**2023 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY**

**TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS**

**MYTHOLOGY TEST**

WHICH ONE OF THESE THINGS IS NOT LIKE THE OTHERS? Choose the person who does **NOT** belong to the group.

1. Who was **NOT** one of the three goddesses who attempted to bribe Paris for the golden apple that caused the Trojan war?
   1. Artemis b. Hera c. Aphrodite d. Athena
2. Who was **NOT** one of the three daughters of Anius that were kidnapped by the Greek army to use their magical abilities to produce wine, grain and oil for the army during the Trojan war?
   1. Elais b. Anteia c. Spermo d. Oino
3. Who was **NOT** one of the Hecatoncheires, monstrous giants with fifty heads and one hundred arms?
   1. Briareus b. Gyes c. Typhon d. Cottus
4. Who was **NOT** one of the three sisters who were commanded by Athena to protect a willow basket containing the infant Erichthonius, but not to look inside of it?
   1. Macris b. Herse c. Aglauros d. Pandrosos
5. Which of the following was **NOT** one of the conditions that had to be met in order for the city of Troy to be taken by the Greek army?
   1. the waters of the Scamander river had to be dried for a day
   2. the horses of Rhesus must not eat the grass of the plains of Troy
   3. the bow of Heracles had to be used in the siege
   4. the Palladium had to be taken from the citadel
6. Which of the following is **NOT** a titan?
   1. Mnemosyne b. Iapetus c. Thebe d. Alcyoneus
7. Which of the following is **NOT** one of the winds?
   1. Boreas b. Notus c. Amyclai d. Eurus
8. Which of the following men was **NOT** taught by the centaur Chiron?
   1. Achilles b. Ascelpius c. Jason d. Diomedes
9. Who was NOT one of the hunters chosen to kill the Calydonian boar?
   1. Meleager b. Castor c. Atalanta d. Heracles
10. Which of the following is **NOT** an epithet applied to Hera?
    1. Glaukopis (bright-eyed) b. Boopis (cow-eyed)

c. Aigophagos (goat-eater) d. Leukolenos (white-armed)

PROPHETS

1. This seer was turned into a woman after he came upon two snakes mating and killed the female. Seven years later he was turned back into a man after catching two more snakes in the act and killing the male.
   1. Calchas b. Helenus c. Tiresias d. Chiron
2. This man became a prophet by understanding the words of animals after snakes licked his ears.
   1. Melampus b. Proetus c. Ocyrhoe d. Laocoon
3. This seer interpreted the oracle that a snake eating a sparrow and her eight babies foretold at least nine years of warfare for the Greeks at Troy before they would take the city.
   1. Alpheus b. Tiresias c. Silenus d. Calchas
4. This seer foresaw his own death – he knew that the only person to come back alive from attacking Thebes would be Adrastus, but he was forced to join the expedition against Thebes by his wife.
   1. Amphiaraus b. Menoetius c. Melampus d. Agamemnon
5. This woman was given the gift of prophecy by Apollo in return for her affections; however, when she rejected him, he twisted the gift so that no one would believe her.
   1. Calliope b. Cassandra c. Chariclo d. Cassiopeia

MUSICIANS

1. This son of Calliope was taught to play lyre by Apollo himself and was also one of the Argonauts.
   1. Theseus b. Orpheus c. Marsyas d. Salmacis
2. This Olympian god invented the lyre on the day of his birth.
   1. Apollo b. Poseidon c. Hermes d. Ares
3. Which musician, a player of pipes, battled against Apollo in a musical contest judged by Tmolus, and lost to the Olympian?
   1. Pan b. Silenus c. Philoetius d. Orpheus
4. As a result of the contest mentioned in the question above, who received donkey’s ears because he mentioned that he liked the pipe music better than Apollo’s lyre?
   1. Priam b. Midas c. Lelex d. Opheltes
5. Who played the flute in a musical contest against Apollo and was flayed alive after he lost?
   1. Demodocus b. Marsyas c. Demophon d. Phemius

HORSES

1. The immortal horses of Achilles, Xanthus and Balius, were the offspring of what mother?
   1. Echidna b. Celaeno c. Podarge d. Thetis
2. Xanthus was granted the ability to speak by Hera. What did he say to Achilles in book XIX of the *Iliad*?
   1. “You are fated still to be conquered in battle by a mortal man and a god.”
   2. “I will not end until I have given the Trojans their bellyful of war.”
   3. “How great the blindness Father Zeus inflicts on men.”
   4. “Now let us eat, so we can go to war!”
3. What horse, the offspring of Poseidon and Demeter, saved Adrastus during the siege of Thebes in the Seven Against Thebes?
   1. Aithon b. Phlogios c. Konabos d. Arion
4. The idea for the Trojan horse was conceived by Odysseus, but the horse itself was built by what craftsman?
   1. Argos b. Epeus c. Daedalus d. Thersites
5. How was Pegasus born?
   1. he emerged from the blood that dripped from Medusa’s severed head
   2. he was born from a stray spark from Hephaestus’ forge
   3. one of the monstrous offspring of Typhon and Echidna
   4. Medea combined twelve mortal horses in her cauldron of immortality

