

2015 Classical Scholars Exam

1. What was the name of the ship on which Jason sailed in quest of the Golden Fleece?
2. What title for the head of a company or government means literally 'one who sits before'?
3. What Titan's name means 'forethought'?
4. Whom did Thetis dip into the river Styx?
5. Whom did Athena punish for weaving a tapestry depicting the misbehavior of the gods?
6. What centaur was known as the tutor of heroes?
7. What term refers to the Roman merchant class, standing between the patricians and the plebs?
8. Express 1666 in Roman numerals.
9. What Olympian god led the souls of the dead to the Underworld?
10. What 'Queen of Roads' (Regina Viarum) connected Rome with the port city of Brundisium?
11. Who spins on a fiery wheel in Tartarus for his attempted rape of Hera?
12. *Romeo and Juliet* is based upon what Babylonian story?
13. What Greek god's name literally means 'All'?
14. To what historical group do Tullus Hostilius, Ancus Marcius and Servius Tullius belong?
15. Who was required to spend 6 months a year with Hades because she ate 6 pomegranate seeds?
16. What Roman name for the Mediterranean Sea literally means 'our sea'?
17. In which Homeric epic is story of the Trojan Horse related?
18. What priest in ancient Rome supervised the practice and conduct of the Vestal Virgins?
19. During whose leadership of Athens was the Parthenon built?
20. What name for a large city derives from the Greek for 'mother city'?
21. What was the original name of the Roman Colosseum?
22. Who was the mother of the Minotaur?
23. Who was emperor when the Roman Empire reached its greatest extent?
24. What is the Greek name for Titan who was the personification of the Sun?
25. To what group do Thalia, Melpomene, and Terpsichore belong?



26. In what play of Sophocles does Oedipus mysteriously end his life?
27. In what region of the Underworld do those dwell who were neither very good nor very bad?
28. Caesar, Pompey and _____ were the three members of the first triumvirate.
29. What is the Greek word for excessive pride, the tragic flaw of many a hero?
30. What is the Greek term for a drinking party, but today refers to an exchange of scholarly ideas?
31. The month of May is named after the mother of what Greek Olympian god?
32. With whose funeral does the *Iliad* end?
33. What is the dramatic device by which a god miraculously appears and resolves a conflict?
34. What is the Latin for the 'Field of Mars' where Roman armies originally trained and assembled?
35. What Greek phrase means literally 'the many' and is used in English to refer to the common folk?
36. Who was Augustus' right hand man, serving him as a commander in the field and an engineer at home?
37. What singular, five-letter Greek word refers to earned praise?
38. What abbreviation meaning 'which see' directs a reader to a particular passage in a text?
39. When crossing what river did Caesar exclaim, "The die is cast"?
40. What is the Latin for 'The die is cast'?
41. What Latin term refers to someone who, having earned merit in office, has now honorably retired?
42. What Latin phrase means 'in wine is truth'?
43. In honor of what god were tragedies performed in ancient Athens?
44. What Platonic dialogue is a series of speeches on the nature of love?
45. What is the Latin for name of the drinking song translated 'Let us rejoice therefore'?
46. What term from the Latin word for father, refers to someone who materially supports another?
47. What Latin phrase refers to the stiffness of a dead body?
48. What term refers to a polyhedron all of whose faces are congruent regular polygons, and where the same number of faces meet at every vertex. *e.g.* a cube?
49. What from Latin word for religious devotion does the English word 'pity' derive?
50. What name is given to a philosopher who like Aristotle conducted discussions while walking?

