

2017 NJCL Greek Life and Literature Test

1. Who introduced the first actor into tragedy?
A. Aeschylus B. Sophocles C. Thespis D. Euripides
2. What philosopher argued that the source of all things was *apeiron*?
A. Anaximander B. Anaximenes C. Thales D. Eratosthenes
3. In what year did Aristophanes first win 1st place at the Lenaea with *Acharians*?
A. 425 B.C. B. 427 B.C. C. 430 B.C. D. 423 B.C.
4. What was the term for non-Spartan citizens who could serve as merchants?
A. *metics* B. *hetairoi* C. *krypteioi* D. *periokoi*
5. Who wrote a history of Greece up to the battle of Mantinea called *Hellenica*?
A. Theopompus B. Xenophon C. Ephorus D. Cratippus
6. What was the highest class of Athenian citizen after the reforms of Solon?
A. *Thetes* B. *Zeugitai* C. *Hippeis* D. *Pentakosiomedimni*
7. Who wrote epitaphs to the Spartans at Thermopylae and the Athenians at Marathon?
A. Terpander B. Anacreon C. Simonides D. Bacchylides
8. What philosopher died by throwing himself into Mt. Etna in an attempt to prove his immortality?
A. Empedocles B. Pythagoras C. Archelaus D. Anaxagoras
9. What philosopher died because he refused to trample beans while escaping from pursuers?
A. Empedocles B. Pythagoras C. Archelaus D. Anaxagoras
10. What playwright died when an eagle dropped a tortoise on his head?
A. Sophocles B. Euripides C. Aeschylus D. Thespis
11. Who wrote a comic epic called *Margites* about a man so dumb he didn't know which of his parents begat him?
A. Hesiod B. Stesichorus C. Lysippus D. Homer
12. What was the term for the seats in a *theatron*?
A. *diazoma* B. *koilon* C. *parados* D. *skene*
13. Who is said to have written the first work on anatomy?
A. Herophilus B. Diocles C. Hippocrates D. Erasistratus
14. Which is the earliest of Euripides' extant tragedies?
A. *Alcestis* B. *Medea* C. *Hecuba* D. *Helen*
15. Who wrote four speeches against the growing power of Macedon, known as the *Philippics*?
A. Deinarchus B. Aeschines C. Isaeus D. Demosthenes
16. Into how many books is Herodotus' *Histories* divided?
A. 9 B. 12 C. 6 D. 24
17. What was the term for wedding songs?
A. *threnoi* B. *epinikia* C. *epithalamia* D. *encomia*
18. What philosopher recounted the trial and execution of Socrates in his *Apology*?
A. Zeno B. Plato C. Speusippus D. Xenocrates
19. What relative of Aristotle wrote a work entitled *Achievements of Alexander*, a first-hand account of Alexander the Great's conquests?
A. Arrian B. Callisthenes C. Callimachus D. Cleitarchus
20. In which book of Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War* is the Battle of Sphacteria described?
A. 2 B. 5 C. 4 D. 3
21. Who defended Euphiletos from the murder of Eratosthenes?
A. Lysias B. Isocrates C. Deinarcus D. Theodectes
22. What elegiac poet made light of the fact that he threw down his shield to escape battle?
A. Mimnerus B. Tyrtaeus C. Archilochus D. Theognis

