

2007 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS ROMAN HISTORY TEST – THE EMPIRE

DIRECTIONS: Please mark the letter of the correct answer on the scantron answer sheet.

N.B. - All dates AD unless otherwise noted.

1. The last of the Julio-Claudian emperor was
(A) Augustus (B) Caligula (C) Claudius (D) Nero
2. How many Flavian emperors were there?
(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
3. To whom did Varus lose three legions at Teutoburg Forest?
(A) Cassivelaunus (B) Ariovistus (C) Orgetorix (D) Arminius
4. Which of the Five Good Emperors lacked military experience and was the first emperor chosen by the Senate?
(A) Nerva (B) Hadrian (C) Antoninus Pius (D) Marcus Aurelius
5. Who sacked the city of Jerusalem in the first century AD?
(A) Vespasian (B) Titus (C) Silva (D) Domitian
6. Who sold the crown jewels in order to finance his war against the Marcomanni?
(A) Hadrian (B) Antoninus Pius (C) Marcus Aurelius (D) Didius Julianus
7. Who became the emperor of Rome immediately after the suicide of Nero?
(A) Galba (B) Otho (C) Vitellius (D) Vespasian
8. Who was the mother of Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus?
(A) Claudia (B) Hortensia (C) Octavia (D) Agrippina the Younger
9. Which of the following was NEVER designated as an heir by Augustus?
(A) Gaius Caesar (B) Lucius Caesar (C) Agrippa (D) Agrippa Postumus
10. Which emperor's motto was "**ōderint dum prōbent**"?
(A) Caligula (B) Tiberius (C) Philip the Arab (D) Maximinus Thrax
11. Which praetorian prefect favored Caligula as the successor to Tiberius?
(A) Sejanus (B) Macro (C) Burrus (D) Eclectus
12. Which emperor could often be seen sitting in the Temple of Castor and Pollux conversing with Jupiter, and expressed the desire to be worshipped as **Neos Helios**?
(A) Commodus (B) Domitian (C) Elegabalus (D) Gaius

13. Which of the following was NOT one of the wives of Claudius?
(A) Messalina (B) Aelia Paetina (C) Urgulanilla (D) Agrippina the Elder
14. What prefect of Egypt, the first Oriental to attain an important post in the Roman government, supported Vespasian's claim to the throne?
(A) Mucianus (B) Valens (C) Antonius Primus (D) Tiberius Alexander
15. Which of the following was NOT one of the four consulars who conspired against Hadrian?
(A) Lusius Quietus (B) Cornelius Palma (C) Acilius Attianus (D) Avidius Nigrinus
16. Who was the wife of Antoninus Pius?
(A) Sabina (B) Plotina (C) Julia Domna (D) Faustina the Elder
17. What capital of Dacia was made into a colony by Trajan?
(A) Ctesiphon (B) Sangidava (C) Zucidava (D) Sarmizegethusa
18. Which emperor did Calpurnius Crassus try to assassinate?
(A) Nerva (B) Hadrian (C) Commodus (D) Septimius Severus
19. Which emperor celebrated the 900th anniversary of the founding of Rome?
(A) Claudius (B) Antoninus Pius (C) Philip the Arab (D) Constantius II
20. Where did Septimius Severus finally defeat his rival Pescennius Niger?
(A) Issus (B) Cyzicus (C) Nicaea (D) Lugdunum
21. Which kingmaker of the 5th century was the son-in-law of Anthemius, and was responsible for the reigns of Majorian and Olybrius?
(A) Ricimer (B) Gundobad (C) Aetius (D) Stilicho
22. Which emperor inflicted a crushing defeat on the Goths at the Battle of Naissus in 268 (for which he received his more famous nickname, assisted by the future emperor Aurelian)?
(A) Claudius II (B) Gallienus (C) Valerian (D) Quintillus
23. Which 3rd-century emperor, nicknamed Persicus Maximus after his reconquest of Mesopotamia and sack of Ctesiphon, died of a lightning strike and was succeeded by his two sons?
(A) Carus (B) Probus (C) Numerian (D) Tacitus
24. Which general proclaimed himself emperor in April 175 after hearing false reports of the death of Marcus Aurelius, and was murdered by his centurion only two months later?
(A) Avidius Cassius (B) Egnatius Rufus (C) Gaius Mucianus (D) Lucius Saturninus
25. At what battle in 451 did Aetius, with a confederation including Avitus and Theoderic I, turn back the forces of Attila the Hun?
(A) Verona (B) Norbonne (C) the Utus (D) Chalons
26. Who was the first prefect of the province of Aegyptus?
(A) Cornelius Gallus (B) Aelius Gallus (C) Aelius Plautus (D) Aulus Gabinus

