

2018 Level II Classical Literacy Exam

1. What Titan's name literally means "Forethought"?
2. What brothers, leaders of the Greek forces at Troy, were the sons of Atreus?
3. What Latin phrase means "a slip of the tongue"?
4. What Latin phrase means literally "of his own kind"?
5. Who was the second emperor of the Julio-Claudian dynasty?
6. What Latin phrase means "thus always to tyrants"?
7. In what city did Rhea Silvia reside?
8. What number does MCDXLIV represent?
9. Who were the parents of the muses?
10. What is the Greek word for a city?
11. What is the month, day and year of the founding of Rome?
12. Polyphemus was the son of what Greek god?
13. What Latin phrase means literally "without which not", *i.e.*, something necessary?
14. From what river did souls that were to be reborn drink?
15. What Greek god led the souls of the dead to the Underworld?
16. Latium is to Rome as _____ is to Athens.
17. What Latin phrase means the existing state of affairs?
18. What English noun refers to the act of throwing someone out a window?
19. Whom did Odysseus leave behind to serve as mentor for his son Telemachus?
20. Vespasian and Domitian were members of what imperial dynasty?
21. With whose funeral does *The Iliad* end?
22. What Latin phrase means "to each his own"?
23. In what country was Alexander the Great born?
24. What Latin phrase means "thus passes the glory of the world"?
25. What maiden did Agamemnon demand Achilles give up to him?



26. What English adjective derives from roots meaning “flowing like honey”?
27. What term identifies the space between the death of one king and the ascension of another?
28. What Latin word meaning “Higher” serves as the motto of New York State?
29. Who were the parents of Helen of Troy?
30. Latin, German, and Russian all belong to what family of languages?
31. From what rock on the Capitoline were traitors thrown to their deaths?
32. What is the taxonomical designation for human beings?
33. What are the first two words of the Latin version of the Lord’s Prayer?
34. Shakespeare’s tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* is based on a Babylonian story of tragic love?
35. Give the Latin for Descartes’ famous saying “I think, therefore I am”.
36. What is the Roman word for “truth”?
37. Give the Latin for the phrase that means “Hurry slowly”.
38. What Greek writer is considered the Father of History?
39. What Latin abbreviation means “in the same place”?
40. What English noun derives from roots meaning “city of the dead”?
41. With what Roman emperor is the phrase “in hoc signo vinces” associated?
42. What is the Latin phrase that means “a healthy mind in a healthy body”?
43. Who was the two-faced Roman god of beginnings and doorways?
44. Who were the two brothers of Helen of Troy?
45. What Latin phrase means “Deeds not words”?
46. What is the Latin for the abbreviation cf.?
47. Who was killed by his own dogs after inadvertently catching sight of Artemis bathing?
48. What was Laocoon’s famous warning to his fellow Trojans concerning the Trojan Horse?
49. What king of Rome was known for establishing many of the religious customs of ancient Rome?
50. What Latin phrase means “art for the sake of art”?

