

## 2015 NJCL Roman History Test

Select the best answer for each question. Dates not noted are A.D.

1. As infants, Romulus and Remus were said to have been suckled by what animal?  
A. doe                                      B. bear                                      C. goat                                      D. wolf
2. Who was the wife of Tarquinius Priscus?  
A. Tanaquil                                      B. Egeria                                      C. Tarpeia                                      D. Lucretia
3. Which king of Rome was credited with building the first walls around the city?  
A. Romulus                                      B. Tullus Hostilius                                      C. Tarquinius Priscus                                      D. Servius Tullius
4. Which son of Tarquinius Superbus caused the family's expulsion from the city by raping Lucretia?  
A. Arruns                                      B. Lucius                                      C. Sextus                                      D. Tiberius
5. What failed assassin of Lars Porsenna burned off his right hand to prove he could not be tortured?  
A. Horatius Cocles                                      B. L. Brutus                                      C. Mucius Scaevola                                      D. Dentatus
6. One of Rome's early treaties, the Foedus Cassianum, was signed in what year?  
A. 510 B.C.                                      B. 493 B.C.                                      C. 488 B.C.                                      D. 458 B.C.
7. Which formerly exiled commander returned to Rome to save them from Gallic invaders c. 390 B.C.?  
A. Camillus                                      B. Brennus                                      C. Fabricius                                      D. Cincinnatus
8. What minor and indecisive conflict lasted from 343-341 B.C.?  
A. Great Latin War                                      B. Celtiberian War                                      C. 1<sup>st</sup> Samnite War                                      D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samnite War
9. Appius Claudius the Censor began building both a road and an aqueduct in what year?  
A. 321 B.C.                                      B. 315 B.C.                                      C. 312 B.C.                                      D. 295 B.C.
10. Which of these was not a battle in the war against Pyrrhus?  
A. Asculum                                      B. Pydna                                      C. Heraclea                                      D. Beneventum
11. The Spartan mercenary Xanthippus captured which Roman general at the Bagraades Valley in 255 B.C.?  
A. Duillius                                      B. Claudius Pulcher                                      C. Regulus                                      D. Catulus
12. The Romans engaged in war against what Illyrian queen in an attempt to limit piracy in the Adriatic?  
A. Cartimandua                                      B. Boudicca                                      C. Zenobia                                      D. Teuta
13. What disastrous defeat did the Romans suffer in 217 B.C.?  
A. Cannae                                      B. Lake Trasimene                                      C. Ticinus River                                      D. Trebia River
14. Many Romans attributed victory in the Second Punic War to the arrival of what cult in 204 B.C.?  
A. Mithras                                      B. Elagabal                                      C. Magna Mater                                      D. Liber
15. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Macedonian War was concluded when Aemilius Paullus routed Perseus at what battle?  
A. Tigranocerta                                      B. Pydna                                      C. Magnesia                                      D. Cynocephalae
16. When Pergamum was bequeathed to Rome in 132 B.C., what claimant to the throne made a brief war against Rome?  
A. Aristonicus                                      B. Attalus III                                      C. Eumenes II                                      D. Andriscus
17. Which of these was NOT part of Gaius Gracchus' attempted reforms?  
A. Limiting warfare by governors                                      C. Enfranchisement of Italian allies  
B. Founding colonies at Tarentum and Capua                                      D. Subsidized grain prices for the poor
18. Which Numidian began a war against Rome when he slaughtered Italian merchants and townspeople at Cirta in 112 B.C.?  
A. Jugurtha                                      B. Micipsa                                      C. Adherbal                                      D. Hiempsal
19. The ruler of which Eastern kingdom provoked war with his "Asiatic Vespers" in 88 B.C.?  
A. Cilicia                                      B. Galatia                                      C. Pontus                                      D. Asia Minor
20. Which of these generals did NOT assist Sulla in his march on Rome in 82 B.C.?  
A. Metellus Pius                                      B. Fimbria                                      C. Cn. Pompeius                                      D. Licinius Crassus

