

2013 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 on this test is AD unless otherwise specified.

1. Which of the following was not done by Constantine? (A) reunified Rome (B) built a new capital (C) created the Tetrarchy (D) promoted tolerance of Christianity
2. As a child, Caligula received his nickname from his father's soldiers. His birth name was:
(A) Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus
(B) Gaius Iulius Caesar Augustus Germanicus
(C) Gaius Iulius Caesar Octavianus Augustus
(D) Nero Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus
3. The emperor Marcus Aurelius Septimius Bassianus Antoninus is more commonly known by what nickname, referring to the hooded tunic he brought into fashion? (A) Caracalla (B) Macrinus (C) Pertinax (D) Elagabalus
4. Constantine defeated his rival to claim the title of Augustus at the Battle of (A) the Milvian Bridge (B) the Sublician Bridge (C) the Fabrician Bridge (D) the Cestian Bridge
5. The Roman Empire reached its greatest size at the time of Trajan's death in (A) 107 (B) 117 (C) 118 (D) 138
6. Who halted the invasion of Attila the Hun at the Catalaunian Plains in 451? (A) Flavius Aetius (B) Iulius Severus (C) Ricimer (D) Petronius Maximus
7. Caligula's favorite sister, whom he deified as Panthea, was (A) Livilla (B) Agrippina the Younger (C) Drusilla (D) Julilla
8. Which dynasty was in control of the empire during the year of Mount Vesuvius' great eruption? (A) Julio-Claudian (B) Severan (C) Flavian (D) Antonine
9. Whose troops in Alexandria were the first to declare Vespasian emperor in 69? (A) Tiberius Alexander (B) Mucianus (C) Flavius Sabinus (D) Titus
10. Trajan's Column depicts the suicide of what Dacian king? (A) Decebalus (B) Cassivellaunus (C) Bar Kokhba (D) Burebistas
11. Diocletian (A) succeeded Julian (B) killed Numerian (C) legalized Christianity (D) retired to Salona
12. The death of which emperor marked the final split of the Roman Empire? (A) Theodosius (B) Flavius Arcadius (C) Valerian (D) Constantine

13. Which emperor, upon taking power, wrote a letter to the Jews of Alexandria declaring his toleration of their way of life? (A) Geta (B) Marcus Aurelius (C) Claudius (D) Gordian I
14. Who was the last on the rather long list of Messalina's lovers? (A) Lucius Vitellius (B) Gaius Silius (C) Sejanus (D) Cestius Gallus
15. Which emperor of Rome succeeded Gallienus? (A) Valerian (B) Trebonian (C) Aemilian (D) Claudius II
16. Who was the first Roman emperor from west of the Pyrenees? (A) Trajan (B) Claudius (C) Hadrian (D) Septimius Severus
17. The senior fleet of the imperial navy, given barracks near the Colosseum where it assisted with the **naumachia**, was stationed in what town? (A) Brundisium (B) Messana (C) Ostia (D) Misenum
18. Which praetorian prefect was eventually executed by Nerva for his involvement in the assassination of Domitian? (A) Petronius Secundus (B) Casperius Aelianus (C) Parthenius (D) Cispius Daelianus
19. Which emperor withdrew the Roman legions from Armenia and Assyria and established the eastern border on the Euphrates River? (A) Hadrian (B) Elagabalus (C) Antoninus Pius (D) Lucius Verus
20. Who commanded the victorious Roman forces at the Battle of Mons Graupius in 84? (A) Flavius Silva (B) Verginius Rufus (C) Domitius Corbulo (D) Iulius Agricola
21. Which emperor's relationship with a Jewish princess almost caused his political downfall? (A) Antoninus Pius (B) Domitian (C) Titus (D) Florian
22. What tribe is responsible for the sack of Rome in 410? (A) Senones (B) Visigoths (C) Vandals (D) Marcomanni
23. Which city was renamed Constantinople? (A) Hadrianopolis (B) Byzantium (C) Formiae (D) Mursa
24. What man, an elegist, friend of Augustus, and general who led an expedition against the Ethiopians in 29 BC, was Egypt's first prefect? (A) Asinius Pollio (B) Cornelius Gallus (C) Egnatius Rufus (D) Munatius Plancus
25. On what exact day in 69 was Galba murdered by the Praetorian Guards? (A) January 7 (B) January 15 (C) February 8 (D) February 14
26. Augustus' constitutional settlement of 23 BC was based on the **tribūnīcia potestās** and (A) **imperium maius prōconsulāre** (B) **iūs cīvile** (C) **iūs gentium** (D) **imperium populi**
27. The Marcomannic Wars defined the military record of which emperor? (A) Marcus Aurelius (B) Trajan (C) Macrinus (D) Commodus

