

2016 Classical Scholar's Exam

1. The Iulii claimed to trace their ancestry back to what goddess?
2. What dictator of Rome famously said that he saw “many Mariuses” in Caesar?
3. What son of Marcus Aurelius proved to be a disastrous choice to follow his father as emperor?
4. Who was the father of the Deucalion who, together with Pyrrha, survived the flood sent by Zeus?
5. At Mt. Algidus in 458 BC, who was a leader of a decisive Roman victory against the Aequi?
6. Who were the sisters who shared one eye and reluctantly aided Perseus' quest to kill Medusa?
7. Whose idea was it to use an archery contest to determine whom Penelope should marry?
8. An ancient Roman would go to whose temple on Tiber Island for healing?
9. Poseidon and what other god are said to have built the walls of Troy?
10. What Roman consul claimed credit for thwarting the Catilinarian conspiracy?
11. What is the Latin plural form of “dictum”?
12. What Greek word is the equivalent of the Latin noun ‘animus’?
13. What Latin phrase, meaning “from the beginning”, is literally translated as “from the egg”?
14. Who does Socrates say in Plato's *Symposium* taught him about the Ladder of Love?
15. In whose *Metamorphoses* or *Golden Ass* is the story of Cupid and Psyche originally told?
16. Who was the mother of Cerberus, the Sphinx, the Nemean Lion and Ladon?
17. What Sabine king originally co-ruled with Romulus?
18. What is the Latin equivalent of the Greek word alētheia?
19. What two Latin words are missing from the following saying: _____ cedant?
20. What was the term for an open colonnade surrounding an internal garden?
21. What verb meaning to argue over details derives from the Latin relative pronoun *qui, quae, quod*?
22. At what naval battle in 31 BC did Octavian and Agrippa defeat Antony and Cleopatra?
23. Whose decorated column stands as a monument to the defeat of the Dacians?
24. In what meter are the *Iliad*, *Odyssey* and *Aeneid* composed?
25. Who wrote the mystical, neoplatonic work called the *Enneads*?



26. Whom did Caesar divorce when he famously said the wife of Caesar must be above suspicion?
27. What Greek historian wrote about the brave Spartan stand against the Persians at Thermopylae?
28. After losing what battle in 321 BC were the Roman soldiers sent under the yoke?
29. In the *Aeneid*, we are told what sole surviving son of Priam eventually married Andromeda?
30. The Delphic Oracle told Chaerephon that there was not anyone wiser than what man?
31. Who in mythology is said to have been the founder of Thebes?
32. What is the Roman name for Lake Geneva in Switzerland?
33. 'ave atque vale' were the last words of what Roman poet's farewell to this brother?
34. What term for imprisonment derives from the Latin word for a prison?
35. What road ran north from Rome along the Tyrrhenian coast towards Gaul?
36. In addition to the *Eclogues* and the *Aeneid*, what third major work did Vergil compose?
37. What woman did Aeneas take as his wife when he reached Italy?
38. Who stands trial for matricide in Aeschylus' *Eumenides*?
39. In what year did the Western Roman Empire fall?
40. Which of the 7 hills of Rome is missing: Capitoline, Caelian, Palatine, Esquiline, Viminal, Aventine?
41. Thalia is the muse of comedy, but who is the muse of tragedy?
42. Give the month, day and year of Caesar's assassination?
43. Aurea mediocritas is a Latin translation for what ethical principle in English set forth by Aristotle?
44. In Dante's *Inferno* Odysseus burns in a forked flame with what other partner in crime?
45. What English noun for 'eager enjoyment' derives from the Greek meaning "god within"?
46. Whose name means the 'most beautiful' and, according to mythology, is the mother of the Arcadians?
47. What is the original Latin for "Fortune helps the brave"?
48. What is the Latin for the words Caesar spoke upon crossing the Rubicon, "The die is cast"?
49. What word, literally meaning 'rebirth', signifies a revival of art and literature?
50. Umbrella, corpuscle, pencil and pendulum illustrate the use of what sort of suffix?