MAGICAL ITEMS

1. Where did the apples of the Hesperides, the object of one of Heracles’ labors, come from?
   1. a wedding gift to Hera from Gaia
   2. the first apples that grew during the Golden Age of Man
   3. apples created by the virtues: justice, peace, and grace
   4. they are the prototypes for fruit created by Prometheus
2. Why was Harmonia given a cursed necklace as a wedding gift?
   1. her father had not paid Apollo for the work he had done on the walls of Thebes
   2. she had claimed to be more beautiful than Aphrodite
   3. Hephaestus made it to get revenge on his wife for cheating on him with Ares
   4. Hera was jealous of Harmonia’s beauty and the fact that she was Zeus’ daughter
3. Who commissioned a new shield for Achilles after his armor was taken by Hector?
   1. Thetis b. Hera c. Athena d. Zeus
4. Who owned a gold watchdog and a silver watchdog, crafted by Hephaestus, that guarded his palace?
   1. Minos b. Aeetes c. Alcinous d. Phineas
5. From whom did Perseus receive the cap of invisibility?
   1. his mother b. Hades c. Athena d. Hermes

RANDOM

1. What unfortunate woman, with whom the mythological merman Glaucus fell in love, was the target of Circe’s wrath who turned her into a monster by putting magical herbs in the pool of water where she bathed?
   1. Calypso b. Scylla c. Melantho d. Arethusa
2. Pygmalion and his statue-come-to-life-wife had a daughter. What was the daughter’s name?
   1. Galatea b. Myrrha c. Euryale d. Paphos
3. Who, one of the Theban champions who fought in the Seven Against Thebes, struck a killing blow to Tydeus, but then was himself killed and had his brains eaten by the same Tydeus as he was dying?
   1. Amphiareus b. Melanippus c. Capaneus d. Adrastus
4. Who was the god of light, music and prophecy?
   1. Ares b. Hephaestus c. Apollo d. Poseidon
5. Who was eternally punished for giving fire to mankind by having his liver pecked out by a vulture, only to have it regenerate each night?
   1. Prometheus b. Epimetheus c. Protesilaus d. Endymion
6. Who served his own son as a meal to the gods and thus was punished forever in the underworld with eternal hunger and thirst while standing in a pool of water underneath a fruit tree that he cannot reach?
   1. Ixion b. Tantalus c. Sisyphus d. Tydeus
7. This Trojan ally and leader of the Lycian forces was one of the strongest fighters on the Trojan side because he was a son of Zeus. He was killed by Patroclus when his father was unable to save him, and because of that Zeus made the sky rain blood. Who was he?
   1. Rhesus b. Phrixus c. Sarpedon d. Helenus
8. What was the Roman name, even though the word actually derives from the Greek word for “wealthy,” for the Olympian god who claimed the underworld as his domain?
   1. Pluto b. Neptune c. Hades d. Jupiter
9. Who was married to Pyrrha, daughter of Epimetheus, and repopulated the earth after the great flood by throwing rocks over his shoulders?
   1. Polites b. Deucalion c. Melampus d. Arion
10. This leader of the Thessalian contingent at Troy was driven mad when he discovered a cursed image of Dionysius in a chest that had been left by the Trojans as a trap.
    1. Eurypylus b. Antiphus c. Agapenor d. Meges
11. What son of Hermes and Aphrodite was drowned by the water nymph who fell in love with him, and eventually merged into her?
    1. Narcissus b. Hermaphroditus c. Adonis d. Aeneas
12. What son of Priam was turned into a diver bird by Thetis after he leapt off a cliff?
    1. Pallas b. Lycopes c. Polydorus d. Aesacus
13. What queen of Carthage killed herself when she was abandoned by the hero Aeneas?
    1. Helen b. Dido c. Chryse d. Deianira
14. Podalirius and Machaon were the sons of what famous healer?
    1. Chiron b. Nauplius c. Asclepius d. Memnon
15. What son of Saturn was turned into a woodpecker?
    1. Vertumnus b. Picus c. Pallantias d. Lycus
16. According to Ovid, how many seeds of the pomegranate fruit did Persephone eat, thus dooming her to live at least part of her life in the underworld?
    1. one b. three c. six d. seven
17. Demeter stopped at Eleusis while she was looking for Persephone and was received kindly by the royal family. What false name did she give to the daughters of the king who discovered her by the well?
    1. Beroe b. Artemis c. Callirhoe d. Doso
18. What hero headed the expedition of the Argonauts to get the golden fleece?
    1. Heracles b. Perseus c. Theseus d. Jason
19. At Juno’s instigation, Tisiphone created a magic potion to drive Ino mad. Which of the following was an ingredient in the potion, in addition to fresh blood and hemlock?
    1. foam from Cerberus’ jaws b. blood from the hydra

