

2017 NJCL Roman History Test

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

1. Which late Republican figure committed suicide following the Battle of Thapsus?
A. Pompey B. Cato the Younger C. Cassius D. Cicero
2. Which king of Rome incorporated the Janiculum Hill?
A. Romulus B. Numa Pompilius C. Ancus Marcius D. Servius Tullius
3. Against whom was a *senatus consultum ultimum* passed in 121 B.C.?
A. Gaius Gracchus B. Tiberius Gracchus C. Scipio Aemilianus D. Saturninus
4. What naval battle of 256 B.C. preceded Regulus' ill-fated invasion of Africa during the First Punic War?
A. Cape Ecnomus B. Drepana C. Aegates Islands D. Mylae
5. Which not-so-nice emperor died when the wrestler Narcissus strangled him in a bathtub?
A. Caligula B. Nero C. Domitian D. Commodus
6. In which year did Octavian celebrate a triple triumph?
A. 31 BC B. 27 BC C. 2 BC D. 29 BC
7. What Queen of the Ethiopians negotiated Rome's southern border at the First Cataract of the Nile River?
A. Cleopatra B. Teuta C. Candace D. Boudicca
8. What tribune granted Caesar control of Illyricum and Cisalpine Gaul in 59 B.C.?
A. Marcellus B. Scribonius Curio C. Clodius Pulcher D. Vatinius
9. Which emperor demanded to be referred to as *dominus et deus*?
A. Domitian B. Aurelian C. Diocletian D. Constantine
10. What governor was responsible for the construction of Hadrian's Wall?
A. Platorius Nepos B. Aulus Plautius C. Lollius Urbicus D. Julius Severus
11. Under whose reign was Ctesiphon NOT sacked?
A. Caracalla's B. Carus' C. Trajan's D. Galerius'
12. What pretender to the throne of Pergamum masqueraded as a son of the Roman ally Eumenes II?
A. Attalus III B. Ariobarzanes C. Eudamus D. Aristonicus
13. Where did Curius Dentatus bring the war with King Pyrrhus to a close in 275 B.C.?
A. Heraclea B. Asculum C. Sentinum D. Beneventum
14. What late emperor took some measures to restore paganism which were quickly reversed by Jovian?
A. Theodosius I B. Julian C. Gratian D. Constantius II
15. What early Republican brokered peace with the Latins and passed agrarian reform, but was put to death for "attempting to become king" – according to the patricians?
A. Publicola B. Collatinus C. Spurius Cassius D. Appius Claudius
16. Which Gallic figure was the chieftain of the Eburones?
A. Vercingetorix B. Orgetorix C. Ariovistus D. Ambiorix
17. Which of the emperors of 69 A.D. died by suicide?
A. Vitellius B. Nero C. Galba D. Otho
18. What city enjoyed the expertise of the genius Archimedes but was ultimately fell to forces led by Marcellus?
A. Tarentum B. Capua C. Syracuse D. Messana
19. Which king of Rome conducted the first census?
A. Romulus B. Numa Pompilius C. Tarquinius Priscus D. Servius Tullius
20. What powerful empress was trusted with many state affairs during the reign of her son Alexander Severus?
A. Julia Domna B. Julia Maesa C. Julia Mamaea D. Julia Soaemeis
21. Where did Tiberius retire late in Augustus' reign before reluctantly succeeding him in 14 A.D.?
A. Capri B. Rhodes C. Cyprus D. Pandateria