23. Who founded a school of philosophy at the Lyceum?
 A. Aristotle B. Socrates C. Plato D. Zeno
24. What was the term for women's quarters in a house?
 A. *andron* B. *pastas* C. *oikos* D. *gynaikonitis*
25. Who is the author of the only extant satyr play?
 A. Aeschylus B. Euripides C. Polydus D. Sophocles
26. Parmenides founded which philosophical school?
 A. Cynicism B. Stoicism C. Milesian D. Eleaticism
27. Antisthenes founded which philosophical school?
 A. Cynicism B. Stoicism C. Milesian D. Eleaticism
28. Thales founded which philosophical school?
 A. Cynicism B. Stoicism C. Milesian D. Eleaticism
29. Zeno of Citium founded which philosophical school?
 A. Cynicism B. Stoicism C. Milesian D. Eleaticism
30. Which of the following was NOT a stringed instrument?
 A. *pandura* B. *phorminx* C. *keras* D. *trigonon*
31. In which work does Hesiod lay out the Five Ages of Man?
 A. *Theogony* B. *Works and Days* C. *Shield of Heracles* D. *Catalogue of Women*
32. In which book of the *Odyssey* does Odysseus fight the beggar, Irus?
 A. Book 15 B. Book 12 C. Book 18 D. Book 20
33. What was the smallest unit in the Spartan army in the 5th century?
 A. *enomotia* B. *mora* C. *pentekostys* D. *lochos*
34. Who introduced the third actor?
 A. Thespis B. Euripides C. Sophocles D. Aeschylus
35. Which lyric poet invented the choliamb?
 A. Semonides B. Theognis C. Ananius D. Hipponax
36. Which philosopher tutored Pericles?
 A. Anaximander B. Anaxagoras C. Anaximenes D. Empedocles
37. Which philosopher tutored Socrates?
 A. Archelaus B. Anaxagoras C. Plato D. Aristotle
38. Which philosopher tutored Xenophon?
 A. Archelaus B. Anaxagoras C. Anaximander D. Socrates
39. Which philosopher tutored Aristotle?
 A. Archelaus B. Heraclitus C. Plato D. Socrates
40. What was a *rhyton*?
 A. musical instrument B. timekeeper C. drinking vessel D. athletic equipment
41. In which of his plays does Aristophanes mock the Athenian institution of large, paid juries?
 A. *Wasps* B. *Knights* C. *Clouds* D. *Birds*
42. Who wrote a tragedy, *Iphigenia*, which was better than Euripides' *Iphigenia*, according to Aristotle?
 A. Agathon B. Theodectes C. Polydus D. Moschion
43. Which poet was born in Thebes?
 A. Alcaeus B. Pindar C. Ibycus D. Bacchylides
44. What was a *kausis*?
 A. shoe B. hat C. cloak D. shirt
45. Which lyric poet did Horace primarily model himself on?
 A. Alcaeus B. Callimachus C. Tyrtaeus D. Semonides
46. Who of the following was NOT the head librarian of the Alexandrian Library?
 A. Aristarchus B. Dioscorides C. Zenodotus D. Apollonius of Rhodes
47. What Alexandrian scholar accurately measured the circumference of the Earth?
 A. Lycophron B. Cleitarchus C. Crates D. Eratosthenes
48. Who divided the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* into twenty-four books each?
 A. Aratus B. Alexander of Aetolia C. Zenodotus D. Lycophron

49. In which month in the Attic calendar was the Lenaea?
 A. Gamelion B. Maimakterion C. Skirophorion D. Pyanopsion
50. Who is called both the “Father of History” and “Father of Lies”?
 A. Thucydides B. Theopompus C. Xenophon D. Herodotus
51. What was the term for a poem written in celebration of victors of athletic contests?
 A. *threnos* B. *epinikia* C. *skolia* D. *embateria*
52. Who was the second head of the Academy?
 A. Callipus B. Speusippus C. Aristotle D. Phaedon
53. What work of Xenophon deals with the campaigns of Cyrus the Younger against Artaxerxes?
 A. *Oeconomicus* B. *Memorabilia* C. *Cyropedia* D. *Anabasis*
54. Which of the following gods did NOT have a Homeric Hymn dedicated to them?
 A. Hermes B. Apollo C. Hades D. Dionysus
55. What historian from Syracuse wrote a history of Sicily?
 A. Philistus B. Antiphanes C. Ctesias D. Ephorus
56. What area of Athens was its cemetery?
 A. Areopagus B. Ilissos C. Kerameikos D. Pnyx
57. In which year did Sophocles produce *Antigone*?
 A. 429 BCE B. 401 BCE C. 458 BCE D. 441 BCE
58. What term was used for a roofed theater used for musical recitals and poetry readings?
 A. *tholos* B. *odeion* C. *prytaneion* D. *propylon*
59. According to legend, what lyric poet was avenged by a flock of cranes?
 A. Pindar B. Stesichorus C. Ibycus D. Arion
60. Nephelococcygia provides the setting for which of Aristophanes’ plays?
 A. *Clouds* B. *Wasps* C. *Plutus* D. *Birds*
61. In which dialogue of Plato does he tell the story of Atlantis?
 A. *Timaeus* B. *Crito* C. *Phaedo* D. *Symposium*
62. Who was NOT a student of Socrates?
 A. Xenophon B. Plato C. Alcibiades D. Anaxagoras
63. What Cynic philosopher wrote satires that combined prose and poetry?
 A. Diogenes B. Menippus C. Crates D. Antisthenes
64. Who was the original developer of atomic theory?
 A. Leucippus B. Democritus C. Epicurus D. Pyrrhon
65. *On the Crown* was a speech given by Demosthenes in response to which speech of Aeschines?
 A. *Panegyricus* B. *On the False Assembly* C. *Against Timarchus* D. *Against Ctesiphon*
66. *Hippiatikoi* were what?
 A. Surgeons B. Priests C. Veterinarians D. Merchants
67. What literary genre was established by Susarion?
 A. Tragedy B. Bucolic C. Lyric D. Comedy
68. What is the only complete play of Menander that survives to today?
 A. *Aspis* B. *Dyskolos* C. *Georgos* D. *Samia*
69. To whom is *Works and Days* written?
 A. Perses B. Prometheus C. Pandora D. Zeus
70. Who constructed the first map of the Earth?
 A. Anaxagoras B. Eratosthenes C. Anaximander D. Hecateus
71. What was the first Greek state to mint coins?
 A. Athens B. Corinth C. Sparta D. Aegina
72. What term is used for a wide, flat drinking cup with two handles?
 A. *krater* B. *kylix* C. *oinochoe* D. *dinos*
73. What poet referred to themselves as the nightingale of Ceos?
 A. Simonides B. Bacchylides C. Pindar D. Ibycus
74. Who introduced female characters to tragedy?
 A. Phrynicus B. Euphorion C. Thespis D. Choerilus