28. The six-month siege after which Jerusalem was sacked ended in what year? (A) 476
(B) 106 (C) 70 (D) 117
29. Which emperor enacted the **Constitutio Antoniniana** of 212? (A) Antoninus Pius
(B) Caracalla (C) Macrinus (D) Severus Alexander
30. Angry ghosts of the people he threw off a nearby cliff are rumored to have pulled down Tiberius' statue from his villa in (A) Tivoli (B) Baiae (C) Capri (D) Stabiae
31. Who, upon hearing the false news that Marcus Aurelius' death, made a bid for the imperial throne in 175? (A) Avidius Cassius (B) Lusius Quietus (C) Cornelius Palma (D) Caelius Attianus
32. Which emperor permanently abolished the Praetorian Guards?
(A) Maxentius (B) Theodosius (C) Constantine (D) Romulus Augustulus
33. Who was NOT one of the six emperors to rule in 238? (A) Pupienus (B) Maximinus Thrax
(C) Gordian I (D) Philip the Arab
34. What general's troops crushed the rebellion of Vindex? (A) Vitellius (B) Antonius Primus
(C) Julius Classicus (D) Verginius Rufus
35. The two battles in 69 that decided the fate of two emperors were fought at (A) Bedriacum
(B) Aricia (C) Verona (D) Padua
36. Cassius Dio reports the dying words of this emperor were **Vae, putō deus fiō!** – Alas! I think I am becoming a god! (A) Nero (B) Caligula (C) Vespasian (D) Vitellius
37. Which emperor was captured by Persians and forced to undergo continuous public humiliation?
(A) Nero (B) Nerva (C) Constantine (D) Valerian
38. Who built the **Domus Aurea**? (A) Nero (B) Caligula (C) Augustus (D) Claudius
39. Who was NOT among the list of potential successors of Augustus? (A) Marcellus
(B) Lucius Caesar (C) Domitius Ahenobarbus (D) Gaius Caesar
40. What governor oversaw the construction of Hadrian's Wall? (A) Lollius Urbicus
(B) Platorius Nepos (C) Suetonius Paulinus (D) Petilius Cerialus
41. What wealthy woman paid the legions of Syria to recognize Elagabalus as emperor?
(A) Julia Domna (B) Julia Mamaea (C) Julia Maesa (D) Julia Soemias
42. Aurelian devastated the city of Palmyra in 272 in response to its rebellion led by whom?
(A) Zenobia (B) Boudicca (C) Berenice (D) Julia Soemias
43. To what island was Agrippa Postumus, the last son of Marcus Agrippa, banished? (A) Planasia
(B) Pandateria (C) Corsica (D) Capri

44. How did Didius Julianus, the second to rule in the year 193, gain power? (A) overthrew his successor (B) paid for it (C) elected by army (D) marched on Rome
45. Which emperor was strangled to death in his bath at the order of his mistress but at the hands of his favorite wrestling partner, a professional athlete named Narcissus? (A) Commodus (B) Caligula (C) Domitian (D) Nuerian
46. Which emperor was reportedly stabbed in the groin by his wife's hired man, Stephanus? (A) Domitian (B) Nerva (C) Pupienus (D) Claudius