22. What youth was proclaimed the legitimate heir of Caesar by Marc Antony before being “removed” by Octavian in 30 B.C.?
 A. Cleopatra Selene B. Ptolemy Philadelphus C. Caesarion D. Marcus Agrippa
23. What barbarian captured Carthage in 439 A.D. on his way to Italy?
 A. Alaric B. Attila C. Gaiseric D. Odovacer
24. Which enemy king made peace with Rome at Apamea in 188 B.C.?
 A. Mithridates VI B. Perseus C. Philip II D. Antiochus III
25. What tribune initially proposed the codification of laws c. 462 B.C.?
 A. Terentilius Harsa B. Appius Claudius C. Menenius Agrippa D. Canuleius
26. Which son of Constantine was defeated by the usurper Magnentius in 350 A.D.?
 A. Crispus B. Constans I C. Constantine II D. Constantius II
27. What Jewish stronghold held out until 74 when it was captured by Flavius Silva?
 A. Hatra B. Jerusalem C. Artaxata D. Masada
28. What emperor worshipped a black stone from Syria and married a Vestal Virgin?
 A. Caligula B. Titus C. Pertinax D. Elagabalus
29. Who was the promiscuous third wife of Claudius?
 A. Plautia Urgulanilla B. Aelia Paetina C. Valeria Messalina D. Agrippina the Younger
30. In what Turkish city did Maximinus Daia die in 313 A.D.?
 A. Chrysopolis B. Nicomedia C. Tarsus D. Salona
31. What Roman admiral kept Phillip V at bay during the uneventful First Macedonian War?
 A. Valerius Laevinus B. Acilius Glabrio C. Scipio Barbatus D. Gaius Duilius
32. Who was the less famous co-consul of Cicero in 63 B.C.?
 A. Hybrida B. Atticus C. Bibulus D. Ahenobarbus
33. What granddaughter of Sulla was divorced by Caesar because his wife “needed to be above suspicion”?
 A. Pompeia B. Cornelia C. Fulvia D. Calpurnia
34. In what year did Byzantium become Constantinople?
 A. 325 A.D. B. 329 A.D. C. 324 A.D. D. 330 A.D.
35. On the use of what object did Vespasian place an infamous tax?
 A. Roads B. Aquaducts C. Baths D. Urinals
36. What youth was banished to Planasia in 9 A.D.?
 A. Agrippa Postumus B. Tiberius Gemellus C. Agrippina the Younger D. Julia the Younger
37. What war saw Rome fight the redoubtable Queen Teuta from 229-228 B.C.?
 A. Second Illyrian B. Fourth Macedonian C. First Illyrian D. First Servile
38. Which king met his end when he royally screwed up sacrifices to Jupiter Elicius?
 A. Ancus Marcius B. Numa Pompilius C. Tullus Hostilius D. Servius Tullius
39. What Roman ambassador entered negotiations with the wily Cineas, agent of Pyrrhus?
 A. Fabricius B. Caudex C. Caepio D. Minurus
40. Who survived the last wars of the Republic and died as pontifex maximus, succeeded by Augustus?
 A. Lucius Antonius B. Lepidus C. Cicero D. Milo
41. Where was P. Licinius Crassus defeated by Perseus in the opening conflict of the Third Macedonian War?
 A. Calchis B. Larissa C. Corinth D. Thessalonica
42. Who was king of the Dacians at the time of Caesar, though the two men never met?
 A. Burebistas B. Deiotaurus C. Decebalus D. Diocles
43. Which early imperial figure died first?
 A. Julia the Elder B. Julia the Younger C. Gaius Caesar D. Lucius Caesar
44. What battle took place during the civil war of Caesar and the Pompeians?
 A. Lake Vadimo B. Cape Telamon C. Bagradas Valley D. Vosges
45. What tribune’s legislation attempted to pass command against Mithridates VI from Sulla to Marius?
 A. Sertorius B. Gaius Gracchus C. Sulpicius Rufus D. Saturninus