21. Which of these events did NOT occur in 63 B.C.?  
 A. Birth of Octavian  
 B. Julius Caesar becomes Pontifex Maximus  
 C. Cicero drives out Catiline  
 D. Syria becomes a province
22. After which 47 B.C. battle did Julius Caesar declare “Veni, vidi, vici”?  
 A. Dyrrachium  
 B. Thapsus  
 C. Munda  
 D. Zela
23. Who became *consul suffectus* in 44 B.C. upon Caesar’s assassination?  
 A. Hirtius  
 B. L. Antonius  
 C. M. Antonius  
 D. Dolabella
24. At what location was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Triumvirate probably renewed in 37 B.C. ?  
 A. Luca  
 B. Tarentum  
 C. Ravenna  
 D. Misenum
25. What battle in 31 B.C. eliminated Antony as Octavian’s last opponent, thus opening the transition from Republic to Empire?  
 A. Naulochus  
 B. Mutina  
 C. Actium  
 D. Cyzicus
26. Which of these was NOT a title bestowed upon Augustus?  
 A. Pater Patriae  
 B. Divi Filius  
 C. Pontifex Maximus  
 D. Restitutor Orbis
27. Who first married Julia the Elder?  
 A. Gaius Caesar  
 B. Agrippa  
 C. Drusus the Elder  
 D. Marcellus
28. Which praetorian prefect secured the throne for Caligula?  
 A. Sejanus  
 B. Tigellinus  
 C. Macro  
 D. Nymphidius Sabinus
29. Which emperor was put forward by the legions in Germany in A.D. 69 ?  
 A. Galba  
 B. Otho  
 C. Vitellius  
 D. Vespasian
30. What office did Vespasian revive in A.D. 73?  
 A. magister equitum  
 B. censor  
 C. quindecimvir  
 D. tribunus militum
31. Which of the Five Good Emperors built the Forum Ulpium?  
 A. Nerva  
 B. Hadrian  
 C. Trajan  
 D. Antoninus Pius
32. Which claimant to the throne in A.D. 193 survived to rule the longest?  
 A. Didius Julianus  
 B. Pescennius Niger  
 C. Clodius Albinus  
 D. Septimius Severus
33. Who supplanted Caracalla and became the first equestrian emperor in A.D. 217?  
 A. Caracalla  
 B. Macrinus  
 C. Elagabalus  
 D. Maximinus Thrax
34. Which emperor celebrated Rome’s 1000<sup>th</sup> birthday in A.D. 247?  
 A. Gordian III  
 B. Florianus  
 C. Decius  
 D. Philip the Arab
35. Which emperor was the first to be captured by a foreign opponent, Shapur I, in A.D. 260?  
 A. Valerian  
 B. Aemilianus  
 C. Trebonianus  
 D. Gallienus
36. From which province did Constantine expel the Goths in A.D. 323?  
 A. Thrace  
 B. Dacia  
 C. Noricum  
 D. Pontus
37. Which descendant of Constantine was called “the Apostate” because of his practice of pagan rituals?  
 A. Constans  
 B. Julian  
 C. Jovian  
 D. Constantius II
38. Which emperor, the last ruler of the combined empire, split the empire between his sons Arcadius and Honorius?  
 A. Theodosius I  
 B. Valentinian I  
 C. Carinus  
 D. Probus
39. What leader of the Vandals sacked Rome in A.D. 455?  
 A. Alaric  
 B. Ricimer  
 C. Gaiseric  
 D. Attila
40. What German king deposed Romulus Augustulus in A.D. 476 to bring an end to the Western Roman Empire?  
 A. Odovacer  
 B. Theodoric  
 C. Orestes  
 D. Zeno
41. Which Roman assembly was grouped by wealth and elected the consuls?  
 A. Comitia Centuriata  
 B. Comitia Tributa  
 C. Concilium Plebis  
 D. Comitia Curiata
42. Which magistrate managed the contracts of the *publicani* and for building *viae*?  
 A. aedile  
 B. tribune  
 C. quaestor  
 D. censor
43. What temple did the Romans close as a sign of peace?  
 A. Mars Ultor  
 B. Janus  
 C. Jupiter Feretricus  
 D. Saturn

