

2015 Classical Literacy Exam: Introductory Level

1. What ancient poet is said to be the author of *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*?
2. Prometheus and Atlas were members of what race of immortals that preceded the Olympians?
3. What is the Latin first person singular personal pronoun? 5.
4. On what day in March was Julius Caesar assassinated?
5. Name the 'horn of plenty' that served as a symbol for Ceres?
6. What city was buried by the volcanic ash from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?
7. What Latin phrase means an exchange, something for something?
8. What city was Rome's opponent in the Punic Wars?
9. From what formless entity was Gaea born?
10. The *Iliad* and *Odyssey* are examples of what kind of heroic literature?
11. What sea to the east of Greece is named after the father of Theseus?
12. What one Latin word means literally 'by way of'?
13. Who was the mythological architect that designed the labyrinth to house the Minotaur?
14. In what region of the Underworld were Ixion, Sisyphus and Tantalus punished?
15. Who was the faithful wife of Odysseus?
16. What Latin phrase means literally 'one out of many'?
17. Medea helped what mythological hero obtain the Golden Fleece?
18. What is a painting made on fresh plaster called?
19. What is the Roman numeral for 566?
20. Hermes is to Mercury as Poseidon is to _____.
21. What Greek hero thought up the idea of the Trojan Horse?
22. In ancient Rome where were gladiatorial combats held?
23. What Latin phrase means literally 'that is'?
24. What was the name of Athena's temple on the Acropolis in ancient Athens?
25. Calliope was a member of what group of divinities who inspired the arts?



26. Who ferried the souls of the dead across the River Styx?
27. Who was the Roman goddess of the hearth and the sacred fire of Rome?
28. Stheno, Euryale and Medusa were all members of what group of monsters?
29. What did Caesar famously say after an exceptionally easy victory at the Battle of Zela?
30. Who was the Greek goddess of victory?
31. What Latin phrase means literally “for the sake of an example”?
32. Who was the father of Saturn?
33. What mythological hero defeated the Hydra?
34. Whose beautiful face was said to have launched a thousand ships?
35. What Latin phrase means literally ‘unknown land’?
36. What was the name of Orpheus’ beloved whom he tried to retrieve from the Underworld?

37. Who were the twin sons of Mars and Rhea Silvia? 37.



38. Where in the Underworld do the souls of the blessed reside?
39. What English word means literally in Latin ‘things to be done’?
40. Who was the leader of Carthaginians in the 2nd Punic War?
41. What Latin phrase means “Time flees”?
42. What god rescued Ariadne who had been abandoned by Theseus on the island of Naxos?
43. What title is given to the one who gives the farewell address for a graduating class?
44. What article of clothing worn by a man symbolized Roman citizenship?
45. Whom did Prometheus refuse as a wife because he could foresee the trouble she would bring?
46. What river flows through Rome?
47. What is the Greek equivalent of the Roman forum?
48. What brother of Hector shot the arrow that killed Achilles?
49. Tisiphone is a member of what group of avenging deities?
50. What is the Latin phrase that literally means ‘before noon’?