**2023 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY**

**TSJCL AREA B CONVENTION**

**ROMAN HISTORY: 31 BC – 476 AD**

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

1. Which of the following cities was NOT destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD?

(A) Pompeii (B) Stabiae (C) Antium (D) Herculaneum

2. From the letters of what man, whose uncle died from the event, do we get an account of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?

(A) Pliny the Elder (B) Pliny the Younger

(C) Seneca the Younger (D) Lucan

3. Which emperor conquered and annexed Britain in 43 AD with the aid of the general Aulus Plautius?

(A) Augustus (B) Tiberius (C) Caligula (D) Claudius

4. Which emperor wrote a Stoic treatise entitled *Meditations*?

(A) Commodus (B) Septimius Severus (C) Pertinax (D) Marcus Aurelius

5. What position, which had previously been held by Lepidus until his death, did Augustus assume in 12 BC?

(A) **Cōnsul Suffectus** (B) **Pontifex Maximus**

(C) **Praetor Urbānus** (D) **Praefectus Urbī**

6. Which of the following emerged from 69 AD as the surviving emperor?

(A) Vespasian (B) Vitellius (C) Otho (D) Galba

7. Which emperor was nicknamed “**Graeculus**” due to his love for Greek art and philosophy?

(A) Augustus (B) Claudius (C) Hadrian (D) Pertinax

8. Which emperor supposedly attempted to make his horse Incitatus a consul, showcasing the megalomania he was famous for until his death in 41 AD?

(A) Caligula (B) Nero (C) Domitian (D) Commodus

9. Which emperor came to be known as “the darling of all mankind” during his two year reign, which came to an end in 81 AD?

(A) Nerva (B) Trajan (C) Titus (D) Domitian

10. What man, a former prefect of the **vigilēs,** was rumored to have ordered Tiberius’ death via smothering?

(A) Lusius Geta (B) Cassius Chaerea (C) Sutorius Macro (D) Aelius Sejanus

11. What Numidian chieftain staged a revolt against Rome, but was put down and executed by Dolabella in 24 AD?

(A) Bato (B) Caractacus (C) Arminius (D) Tacfarinas

12. Who was NOT a member of the Flavian dynasty?

(A) Vespasian (B) Titus (C) Domitian (D) Nerva

13. Which emperor managed to claim the throne by outbidding Sulpicianus, offering 25,000 sesterces to the Praetorians?

(A) Pertinax (B) Didius Julianus (C) Macrinus (D) Elagabalus

14. Which emperor is credited with bringing the Roman empire to its greatest extent before his death in 117 AD?

(A) Nerva (B) Trajan (C) Hadrian (D) Antoninus Pius

15. What Augustan general commissioned the construction of the original Pantheon?

(A) Statilius Taurus (B) Cornelius Cossus (C) Cornelius Balbus (D) Vipsanius Agrippa

16. Which emperor encouraged people to call him “**dominus et deus**” and renamed the month of October after himself?

(A) Vespasian (B) Nero (C) Domitian (D) Caligula

17. The freedman Anicetus dealt the fatal blows to what woman, the mother of Nero?

(A) Julia Livilla (B) Drusilla

(C) Agrippina the Elder (D) Agrippina the Younger

18. Which emperor often fought as a gladiator, styled himself as Hercules reincarnate, and was killed in a conspiracy plot on December 31st, 192 AD?

(A) Marcus Aurelius (B) Commodus (C) Pertinax (D) Caligula

19. Who committed suicide in April of 69 AD after losing a battle near Cremona to the forces of Valens and Caecina?

(A) Otho (B) Galba (C) Vitellius (D) Licinianus

20. What philosopher was exiled to Corsica by Claudius, but was later recalled to serve as Nero’s tutor?

(A) Seneca the Younger (B) Pliny the Younger

(C) Helvidius Priscus (D) Thrasea Paetus

21. Which nephew of Tiberius was supposedly poisoned by the governor of Syria in 19 AD?

(A) Calpurnius Piso (B) Britannicus (C) Drusus II (D) Germanicus

22. Which emperor saw either a flaming cross or a vision involving the Christogram shortly before his battle against Maxentius in 312 AD?

(A) Constans (B) Constantius II (C) Constantine I (D) Constantine II

23. Who served as Marcus Aurelius’ co-emperor until his death in 169 AD?

(A) Lucius Verus (B) Commodus (C) Didius Julianus (D) Antoninus Pius

24. Who was the father of Caracalla?

(A) Didius Julianus (B) Septimius Severus

(C) Elagabalus (D) Severus Alexander

25. In the absence of Tiberius, which Praetorian Prefect attempted to style himself as Tiberius’ successor until his execution in 31 AD?