44. When was Octavian given the name Augustus?  
 A. 29 B.C.                      B. 27 B.C.                      C. 25 B.C.                      D. 23 B.C.
45. Which law in 326/313 B.C. abolished *nexum*?  
 A. Lex Publilia                      B. Lex Poetelia                      C. Lex Licinia-Sextia                      D. Lex Hortensia
46. Which law gave Pompey command against Mithridates?  
 A. Lex Gabinia                      B. Lex Manilia                      C. Lex Claudia                      D. Lex Titia
47. Whom did Caesar defeat at Alesia in 52 B.C.?  
 A. Ariovistus                      B. Ambiorix                      C. Dumnorix                      D. Vercingetorix
48. Who was the grandmother of two emperors?  
 A. Julia Soaemias                      B. Julia Domna                      C. Julia Maesa                      D. Julia Mamaea
49. Who executed the "four consulars" in 118?  
 A. Hadrian                      B. Commodus                      C. Caligula                      D. Nero
50. Where was Scipio's first victory in Spain?  
 A. Baecula                      B. Ilerda                      C. Ilipa                      D. Nova Carthago
51. In A.D. 311, who gave Christians legal recognition?  
 A. Severus                      B. Galerius                      C. Constantine                      D. Maximinus Daia
52. Which Idumaeen official aided Mithridates of Pergamum in saving Caesar at Alexandria?  
 A. Aristobulus                      B. Hyrcanus (Elder)                      C. Hyrcanus (Younger)                      D. Antipater
53. Where was Catiline defeated and killed?  
 A. Pistoria                      B. Cremona                      C. Bedriacum                      D. Aquileia
54. Who led a revolt in Gaul in A.D. 260?  
 A. Cartimandua                      B. Caracatus                      C. Postumus                      D. Tetricus
55. Who defeated the Insubres at Lake Como in 196 B.C.?  
 A. M. Marcellus                      B. Fabius Maximus                      C. Messala Corvinus                      D. Metellus Celer
56. Where in 200 B.C. did the Gauls destroy a northern Roman fortress?  
 A. Genua                      B. Verona                      C. Placentia                      D. Mantua
57. Who was Rome's primary ally from Numidia in 205-202 B.C.?  
 A. Syphax                      B. Massinissa                      C. Micipsa                      D. Hiempsal
58. Where was the first Roman victory in the Great Latin War?  
 A. Cremara River                      B. Liris River                      C. Mount Algidus                      D. Suessa Aurunca
59. Who grouped the provinces into dioceses?  
 A. Diocletian                      B. Philip the Arab                      C. Avitus                      D. Decius
60. Who defeated Decebalus in two wars?  
 A. Marcus Aurelius                      B. Trajan                      C. Domitian                      D. Lucius Verus
61. What law of 367 B.C. opened the consulship to plebeians?  
 A. Lex Licinia-Sextia                      B. Lex Genucia                      C. Lex Hortensia                      D. Lex Fufia
62. Which praetor heard lawsuits between non-citizens living in Rome?  
 A. maximus                      B. urbanus                      C. peregrinus                      D. barbarus
63. Who led the Roman fleet at Myonnesus against Polyxenidas, admiral of the Seleucid fleet?  
 A. Decimus Brutus                      B. Lutatius Catulus                      C. Aemilius Regillus                      D. Acilius Glabrio
64. Which propraeator managed to pacify the Celtiberians in 179 B.C.?  
 A. Cato the Elder                      B. Tiberius Gracchus                      C. Fulvius Flaccus                      D. Scipio Nasica
65. Where did Bato and Bato raise a rebellion in A.D. 6?  
 A. Noricum                      B. Thrace                      C. Raetia                      D. Pannonia
66. Which of his sons did Constantine execute ?  
 A. Constans                      B. Crispus                      C. Constantius II                      D. Constantius Aelius
67. In 122 B.C. who led the fight against voting rights for the Italians?  
 A. Scipio Nasica                      B. Fulvius Flaccus                      C. Scipio Aemilianus                      D. Livius Drusus
68. Which emperor probably had his step-brother Britannicus killed?  
 A. Nero                      B. Caracalla                      C. Caligula                      D. Domitian

