

Roman Life Exam
Area F
2014

1. The pool of water in an atrium is called the:
a) compluvium b) impluvium c) peristylum d) tablinum
2. The port of Rome was called:
a) Ostia b) Brundisium c) Arpinum d) Pompeii
3. The Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus was located on which hill?
a) Palatine b) Aventine c) Capitoline d) Esquiline
4. The act of freeing a slave was called the:
a) commissatio b) lustratio c) probatio d) manumissio
5. It was typical of a Roman upper class male to have ___ names
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4 d) 5
6. A woman might wear a _____
a) parma b) stola c) crepundia d) piscina
7. A maternal aunt was called a:
a) matertera b) consanguis c) amitia d) avia
8. Lunch in Roman times was called :
a) vesperna b) secunda mensa c) prandium d) ientaculum
9. The protective spirits of a household were called:
a) genii b) latrones c) manes d) lares
10. The Roman equivalent of a fast food restaurant was the:
a) thermopolium b) tabernaculum c) balneum d) machetum
11. Water was brought to Rome by means of :
a) aqueducts b) amphorae c) wagons d) canals
12. The gladiator that wears a feathered helmet and carried a rectangular shield called a *scutum* is called a:
a) Myrmillo b) Dimachaerus c) Thrax d) Samnis
13. The lowest office that allowed simultaneous membership in the Senate was:
a) quaestor b) aedile c) tribunus plebis d) praetor
14. The veil of a bride was called a:
a) vigilium b) flammeum c) cathedra d) zona
15. The person you might have gone to if you needed a haircut or a tooth pulled was a :
a) pastor b) caupo c) tonsor d) mango
16. The changing room of a public bath was the:
a) cartibula b) tabulata c) apodyterium d) latrina

17. A Roman baby would receive a name and bulla on the:
a) dies natalis b) dies Martis c) dies Solis d) dies lustricus
18. Students were normally escorted to school by the:
a) nomenclator b) paedagogus c) amanuensis d) vilicus
19. A rough and rather disreputable district of Rome to the north of the Forum went by the name:
a) Subura b) Argiletum c) Ianiculum d) Via Biberatica
20. The courtyard of the *thermae* often used for exercise was the:
a) palaestra b) peristylum c) laconicum d) unctorium
21. The gladiatorial combats the emperor decreed on some arbitrary pretext were the:
a) sportula b) feriales c) munera d) proelia
22. If you needed bread, you would go see the:
a) pictor b) pistor c) pastor d) potor
23. Which of the following was NOT a mode of transportation?
a) cisium b) trigon c) raeda d) carpentum
24. If you were sick, you might go to Tiber Island to visit the Temple of:
a) Jupiter b) Apollo c) Mercurius d) Aesculapius
25. According to tradition, how many boys accompanied a bride to her new husband's house?
a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4
26. Days on which official business was suspended were known as *dies* :
a) fasti b) nefasti c) legitimi d) Domenicae
27. Wine was often stored in _____ whose necks were sealed with stoppers of cork.
a) fercula b) calcei c) amphorae d) scrinia
28. A naumachia was a :
a) staged naval battle b) shipwreck c) type of cargo ship d) dockworker
29. What holiday was celebrated on the Kalends of March?
a) Lupercalia b) Parilia c) Matronalia d) Saturnalia
30. Of the name Publius Cornelius Scipio Africanus, Africanus is known as the:
a) nomen b) agnomen c) praenomen d) cognomen
31. Two letters that might be found on a Roman coin are:
a) EG b) RR c) DM d) SC
32. What would a Roman bride use to part her hair into six locks?
a) a brush b) her fingers c) a sword blade d) a spearpoint
33. A Roman warship with four banks of oars was a:
a) basterna b) clabulare c) quadrireme d) quadriga

34. A religious official who observed the flight of birds to interpret whether a proposed action had divine favor was called a:
- a) augur b) haruspex c) pontifex maximus d) flamen
35. The guardian spirit of a girl was called a:
- a) juno b) hebe c) retia d) micatio
36. Romans were very fond of fish sauce, which they called:
- a) mulsum b) garum c) perna d) malum
37. The little apartments of the insulae were called:
- a) arcae b) antra c) cellae d) cenacula
38. Romulus plowed the sacred boundary of Rome, which was called the:
- a) annonae b) pomerium c) spatha d) castellum
39. Blue, Green, Red, White were the names of:
- a) factiones b) legiones c) tesserae d) pilae
40. What would you be if you wore a *toga candida*?
- a) former senator b) victorious general c) political candidate d) banker
41. Where would you have worn *caligae*? On your :
- a) head b) hands c) feet d) back
42. What was the most formal kind of wedding?
- a) usus b) coemptio c) confarreatio d) strophium
43. What would a gladiator receive when he was awarded his freedom?
- a) rudis b) lanista c) solea d) peculia
44. On October 15 of every year was a horse race in the Forum Romanum. What happened to the victorious horse?
- a) it was set free c) it joined the emperor's stable
b) it received its own statue d) it was sacrificed
45. During the Empire, Romans might have worn two tunics, one on top of the other. The undertunic was called the :
- a) petasus b) fibula c) paenula d) subucula
46. The pointed stylus used to cast a shadow on a sun dial is called the:
- a) polos b) gnomon c) clepsydra d) organarius
47. The little, pointed spoon with which eggs and shellfish were eaten was the:
- a) pugio b) furcula c) coclear d) cignus
48. Which of the following would you NOT have travelled along in ancient Rome?
- a) indumenta b) vici c) semitae d) clivi
49. Which of the following would NOT have been part of the Circus staff?
- a) succunditores b) praecones c) spartores d) sellarii

50. The Speakers Platform in the Forum was named this after the beaks of enemy ships adorning it:
a) rostra b) miliarium aureum c) statumen d) tabella

Tie-Breakers – to be scored only in the event of a tie. Mark your answers starting with number 96:

96. What award did three Romans win for killing enemy commanders in hand-to-hand combat?
a) hasta pura b) columna rostrata c) corona muralis d) spolia opima

97. The litter that slaves sometimes carried wealthy Romans in was called a:
a) lectica b) capreolus c) plumella d) cisium

98. In which room of a Roman house would a Roman be most likely to eat?
a) cubiculum b) exedra c) tablinum d) triclinium

99. The assembly that would have elected consuls was the:
a) Comitia Tributa b) Concilium Plebis c) Comitia Centuriata d) Senatus

100. testudo, onager, scorpio, and ballistae are all associated with:
a) travel b) warfare c) religion d) cooking