(A) Tigellinus (B) Sejanus (C) Burrus (D) Nymphidius Sabinus

26. Which of the following was NOT an Augustus or Caesar under the Tetrarchy?

(A) Diocletian (B) Maximian (C) Julian (D) Maximinus Daia

27. Which wrestling partner of Commodus was responsible for strangling and ultimately killing him?

(A) Cleander (B) Narcissus (C) Laetus (D) Perennis

28. Who split the empire between his sons Honorius and Arcadius, becoming the last emperor to rule over the entire Roman empire?

(A) Theodosius (B) Valentinian I (C) Valentinian II (D) Gratian

29. At what battle of 9 AD did Quinctilius Varus lose 3 legions against the Cherusci, leaving Augustus to demand that he return them?

(A) Idistaviso (B) Rhandeia (C) Teutoburg Forest (D) Vesontio

30. From what Roman province did both Trajan and Hadrian hail?

(A) Lusitania (B) Baetica (C) Raetia (D) Hispania Tarraconensis

31. What queen attempted to proclaim Palmyra’s independence from Rome, but eventually surrendered after being besieged by Aurelian?

(A) Zenobia (B) Boudicca (C) Cartimandua (D) Candace

32. Which emperor brought a black conical stone from Emesa to Rome, introducing the worship of a new sun god?

(A) Severus Alexander (B) Caracalla

(C) Elagabalus (D) Maximinus Thrax

33. During which emperor’s reign did the Pisonian Conspiracy occur?

(A) Tiberius (B) Caligula (C) Claudius (D) Nero

34. Which Dacian chieftain led his people against Rome during the reigns of Domitian and Trajan?

(A) Burebistas (B) Decebalus (C) Tiridates (D) Chosroes

35. What man famously circumnavigated Britain while serving as the province’s governor, and defeated the Caledonians at the Mons Graupius?

(A) Suetonius Paulinus (B) Julius Agricola

(C) Vettius Bolanus (D) Julius Frontinus

36. What city’s sack, which was carried out in 70 AD, was commemorated by the Arch of Titus?

(A) Byzantium (B) Jerusalem (C) Lugdunum (D) Londinium

37. What Mauretanian was the first emperor to hail from the **Equitēs**, assuming the throne in 217 AD?

(A) Diadumenianus (B) Elagabalus (C) Macrinus (D) Severus Alexander

38. With what Bithynian man was Hadrian infatuated, prompting him to found a city named for him after his death?

(A) Antinous (B) Saoterus (C) Sporus (D) Pythagoras

39. What governor of Upper Germany was defeated by Lappius Maximus after leading his two legions in revolt in 89 AD?

(A) Julius Civilis (B) Antonius Saturninus

(C) Julius Vindex (D) Flavius Clemens

40. Which Western emperor was deposed by Odoacer in 476 AD, thus marking the end of the Western Roman empire?

(A) Romulus Augustulus (B) Julius Nepos (C) Libius Severus (D) Orestes

41. Where did Constantine convene a council in 325 AD with the purpose of solidifying Christian doctrine?

(A) Nicaea (B) Milan (C) Constantinople (D) Rome

42. Who exacerbated the inflation issues already present throughout the empire by issuing the Edict on Maximum Prices?

(A) Caracalla (B) Septimius Severus (C) Gallienus (D) Diocletian

43. Which emperor died of a stroke while negotiating with the Quadi in 375 AD?

(A) Valentinian III (B) Valentinian II (C) Valentinian I (D) Gratian

44. Which emperor established a charity fund in memory of his wife, Faustina the Elder?

(A) Hadrian (B) Antoninus Pius (C) Marcus Aurelius (D) Commodus

45. The phrases “**manus ad ferrum**”, “**restitūtor orientis**”, and “**restitūtor orbis**” all refer to which emperor?

(A) Claudius II (B) Quintillus (C) Aurelian (D) Probus

46. Which of the following did NOT inherent a portion of the empire upon Constantine I’s death?

(A) Crispus (B) Constans (C) Constantius II (D) Constantine II

47. Which wife of Claudius entered a relationship with Gaius Silius as a security measure should Claudius have attempted to divorce her?

(A) Plautia Urgulanilla (B) Aelia Paetina

(C) Valeria Messalina (D) Agrippina the Younger

48. During which emperor’s reign was Rome’s 1000th anniversary celebrated?

(A) Gordian III (B) Decius (C) Valerian (D) Philip the Arab

49. As a safeguard against military mutinies, Domitian raised the base pay of legionary soldiers to how many **dēnāriī**?