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27. Which of these provinces was NOT added to the Roman empire by Claudius?
(A) Lycia (B) Thrace (C) Commagene (D) Mauretania
28. Which general captured Artaxata and installed Tigranes as king of Armenia, and was ordered to commit suicide after being replaced by Vespasian?
(A) Paetus (B) Corbulo (C) Vinicianus (D) Saturninus
29. The first emperor of provincial origin hailed from what city?
(A) Lepcis Magna (B) Eburacum (C) Italica (D) Bilbilis
30. Who was the first husband of Julia, the daughter of Augustus?
(A) Agrippa (B) Tiberius (C) Marcellus (D) Drusus
31. Which coin was introduced by Constantine, and minted at 72 to the pound.
(A) **solidus** (B) **aureus** (C) **argenteus** (D) **dēnārius**
32. Which emperor built a bridge of boats over the Bay of Naples and rode across wearing Alexander's breastplate, and owned an enormous pleasure barge on Lake Nemi?
(A) Commodus (B) Nero (C) Gaius (D) Alexander Severus
33. Which general of Justinian helped put down the Nika riots and re-conquered Africa and Italy, but was found guilty of corruption upon his return to the capital and thrown in prison?
(A) Narses (B) Belisarius (C) Gelimer (D) Justin I
34. Which of the following was NOT an imperial province in 120?
(A) Syria (B) Raetia (C) Aegyptus (D) Istria
35. Which of Augustus' potential successors died of an illness in 2?
(A) Lucius Caesar (B) Gaius Caesar (C) Marcellus (D) Drusus the Elder
36. Which of the following Roman emperors NEVER sacked the Persian capital of Ctesiphon?
(A) Julian (B) Trajan (C) Galerius (D) Septimius Severus
37. Which emperor, while lying on his deathbed, advised his sons to, "enrich the soldiers, and scorn all other men?"
(A) Theodosius I (B) Vespasian (C) Constantine I (D) Septimius Severus
38. After Magnus Maximus forced Valentinian II from the throne, which emperor defeated the usurper and restored Valentinian?
(A) Theodosius I (B) Valens (C) Gratian (D) Eugenius
39. Which Roman poet was ordered by Nero to commit suicide at the age of 25 for his role in the Pisonian conspiracy?
(A) Persius (B) Juvenal (C) Lucan (D) Seneca the Elder
40. Who was the first Roman emperor to die in combat against a foreign enemy?
(A) Valens (B) Decius (C) Probus (D) Julian

41. Which general of Vespasian won the Second Battle of Bedriacum?
(A) Gaius Mucianus (B) Antonius Primus (C) Piso Licinianus (D) Domitius Corbulo
42. Which praetorian prefect was the power behind the throne during the early years of the reign of Gordian III?
(A) Laetus (B) Sejanus (C) Timesitheus (D) Philip the Arab
43. Which emperor abolished the Olympic Games and ordered that all pagan temples be closed?
(A) Constantine I (B) Theodosius I (C) Constantius I (D) Valentinian III
44. Who was responsible for the construction of the wall of Antoninus Pius?
(A) Plautorius (B) Urbicus (C) Agricola (D) Verus
45. Which emperor retired to his villa in Spalatum (modern Split, Croatia) and there wrote letters about his gardening exploits?
(A) Diocletian (B) Maximian (C) Licinianus (D) Constantius Chlorus
46. Which emperor was known to his subjects as, “the Darling of Mankind?”
(A) Nero (B) Trajan (C) Titus (D) Theodosius II
47. Which emperor, posthumously recognized and deified by Septimius Severus, succeeded Commodus by bribing the Praetorian Guard with 12,000 sesterces apiece?
(A) Sulpicianus (B) Didius Julianus (C) Pertinax (D) Maximinus Thrax
48. Name the mother of Alexander Severus, who was reportedly slaughtered with her son as he clung to her in terror at the end of his reign.
(A) Julia Domna (B) Julia Maesa (C) Julia Soaemias (D) Julia Mamaea
49. Trajan defeated which Dacian ruler in 106?
(A) Burebista (B) Cassivellaunus (C) Decebalus (D) Juba
50. On what island did Tiberius spend the last years of his reign?
(A) Rhodes (B) Sicily (C) Crete (D) Capri
51. This favorite sister of Caligula was consecrated as the goddess Panthea and became the first woman to be consecrated as a goddess in Roman history.
(A) Julilla (B) Livilla (C) Drusilla (D) Agrippina the Younger
52. Which Roman general, through use of an enormous siege ramp, conquered the stronghold of Masada in 73 to conclude the Jewish War?
(A) Titus (B) Silva (C) Vespasian (D) Mucianus
53. Which Stoic philosopher, for his firm belief that the Senate should manage the empire rather than the emperor, was exiled and later put to death at the order of Vespasian?
(A) Pliny the Elder (B) Thrasea Paetus (C) Seneca the Elder (D) Helvidius Priscus