46. To whose court did Hannibal finally flee in 186 B.C., committing suicide three years later?
 A. Eumenes II B. Prusias I C. Ptolemy VI D. Nicomedes III
47. Who was aptly referred to as “The last of the Romans”, and defeated Attila in 451 A.D.?
 A. Stilicho B. Aetius C. Eugenius D. Petronius Maximus
48. Which of the Metelli held the censorship of 119 B.C.?
 A. Metellus Balearicus B. Metellus Caprarius C. Metellus Dalmaticus D. Metellus Numidicus
49. What senator claimed to have seen Romulus appear in the sky as the God Quirinus?
 A. Julius Proculus B. Mettius Fufetius C. Gaius Cluilius D. Mettius Curtius
50. What Queen of the Brigantes handed Caratacus over to the Romans?
 A. Berenice B. Boudicca C. Cartimandua D. Perperna
51. After what town’s capture did the Romans display the prows of enemy ships being displayed on the *rostra*?
 A. Antium B. Agrigentum C. Panormus D. Capua
52. What tyrannicide, who legally held the province of Asia Minor in 44 B.C., was assassinated by a certain Dolabella?
 A. Q. Salvidienus B. C. Trebonius C. C. Triarius D. P. Ventidius
53. After what battle with his predecessor did Aemilius Aemilianus secure a three-month rule before a mutiny of his own troops?
 A. Abrittus B. Emessa C. Verona D. Interamna
54. What emperor was known as *Manus ad Ferrum* for his harsh judgement?
 A. Aurelian B. Probus C. Marcus Aurelius D. Carus
55. What chieftain of the Cherusci defeated the Romans at the Teutoberg Forest in 9 A.D.?
 A. Arminius B. Demetrius C. Antignous D. Philadelphus
56. What surrogate of Gaius Gracchus attempted to pass legislation creating a colony called Junonia?
 A. Hortensius B. Rubrius C. Sextius D. Publilius
57. What man was accused of conspiring against Augustus, but was executed without a trial in 22 B.C.?
 A. Egnatius Rufus B. Cornelius Balbus C. Varro Murena D. Fannius Caepio
58. Which Numidian stronghold did A. Postumius Albinus fail to take in a *coup de main* in the winter of 110 B.C.?
 A. Muthul B. Cirta C. Suthul D. Capsa
59. What Greek town called for Rome’s help against the Tarentines in 282 B.C., essentially the *casus belli* for the Pyrrhic War?
 A. Gabii B. Thurii C. Neapolis D. Pedum
60. What Governor of Syria encouraged Vespasian to enter the fray of 69 A.D.?
 A. Licinius Mucianus B. Antonius Primus C. Vergnius Rufus D. Julius Vindex
61. What commander under Mithridates VI was personally defeated by Sulla in battles at Chaeronea and Orchomenus?
 A. Chrysogonus B. Archelaus C. Deiotaurus D. Aristion
62. What son-in-law of Tarquinius Superbus led the Latin League at the Battle of Lake Regillus in 496 B.C.?
 A. Aristodemus B. Turnus Herdonius C. Attus Navius D. Octavius Mamilius
63. What King of Parthia was Germanicus to negotiate with before his death in 19 A.D.?
 A. Ariobarzanes B. Artabanus III C. Artaxias II D. Vologases I
64. What lieutenant of Sertorius was defeated by Metellus Celer at Segovia?
 A. Lutatius Catulus B. Pompey C. Papirius Carbo D. L. Hirtuleius
65. Where did the Second Triumvirate meet in 39 B.C. to negotiate with Sextus Pompey?
 A. Brundisium B. Tarentum C. Misenum D. Bologna
66. During the performance of what Greek play was the head of Crassus displayed at the Parthian Court?
 A. *The Persians* B. *Bacchae* C. *Medea* D. *Lysistrata*
67. What governor of Hispania Ulterior massacred the Lusitanians in 150 B.C., and was almost prosecuted by Cato the Elder?
 A. L. Lucullus B. Sulpicius Galba C. Scipio Nasica D. Hostilius Mancinus