c. venom from the gorgon’s snakes d. a piece of the omphalos ground into powder

1. What was the name of the magical, flying ram that was the origin of the golden fleece?
   1. Chrysaor b. Astydameion c. Xanthus d. Chrysomallus
2. Who was called Argeiphontes because he had killed Argus Panoptes, the all-seeing guardian?
   1. Zeus b. Apollo c. Hermes d. Heracles
3. Who spoke this line from the *Aeneid*: “I’m not allowed to carry living bodies in the Stygian boat.”
   1. Charon b. Typhon c. Ladon d. Orthrus
4. Which of the Parcae was most feared in antiquity?
   1. Clotho b. Lachesis c. Tisiphone d. Atropos
5. What Babylonian princess and daughter of Orchamus was buried alive and turned into a frankincense bush after her father discovered that she was Helios’ lover?
   1. Leucothoe b. Arethusa c. Ino d. Clytie
6. What Trojan prince, a lover of the Dawn, shriveled into a grasshopper because Eos had gotten eternal life for him, but not eternal youth?
   1. Endymion b. Tithonus c. Laomedon d. Polydorus
7. According to one version of the myth, after the Trojan war Helen was killed by Polyxo in an act of vengeance for the death of her husband in the war. What was his name?
   1. Tlepolemus b. Tmolus c. Abraxas d. Theoclymenus
8. What creatures were the children of Ixion and the cloud-woman Nephele?
   1. winds b. hours c. centaurs d. cloud nymphs
9. According to Homer, what Olympian deity was trapped by the giants Otus and Ephialtes in a bronze jar?
   1. Ares b. Apollo c. Artemis d. Hera
10. What was Melpomene the muse of?
    1. history b. love poetry c. tragedy d. comedy
11. During the gigantomachy, how did Athena defeat the giant Enceladus?
    1. she dragged him from the soil of his homeland
    2. she buried him under Mt. Etna or the island of Sicily
    3. she shot him in the chest with Zeus’ lightning
    4. she turned him to stone with the head of Medusa
12. Nymphs found in trees or the forest in general were called
    1. nereids b. oreads c. naiads d. dryads
13. When Meleager died, what did his sister turn into?
    1. an owl b. guinea fowl c. lizard d. pig
14. Who was Priam’s youngest son who, according to Vergil, was sent to Thrace to avoid the war, and was treacherously killed after Troy fell?
    1. Helenus b. Paris c. Polydorus d. Deiphobus
15. The Myrmidons were the soldiers of
    1. Agamemenon b. Achilles c. Paris d. Menelaus
16. During the Age of Iron, what man was turned into a werewolf after he fed human flesh to Zeus?
    1. Tantalus b. Lycaon c. Pelias d. Diomedes
17. Who, one of the legitimate children of Zeus and Hera, was the goddess of childbirth?
    1. Hebe b. Athena c. Eileithyia d. Galantho
18. Orestes’ best friend was named
    1. Pylades b. Pallas c. Pirithous d. Peisistratus
19. What king of Sicily did Heracles wrestle three times in order to get back one of the cattle of Geryon he had lost?
    1. Acestes b. Eryx c. Dares d. Entellus
20. In book 5 of the *Aeneid*, Hera disguises herself as this old woman and convinces the Trojans women to burn the ships in Sicily:
    1. Beroe b. Doso c. Mentes d. Amata
21. How did Zeus solve the mythological paradox of the hunting dog who never misses his prey chasing the fox who could never be caught?
    1. he turned them both to stone b. he substituted a boar for the fox

c. he shot them both with lightning d. he took the hound to Mt. Olympus

Tie-breakers

96. The Chimaera was a combination of a snake, a lion, and a \_\_\_\_\_

a. deer b. goat c. bear d. boar

97. How many of Heracles’ labors were the “catch and release” of creatures?

a. none b. three c. six d. eight

98. Who had promised to send 50 ships to Troy, but then only sent 1 actual ship and 49 clay ships? a. Elphenor b. Pheidippus c. Thoas d. Cinyras

99. Who, the keeper of Hades’ orchard in the underworld, revealed that Persephone had tasted the

fruit of the pomegranate and was changed into an owl?

1. Ascalabus b. Ascalaphus c. Nycteus d. Salmoneus

100. These mysterious metallurgists and wizards from the island of Rhodes were said to have

crafted or helped craft the sickle that Cronus used to castrate Uranus.

1. Aloadae b. Macrocephali c. Telechines d. Neades