54. Which Vandal chieftain sacked Rome in 455, carrying off the emperor's wife, Licinia Eudoxia, and his daughter, Eudocia?
(A) Alaric (B) Odovacer (C) Gaiseric (D) Bleda
55. Which battle marked Constantine's achievement of sole rule, and the final defeat of his last rival for the throne, Licinius?
(A) Constantinople (B) Adrianople (C) Chrysopolis (D) Tzirallum
56. Which emperor was murdered in his mother's arms in 211, and afterwards was the victim of a "**damnatio memoriae**" by his brother?
(A) Diadumenianus (B) Geta (C) Caracalla (D) Pupienus
57. Which praetorian prefect effectively took over the throne after Tiberius retreated to his island resort and ceased to take much interest in governing?
(A) Eclectus (B) Laetus (C) Sejanus (D) Macro
58. To what island was Julia, the daughter of Augustus, exiled for her promiscuity and flagrant disregard for her father's moral reforms?
(A) Pandateria (B) Rhodes (C) Sardinia (D) Capri
59. Who was the first emperor to rise to the purple directly out of the equestrian class?
(A) Trajan (B) Elagabalus (C) Didius Julianus (D) Macrinus
60. The emperor Caligula was murdered by which tribune of the Praetorian Guards?
(A) Burrus (B) Tigellinus (C) Macro (D) Chaerea
61. Which of the following year is commonly referred to as "The Year of Six Emperors"?
(A) 218 (B) 69 (C) 193 (D) 238
62. Whom did Nero kick to death while she was pregnant with his child?
(A) Statilia (B) Octavia (C) Poppaea Sabina (D) Agrippina the Younger
63. Who established the breakaway Gallic Empire in 260?
(A) Tetricus (B) Postumus (C) Victorinus (D) Marius
64. Which Augusta, according to Cassius Dio, concealed Trajan's death for several days in order to engineer the succession of Hadrian?
(A) Plotina (B) Vibia Sabina (C) Servilia (D) Faustina the Younger
65. What Palmyran ruler was awarded the title "**dux Ōrientis**" for valiantly defending of the empire in the face of a Persian invasion, even sacking Ctesiphon in 266?
(A) Zenobia (B) Odaenathus (C) Vaballathus (D) Quietus
66. Which emperor was captured by the Persian emperor Shapur in 260, even though the Praetorian Prefect Ballista was able to rally the Roman army and capture Shapur's harem?
(A) Valentinian I (B) Valens (C) Valerian (D) Gallienus

67. After the murder of Commodus on December 31st, 192, which of the conspirators was responsible for concealing his remains from the brutal revenge of the Senate?
(A) Fabius Cilo (B) Aemilius Laetus (C) Marcia (D) Narcissus
68. Which imperial **lēgātus** had all but trapped Tacfarinas in a network of small field fortifications but was recalled before the final victory?
(A) P. Petronius (B) Antonius Felix (C) Iunius Blaesus (D) Cornelius Dolabella
69. Which title was conferred on Octavian in 12 BC, after the death of Lepidus?
(A) **prīnceps** (B) **pater patriae** (C) **Augustus** (D) **pontifex maximus**
70. Who was the first Roman emperor to suffer a “**damnātiō memoriae**”?
(A) Nero (B) Caligula (C) Galba (D) Commodus

TIE-BREAKERS: The following questions are scored to break ties only.

N.B. - Please mark them as #96-#100.

96. Who became the first natural son to succeed his father to the imperial throne?
(A) Titus (B) Domitian (C) Commodus (D) Caracalla
97. Which of the wives of Augustus was the mother of Julia, his only child?
(A) Claudia (B) Cossutia (C) Scribonia (D) Livia
98. What praetorian prefect lost his life while leading the army in a fight against the Dacians at Tapae in 87?
(A) Tettius Iulianus (B) Sulpicianus (C) Iulius Civilis (D) Cornelius Fuscus
99. After whose revolt did Domitian become suspicious of everyone around him?
(A) Stephanus' (B) Saturninus' (C) Norbanus' (D) Scribonianus'
100. Who had the dubious distinction of being the first barbarian to wear the imperial purple and the first emperor never to set foot in Rome?
(A) Philip the Arab (B) Gordianus I (C) Probus (D) Maximinus Thrax