

2016 Classical Literacy Exam: Level I

1. Which Homeric epic ends with the funeral of the Trojan hero, Hector?
2. What two-word Latin phrase indicates land on a map that has not yet been explored?
3. What two-word Latin phrase acknowledges a person's acceptance of responsibility for an error?
4. Which of the Olympian gods is the husband of Amphitrite and the father of Triton?
5. What is the Latin phrase that means "one out of many"?
6. What is the three-letter Roman numeral for 509?
7. What is the Latin phrase for "for the sake of an example"?
8. What villain in the Underworld served up his own son Pelops as food fit for the gods?
9. What derivative of a Roman name for Zeus refers to someone of a happy disposition?
10. To what group do Calliope, Terpsichore and Clio belong?
11. With what name meaning 'majestic' was Octavian, the adopted son of Caesar, honored?
12. On what mountain was located the Delphic Oracle?
13. Who were the workmen who provided Zeus with his thunderbolts?
14. What term is used both literally and figuratively for a long and exhausting race?
15. The maenads were the enthusiastic women who were followers of what Greek god?
16. Whose life did Orpheus seek to restore through the power of his music?
17. What is term for the peace and order that Augustus tried to establish in the Roman world?
18. Where in the Underworld were Tantalus, Sisyphus, and the Danaids punished?
19. What road lead south towards Naples and then turned southeast to the coastal town of Brundisium?
20. What Peloponnesian city, once ruled by Agamemnon, is the site of the Lion's Gate?
21. What Latin phrase means "to err is human"?
22. What was the title of the chief priest in ancient Rome?
23. What Latin phrase means "thus always to tyrants"?
24. Who was the father of Hector and Paris?
25. To what group do Algaea, Euphrosyne and Thalia, said to be daughters of Aphrodite by some, belong?



26. What word refers to a 'change of shape' as when Arachne changed her shape to that of a spider?
27. What port city to Rome lies sixteen miles to the west of Rome?
28. What Latin phrase refers to an artist's masterpiece?
29. What is the full Latin phrase abbreviated as p.o.?
30. The Pontifex Maximus supervised what group of women who tended the sacred fire of Rome?
31. What is the Latin taxonomical name for the human species?
32. What ancient epic ends with Aeneas slaying the Rutulian leader Turnus?
33. What river did Caesar cross with his army against the expressed orders of the Roman Senate?
34. What ablative absolute expression means literally "the situation being reversed"?
35. What is the Latin abbreviation for the 'the Senate and Roman people'?
36. What Latin derived English noun refers to the customs and values of a society?
37. What was the Roman name for the country known today as Switzerland?
38. What goddess was associated with crossroads, witchcraft and dogs?
39. What name, meaning "snatcher", refers to a bird with a human face?
40. Give the month, day and year for the founding of Rome?
41. What is the Latin for a "slip of the tongue"?
42. What is the Greek word for 'soul'?
43. Sparta, Mycenae and Arcadia are all located in what part of the Greek peninsula?
44. What Titaness, whose name means 'cunning', was the first wife of Zeus?
45. What adjective refers to the publication of work not published until after the death of a writer?
46. What Latin phrase may be used to refer to the average income of individuals?
47. Who managed to escape the advances of Apollo by changing into a laurel tree?
48. What Roman general died in Egypt after siding with the Roman Senate against Caesar?
49. What was the name of the speaker's platform in the Forum Romanum?
50. What is the Latin for "Thus passes the glory of the world"?