69. Who set up the *alimenta* for the maintenance and education of free-born children?  
 A. Trajan                      B. Gaius Gracchus                      C. Hadrian                      D. Julius Caesar
70. What king of Veii did Cornelius Cossus kill and thus win the *spolia opima*?  
 A. Tolumnus                      B. Teutobad                      C. Theocrates                      D. Ulpus
71. Which emperor ordered his statue to be placed in the Temple at Jerusalem?  
 A. Commodus                      B. Nero                      C. Caligula                      D. Bassianus
72. Who placed the Roman client Tigranes VI on the throne of Armenia and recovered the survivors and standards of the army of Crassus?  
 A. Agrippa                      B. Germanicus                      C. Drusus the Elder                      D. Tiberius
73. In 23 B.C. who plotted with Varro Murena to overthrow Augustus?  
 A. Virgilius Rufus                      B. Fannius Caepio                      C. Calpurnius Piso                      D. M. Primus
74. In A.D. 308 where did the imperial rivals meet to try to make peace?  
 A. Nicomedia                      B. Luca                      C. Bononia                      D. Carnuntum
75. What was the original title of the head magistrate for the republic?  
 A. lucumo                      B. meddix                      C. praetor                      D. magister populi
76. What weapon most helped Rome win its first naval victory?  
 A. harpax                      B. testudo                      C. scorpio                      D. corvus
77. Who started to end the Roman reliance on infantry and to emphasize cavalry more?  
 A. Gallienus                      B. Trajan                      C. M. Licinius Crassus                      D. Claudius II
78. Which governor of Syria encouraged and supported Vespasian's bid for power?  
 A. Antonius Primus                      B. Tiberius Alexander                      C. Licinius Mucianus                      D. Herod Agrippa
79. Which Praetorian Prefect did Diocletian personally execute for killing Numerian?  
 A. Nymphidius Sabinus                      B. Arrius Varus                      C. Aper                      D. Ulpian
80. Where did Lucullus defeat the Armenians in 69 B.C.?  
 A. Orchomenus                      B. Cabira                      C. Cyzicus                      D. Tigranocerta
81. Who won the decisive battle of the Third Samnite War?  
 A. Fabius Rullianus                      B. Fulvius Nobilior                      C. Flavius Clemens                      D. Faenius Rufus
82. Where was Caesar killed?  
 A. Regia                      B. Theater of Pompey                      C. Temple of Jupiter                      D. Rostra
83. Who was "saved" by her father from enslavement by Appius Claudius?  
 A. Cloelia                      B. Horatia                      C. Verginia                      D. Tarpeia
84. Which emperor did Pliny the Younger serve as a provincial governor?  
 A. Marcus Aurelius                      B. Trajan                      C. Vespasian                      D. Tiberius
85. What tribune did Tiberius Gracchus impeach from office for opposing his land bill?  
 A. Octavius                      B. Vatinius                      C. Sulpicius                      D. Sextius
86. What was the term for the field army of the Tetrarchy?  
 A. vexilliones                      B. scutiarii                      C. scholae                      D. comitatenses
87. Which empress instructed Stephanus to kill her husband?  
 A. Acte                      B. Domitia                      C. Agrippina                      D. Marcia
88. Who called a church council which defined orthodox Christianity?  
 A. Gratian                      B. Theodosius II                      C. Constantine                      D. Theodosius I
89. Which tribune first demanded written laws in Rome?  
 A. Terentius Harsa                      B. M. Valerius                      C. C. Trebonius                      D. Tettius Julianus
90. Who joined Marius in capturing Rome in 87 B.C.?  
 A. Carbo                      B. Octavius                      C. Pompeius Strabo                      D. Cinna
91. Where did the army of Hirtius, Pansa and Octavian drive off Antony?  
 A. Mutina                      B. Gergovia                      C. Perusia                      D. Massilia
92. Where did Claudius II earn his cognomen Gothicus?  
 A. Abrittus                      B. Ramilles                      C. Naissus                      D. Adrianople
93. Which emperor was killed at Adrianople in A.D. 378?  
 A. Valens                      B. Valentian III                      C. Vitellius                      D. Probus

94. When did the Romans mint their first silver coins in Rome?  
A. 272 B.C.                      B. 269 B.C.                      C. 266 B.C.                      D. 263 B.C.
95. Which queen of Palmyra was captured by Aurelian?  
A. Boudicca                      B. Zenobia                      C. Candace                      D. Arsinoe
96. Who persuaded Hiero of Syracuse to join the Romans against Carthage?  
A. Manlius Vulso                      B. Domitius Calvinus                      C. Spurius Maelius                      D. Manius Valerius
97. Against which emperor did Camillus Scribonianus and Annus Vinicianus plot?  
A. Caligula                      B. Domitian                      C. Nero                      D. Claudius
98. What tribe sent the Roman survivors under the yoke in 107 B.C.?  
A. Tigurini                      B. Cimbri                      C. Teutones                      D. Boii
99. Where was Decius defeated and killed by King Cniva and the Goths?  
A. Interamna                      B. Mursa                      C. Abrittus                      D. Thessalonica
100. Who led an escape of prisoners from the camp of Lars Porsenna?  
A. Veturia                      B. Cloelia                      C. Acca Larentia                      D. Volumnia