75. Who wrote 14 books on Assyrian and Persian history?
 A. Theopompus B. Antiphanes C. Ephorus D. Ctesias
76. Who developed the first theory of a heliocentric solar system?
 A. Callipus B. Aristarchus C. Eratosthenes D. Eudoxus
77. Who was the author of *Milesian Tales*?
 A. Archilochus B. Alcman C. Aristides D. Apollodorus
78. Agathon and Astydamas wrote in which genre?
 A. Satire B. Bucolic C. New Comedy D. Tragedy
79. Who invented the fable?
 A. Aesop B. Stesichorus C. Terpander D. Zenodotus
80. At which of the Panhellenic festivals was a crown of bay leaves given to the victors?
 A. Olympic games B. Pythian games C. Isthmian games D. Nemean games
81. What tragedian served as a hoplite at Marathon?
 A. Euripides B. Sophocles C. Aeschylus D. Thespis
82. Which play of Aeschylus may have actually been written by his son?
 A. *Prometheus Bound* B. *Persians* C. *Suppliants* D. *Seven Against Thebes*
83. Who is the earliest of the Ten Attic Orators?
 A. Andocides B. Isocrates C. Lysias D. Antiphon
84. Which of the Ten Attic Orators was convicted for the Mutilation of the Hermae?
 A. Andocides B. Isocrates C. Lysias D. Anriphon
85. What was the annual poll tax on metics called?
 A. *eponia* B. *metoikion* C. *eisphora* D. *epidosis*
86. What pre-Socratic philosopher argued against the polytheism of Greek religion and believed in a single god?
 A. Anaximenes B. Xenophanes C. Parmenides D. Heraclitus
87. *Sphairai, kuboi, and astragaloi* were all what?
 A. Clothes B. Months C. Cups D. Toys
88. What student of Aristotle was the author of the oldest surviving treatise on music theory?
 A. Theophrastus B. Nichomachus C. Aristoxenus D. Critolaus
89. What was the term for the long, two handed spear introduced by Philip II?
 A. *kopis* B. *kestros* C. *sarissa* D. *oxybeles*
90. What city was the primary home of Sappho and Alcaeus?
 A. Mytilene B. Sinope C. Ephesus D. Himera
91. What lyric poet was supposedly struck blind by Helen after he wrote a poem disrespecting her?
 A. Alcaeus B. Stesichorus C. Ibycus D. Simonides
92. Which of the following was supposedly written by Homer?
 A. *Phoenissae* B. *Pytine* C. *Apseudeis* D. *Batrachomyomachia*
93. What dialect of Greek was spoken in the Peloponnesus?
 A. Ionic B. Aeolic C. Homeric D. Doric
94. Which was not written by Aristotle?
 A. *Eudemian Ethics* B. *Nichomachean Ethics* C. *Constitution of Sparta* D. *Constitution of Athens*
95. Which Platonic dialogue deals primarily with the immortality of the soul?
 A. *Phaedo* B. *Crito* C. *Gorgias* D. *Meno*
96. What Boeotian festival was a celebration of Zeus and Hera's marriage?
 A. *Karneia* B. *Daidala* C. *Eleutheria* D. *Gymnopaediai*
97. Sophron, Theocritus, and Herodes wrote in what genre?
 A. Old Comedy B. Middle Comedy C. New Comedy D. Mime
98. *Halteres* were used in what?
 A. Athletic competition B. Cooking C. Bathing D. Music
99. Where did the Ecclesia meet?
 A. Areopagus B. Acropolis C. Pnyx D. Bouleuterion
100. Who famously stated that "No man steps in the same river twice."?
 A. Aristotle B. Plato C. Protagoras D. Heraclitus