68. What barbarian chieftain was buried under the Busentus River, which was diverted by his followers?
 A. Athaulf B. Sarus C. Gaieseric D. Alaric
69. What widow of Diocletian was later exiled and killed by Licinius in 313 A.D.?
 A. Prisca B. Valeria C. Galla D. Helena
70. What general captured and burned Artaxata in 163 A.D.?
 A. Statius Priscus B. Avidius Cassius C. Pedianus Fuscus D. Luscius Quietus
71. What general under Antony recaptured Jerusalem from the Parthians in 37 B.C.?
 A. C. Sosius B. P. Ventidius C. Herod I D. Lucius Antonius
72. What Attic commander failed to stop the Heruli from capturing Athens in 268 A.D.?
 A. Marius B. Victorinus C. Aureolus D. Dexippus
73. For aiding Antiochus III in what conflict did Ariarathes IV of Cappadocia receive a fine from Rome?
 A. Myonessus B. Magnesia C. Thermopylae D. Mt. Taurus
74. What officer was sent to Asia Minor to deal with Pharnaces prior to Caesar's Zela campaign of 47 B.C.?
 A. Marcus Antonius B. Decimus Brutus C. Domitius Calvinus D. Titus Labienus
75. What man served as Governor of Britain from 47-52 A.D.?
 A. Pettius Cerialis B. Ostorius Scapula C. Vettius Bolanus D. Aulus Plautius
76. What famous battle ended the Second Punic War?
 A. Campi Magni B. Zama C. Bagradas Valley D. Dertosa
77. What emperor died in battle at Adrianople in 378 A.D.?
 A. Valentinian I B. Valens C. Valentinian II D. Gratian
78. Where did Tarquinius Superbus die in exile c. 495 B.C.?
 A. Caere B. Fidenae C. Cumae D. Veii
79. Where did a third instance of *devotio* by a Decius Mus traditionally occur in 279 B.C.?
 A. Asculum B. Sentinum C. Mt. Vesuvius D. Camerinum
80. Where in 285 A.D. did Diocletian defeat Carinus?
 A. Frigidus River B. Margus River C. Naissus D. Lake Benacus
81. Where did the forces of Asclepiodotus defeat Allectus in 296 A.D., virtually ending the *imperium Britanniarum*?
 A. Camulodunum B. Silchester C. Lymne D. London
82. What island was placed under Athenian administration in 167 B.C. on the condition that no customs or harbor dues should be collected?
 A. Naxos B. Lesbos C. Cyprus D. Delos
83. Which Scipio surprised later generations with the simplicity of his farm-house villa at Liternum?
 A. Scipio Aemilianus B. Scipio Asiaticus C. Scipio Africanus D. Scipio Nasica
84. What Punic commander raised fresh troops in the Balearic Islands and attempted to invade northern Italy as Scipio was invading mainland Africa?
 A. Hasdrubal Gisgo B. Mago Barca C. Hasdrubal the Fair D. Adherbal of Gades
85. What governor of Dalmatia was supported in his revolt against Claudius by Annius Vinicianus?
 A. Lappius Maximus B. Antonius Saturninus C. Camillus Scribonianus D. Lentulus Gaetulicus
86. What law of 169 B.C. attempted to limit the amount of real estate that might be devised to female heirs, but was largely ignored?
 A. Lex Oppia B. Lex Poppaea C. Lex Voconia D. Lex Iula
87. What Persian king succeeded Shapur I in 272 A.D., and ceded Mesopotamia to Rome in 284 A.D.?
 A. Shapur II B. Narses C. Bahram II D. Tiridates III
88. What Latin colony was established in 298 B.C. during the construction of the Via Valeria?
 A. Alba Fucens B. Tarracina C. Carseoli D. Sora
89. What Armenian King assisted Alexander Severus in a triple invasion of Persia through Armenia, Mesopotamia, and Babylon against Ardashir c. 230 A.D.?
 A. Ariobarzanes B. Chosroes C. Artabanus V D. Athenaeus
90. What praetorian prefect appointed his fellow African provincial Septimius Severus as governor of Pannonia?
 A. Tarutienus Paternus B. Tigridius Perennis C. Aurelius Cleander D. Aemilius Laetus

91. What man was appointed to the position of *corrector Lucaniae* during the reign of Aurelian after the dissolution of his *imperium Galliarum*?
 A. Odaenathus B. Tetricus C. Vaballathus D. Tacitus
92. What tribune instituted by a law of the Tribal Assembly a special court to investigate recent cases of aristocratic corruption during the conflict with Jugurtha?
 A. Saturninus B. C. Mamilius C. Aemilius Scaurus D. Servilius Glaucia
93. What emperor was assassinated on January 24th during the Palatine Games?
 A. Galba B. Commodus C. Geta D. Caligula
94. Who won the spolia opima for defeating Lars Tolumnius in single-handed combat c. 427 B.C.?
 A. Cornelius Cossus B. Claudius Marcellus C. Furius Camillus D. Licinius Crassus
95. What eastern emperor fought against King Kawad I of Persia and built the Long Wall from the Propontis to the Black Sea?
 A. Marcian B. Anastasius C. Leo II D. Justin
96. What late western emperor immediately preceded Glycerius?
 A. Majorian B. Petronius Maximus C. Anthemius D. Olybrius
97. What emperor added an elite corps of troops of some cavalry and infantry known as the *plantinae* and permanently disbanded the praetorian guard?
 A. Constantine B. Septimius Severus C. Augustus D. Justinian
98. What brother-in-law of Hadrian was put in death in 136 A.D. for attempting to make his grandson emperor?
 A. Pedianus Fuscus B. Gaius Silius C. Ursus Servianus D. Luscus Quietus
99. Where was the consul Aurelius Cotta defeated by Mithridates VI in 74 B.C.?
 A. Chalcedon B. Cyzicus C. Cabira D. Larissa
100. What percent tax did Augustus place on inheritances in order to fund the *aerarium militare*?
 A. 2% B. 5% C. 20% D. 2½%