47. Who was the governor of Syria, pursued by Tiberius under the charge that he had poisoned Germanicus? (A) Paetus (B) Cassius (C) Piso (D) Livia
48. When the Roman Empire fell in the West, who was ruling in the East? (A) Theodosius II (B) Arcadius (C) Avitus (D) Zeno
49. Nero's "evil genius" and praetorian prefect was (A) Lepidus (B) Tigellinus (C) Crispinus (D) Seneca the Younger
50. What **magister militum** was responsible for the elevation of the young Valentinian II to the rank of co-Augustus? (A) Merobaudes (B) Allecteus (C) Magentius (D) Argobast
51. Where in 357 did the emperor Julian defeat an invading army of Alemanni? (A) Carnutum (B) Strasbourg (C) Ctesiphon (D) Lutetia
52. Where did the emperor Caracalla die in 217? (A) Eboracum (B) Carrhae (C) Carthage (D) Tarentum
53. Who led the Visigothic forces at the battle of Adrianople in 378? (A) Fritigern (B) Alaric (C) Gaiseric (D) Eutropius
54. What Marcomannic chieftain refused to help Arminius against the Romans in 9? (A) Bato (B) Ariovistus (C) Maroboduus (D) Abrogast
55. Which Roman Emperor abandoned the province of Dacia? (A) Hadrian (B) Theodosius I (C) Gallienus (D) Aurelian
56. Which of Constantine's sons ruled for the longest after his death? (A) Constans (B) Constantius II (C) Constantine II (D) Crispus

57. In a valley near what river did the forces of Diocletian and Carinus meet in 285? (A) Margus (B) Rhone (C) Euphrates (D) Nile
58. The last person to be buried in the Mausoleum of Augustus was the emperor (A) Claudius (B) Vespasian (C) Nerva (D) Trajan
59. What general, known for his strict discipline, was sent by Nero to subdue Armenia? (A) Verginius Rufus (B) Domitius Corbulo (C) Suetonius Paulinus (D) Aulus Plautius

60. What imperial legate of Syria besieged a revolting Jerusalem in 66 but retreated in winter?
(A) Thrasea Paetus (B) Flavius Josephus (C) Claudius Macer (D) Cestus Gallus
61. Who was said to have sold 25 consulships in one day during the reign of Commodus?
(A) Perennis (B) Cleander (C) Laetus (D) Sulpicianus
62. The last triumph of a man outside the imperial family was celebrated in 19 BC by
(A) Cornelius Balbus (B) Lucius Crassus (C) Quirinus (D) Aelius Gallus
63. Whose young sons had Domitian intended to succeed him (but didn't happen after he and his wife Flavia Domitilla were alleged to have been guilty of "atheism" or following Jewish or Christian practices)? (A) Sabinus (B) Alenus Rusticus (C) Musonius Rufus (D) Clemens
64. What nickname did Hadrian give to Marcus Aurelius? (A) Graeculus (B) Pomponianus (C) Verissimus (D) Stoicus
65. How did Claudius Gothicus die? (A) he was assassinated (B) he died from a plague (C) he was killed in battle (D) he drowned
66. In an attempt to fix the Tetrarchy, Galerius tried to convince Diocletian to come out of retirement and attend a conference at (A) Carnuntum (B) Segovia (C) Nicaea (D) Ravenna
67. Who started the task of repairing Hadrian's Wall in 205 and finished the task by 207?
(A) Salvius Iulianus (B) Virius Lupus (C) Alfenus Senecio (D) Scribonius Libo
68. The first Roman to cross the Atlas mountains and reach the Sahara was (A) Aulus Plautius (B) Hosidius Geta (C) Petronius Turpilianus (D) Suetonius Paulinus
69. Which of the following was NOT ordered to commit suicide by Nero while he was in Greece in 66-67? (A) Domitius Corbulo (B) Scribonius Rufus (C) Statilius Taurus (D) Scribonius Proculus
70. The wife of Theodosius II was (A) Placidia (B) Pulcheria (C) Maria (D) Eudoxia

TIE-BREAKERS: These will be scored only to break ties. Please mark them as #96-#100.

96. Who was the freedman of Galba who informed him that he had become the new emperor?
(A) Anicetus (B) Icelus (C) Andraemon (D) Eumelus
97. The first man to be made emperor by non-Romans was (A) Avitus (B) Ricimer (C) Julius Nepos (D) Probus
98. The unsuccessful plot against Caligula was led by (A) Macer (B) Libo (C) Faenius Rufus (D) Lentulus Gaetulicu
99. The emperor who celebrated the 900th anniversary of the found of Rome was (A) Claudius (B) Antoninus Pius (C) Philip the Arab (D) Marcus Aurelius
100. Stilicho defeated Alaric in 402 at (A) Pollentia (B) Verona (C) Frigidus River (D) Chalons