(A) 200 (B) 225 (C) 300 (D) 325

50. Which usurper did Constantine defeat at both Adrianople and Chrysopolis in 324 AD?

(A) Magnentius (B) Hannibalianus (C) Valerius (D) Licinius

51. Which of the following was NOT one of Julia the Elder’s husbands?

(A) Germanicus (B) Marcellus (C) Agrippa (D) Tiberius

52. What Visigothic king frequently switched between fighting against and alongside Stilicho, and carried out the sack of Rome in 410 AD?

(A) Athaulf (B) Theodoric (C) Alaric (D) Sarus

53. What city do Septimius Severus and Constantius Chlorus share as their place of death?

(A) Londinium (B) Eburacum (C) Camulodunum (D) Verulamium

54. What governor of Britain was made Caesar by Septimius Severus, only to be defeated by him at Lugdunum in 197 AD?  
 (A) Clodius Albinus (B) Pescennius Niger (C) Didius Julianus (D) Pertinax

55. At what location was Carinus defeated by Diocletian in 285 AD?

(A) Sucro River (B) Nessus River (C) Tigris River (D) Margus River

56. At what battle was Valens defeated by Visigothic forces in 378 AD?

(A) Adrianople (B) Chrysopolis (C) Ravenna (D) Verona

57. Who led the Vandals in their sack of Rome in 455 AD?

(A) Huneric (B) Attila (C) Gaiseric (D) Gainas

58. To what island did Tiberius exile Agrippa Postumus?

(A) Pandateria (B) Pontiae (C) Corsica (D) Planasia

59. Maximinus Thrax was killed by his own soldiers after failing to capture what city?

(A) Moguntiacum (B) Mediolanum (C) Asculum (D) Aquileia

60. Which Praetorian Prefect was responsible for the arrest and execution of the four consulars?

(A) Acilius Attianus (B) Casperius Aelianus

(C) Faenius Rufus (D) Rufrius Crispinus

61. Which emperor died while fighting against Capelianus, the governor of Numidia?

(A) Gordian I (B) Gordian II (C) Balbinus (D) Pupienus

62. Which emperor renounced the title of Pontifex Maximus, removed the Altar of Victory from the senate house, and confiscated endowments from the Vestal Virgins?

(A) Gratian (B) Valentinian I (C) Valens (D) Theodosius

63. Where did Galerius convene a conference in November of 308 AD in an attempt to deal with Maxentius’ actions?

(A) Sirmium (B) Corfinium (C) Ravenna (D) Carnuntum

64. What commander of the Upper Rhine set up a failed plot in 39 AD to replace Caligula with Marcus Aemilius Lepidus?

(A) Scribonius Libo (B) Lentulus Gaetulicus

(C) Camillus Scribonianus (D) Annius Vinicianus

65. Whom did Probus succeed as emperor?

(A) Aurelian (B) Tacitus (C) Florianus (D) Carus

66. Which of the following refers to the Isaurian chieftain who later adopted the Greek name “Zeno” and eventually assumed the Eastern throne?

(A) Aspar (B) Tarasicodissa (C) Theoderic (D) Illus

67. Which region was annexed alongside Pamphylia into the Roman empire after the death of its ruler Amyntas?

(A) Galatia (B) Lycia (C) Cappadocia (D) Commagene

68. Which of the so-called “30 Tyrants” served as a governor of Egypt and was defeated by Gallienus’ general Theodotus?

(A) Ingenuus (B) Regalianus (C) Macrianus (D) Mussius Aemilianus

69. Which of the following men did NOT hold the position of **praepositus ā ratiōnibus**?

(A) Antemus (B) Pallas (C) Abascantus (D) Tiberius Claudius

70. What man quelled an insurrection from Scottish tribes in 184 AD, then withdrew Rome’s British frontier from the Antonine Wall to Hadrian’s Wall?

(A) Julius Verus (B) Virius Lupus (C) Ulpius Marcellus (D) Calpurnius Agricola

**TIE-BREAKERS:** Please mark these as **#96-#100**. These will be scored to break ties.

96. Which emperor marked the beginning of the Five Good Emperors by adopting Trajan as his successor?

(A) Titus (B) Domitian (C) Nerva (D) Hadrian

97. The emperor Claudius died after supposedly eating a bowl of what poisoned foodstuffs?

(A) Tomatoes (B) Mushrooms (C) Grapes (D) Cherries

98. Who was Septimius Severus’ wife?

(A) Julia Soaemias (B) Julia Maesa (C) Julia Mamaea (D) Julia Domna

99. At what location was Valerian defeated and captured by Shapur I?

(A) Carrhae (B) Hatra (C) Ctesiphon (D) Edessa

100. Which governor of Macedonia was denied the honor of the **spolia opīma** by Augustus in 27 BC, despite having killed the leader of the Bastarnae in single combat?

(A) M. Crassus (B) M. Antonius (C) M. Primus (D) Poppaeus Sabinus