
 A. Apollo      B. Pluto      C. Minerva      D. Juno
79. Which coin was made of silver?  
 A. sestertius      B. denarius      C. dupondius      D. solidus
80. How many unciae were in a Roman pound?  
 A. 8      B. 10      C. 12      D. 16
81. Which meal was the prandium?  
 A. lunch      B. snacks      C. supper      D. breakfast
82. Which ludi took place in April?  
 A. Florales      B. Megalenses      C. Romani      D. Plebeii
83. Which animal was least likely to be used as a pack animal?  
 A. camel      B. donkey      C. mule      D. horse
84. What object protected a Roman from fascinatio?  
 A. bulla      B. crepundia      C. os resectum      D. lunulae
85. Which emperor first required the sons of soldiers to become soldiers?  
 A. Claudius Gothicus      B. Decius      C. Diocletian      D. Valens

86. Which magistrates dealt primarily with financial matters?  
 A. vigintiviri                      B. quaestores                      C. praetores                      D. consules
87. Who built the first permanent theater in Rome?  
 A. Pompey                      B. Statilius Taurus                      C. Caesar                      D. Augustus
88. What was the term for Roman mail armor?  
 A. lorica squamata                      B. lorica segmentata                      C. pectorale                      D. lorica hamata
89. Which priest controlled the calendar?  
 A. Rex Sacrorum                      B. Pontifex Maximus                      C. Flamen Dialis                      D. Flamen Quirinalis
90. Which emperor first allowed soldiers to marry legally?  
 A. Trajan                      B. Constantine                      C. Septimius Severus                      D. Marcus Aurelius
91. Who built the Domus Aurea?  
 A. Nero                      B. Domitian                      C. Caligula                      D. Hadrian
92. What was the hot, dry room at the baths?  
 A. caldarium                      B. apodyterium                      C. palaestra                      D. laconicum
93. Who built the first thermae in Rome?  
 A. Marcellus                      B. Crassus                      C. Caesar                      D. Agrippa
94. What was the most important function of a basilica?  
 A. law court                      B. prison                      C. grain warehouse                      D. shopping mall
95. What would you buy in the forum olitorium?  
 A. bread                      B. clothes                      C. fish                      D. vegetables
96. Which gladiator wore a helmet with a fish crest?  
 A. retarius                      B. murmillo                      C. Samnite                      D. Thracian
97. The highest military award was the corona \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. muralis                      B. quercus                      C. civica                      D. obsidionis
98. How many cohorts of vigiles were there in Rome?  
 A. 3                      B. 5                      C. 7                      D. 9
99. When did the Via Appia reach Brundisium?  
 A. 264 BC                      B. 244 BC                      C. 224 BC                      D. 204 BC
100. In the Republic, how many men made up the centumviri?  
 A. 95                      B. 100                      C. 105                      D. 110