

**2007 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY
AREA B TSJCL ACADEMIC OLYMPICS
GREEK HISTORY TEST**

Directions: Choose the best answer. All dates are BC/BCE

- 1) Which of the following was NOT a victory for Alexander the Great?
a) the River Granicus b) Issus c) Sardis d) Gaugamela
- 2) Who is credited with the Decipherment of Linear B script?
a) Evans b) Ventris c) Schliemann d) Blegen
- 3) Name the Athenian author exiled after his defeat at Amphipolis:
a) Herodotus b) Demosthenes c) Xenophon d) Thucydides
- 4) Select the two generals who were killed at Amphipolis:
a) Cleon and Thucydides b) Thucydides and Brasidas
c) Brasidas and Cleon d) Cleon and Demosthenes
- 5) Upon which body of water did the Persian Great King order 300 lashes to be inflicted?
a) the Danube b) the Straits of Salamis
c) the Gulf of Corinth d) the Hellespont
- 6) Which island was the location of a catastrophic defeat for the Spartans in 422?
a) Thasos b) Melos c) Sphacteria d) Corcyra
- 7) On which island did the Athenians carry out a massacre of the inhabitants in 416?
a) Thasos b) Melos c) Syracuse d) Euboea
- 8) Name the Spartan king killed by the Persians at Thermopylae :
a) Agis b) Leonidas c) Agathocles d) Pausanias
- 9) Name the farsighted Athenian leader who promoted the construction of a navy :
a) Pericles b) Ephialtes c) Themistocles d) Cimon
- 10) Who is credited with originating the Spartan way of life?
a) Cleomenes b) Draco c) Solon d) Lycurgus
- 11) Who led the Athenian army at Marathon in 490?
a) Miltiades b) Cimon c) Themistocles d) Demosthenes

- 12) Of which island was Polycrates a tyrant?
a) Lesbos b) Euboea c) Corcyra d) Samos
- 13) The person believed to be behind the death of Philip II of Macedon was
a) Alexander the Great b) Ptolemy c) Olympias d) Isagoras
- 14) Which of the following was the least oligarchic institution?
a) The council of Thirty b) the constitution of the 400
c) the constitution of the 5,000 d) the Areopagus
- 15) After the failure of the expedition to Egypt, the treasury of the Delian League was moved from Delos to
a) Sparta b) Euboea c) Samos d) Athens
- 16) The Bacchiad family were tyrants at
a) Athens b) Corinth c) Sparta d) Samos
- 17) What script from Minoan Crete has never been fully deciphered?
a) Linear A b) Linear B c) Hittite d) Doric
- 18) The Dorians made weapons made of
a) iron b) bronze c) copper d) stone
- 19) The most important city set up by the Ionians in their eastern migration was
a) Ephesus b) Mitylene c) Sardis d) Miletus
- 20) Nestor was associated with the Mycenaean stronghold of
a) Cnossos b) Pylos c) Tiryns d) Argos
- 21) The island destroyed by an earthquake which also cause damage on Minoan Crete was
a) Thera b) Delos c) Samos d) Rhodes
- 22) The two Athenian generals associated with the Spartan defeat at Sphacteria were
a) Demosthenes and Nicias b) Demosthenes and Thucydides
c) Cleon and Nicias d) Demosthenes and Cleon
- 23) Name the Athenian leader who was a student of Socrates, a general in Sicily, transferred his loyalty to Sparta and Persia and finally renewed his loyalty to Athens,
a) Nicias b) Alcibiades c) Pericles d) Cleon
- 24) Which of the following was not part of Solon's program?
a) division of Athenian society into 4 classes b) cancellation of debts
c) a strict code of laws d) the export of only olives and wine

- 25) Name the Athenian tyrant who forced the Athenians to plant olive trees
a) Hippias b) Codrus c) Peisistratus d) Hipparchus
- 26) The tyrannicides, Aristogeiton and Harmodius were responsible for killing
a) Peisistratus b) Hippias c) Hipparchus d) Solon
- 27) Which Athenian politician, who sent help to the Spartans in a revolt of the helots, is reputed to have regularly said, "But that is not what the Spartans would do"?
a) Miltiades b) Cimon c) Critias d) Cleisthenes
- 28) The "Long Walls" at Athens connected the city to the port of
a) Peiraeus b) Marathon c) Salamis d) Cape Sounion
- 29) Between what two major cities did Peace of Nicias establish a temporary peace?
a) Athens and Samos b) Athens and Sparta
c) Sparta and Corinth d) Athens and Thebes
- 30) Who of the following was NOT a tyrant?
a) Pittacus b) Cypselus c) Thrasybulus d) Lycurgus
- 31) Ephialtes betrayed the Spartans to the Persians at
a) Thermopylae b) Mykele c) Salamis d) Spacteria
- 32) Which of the following was proposed by Ephialtes?
a) the restriction on Athenian citizenship
b) the weakening of the power of the Areopagus
c) the cancellation of debts
d) the payment of Athenian officials
- 33) Pericles died as a result of
a) assassination b) wounds in battle c) the plague d) the taking of hemlock
- 34) The Persians appointed Themistocles governor of
a) Thebes b) Magnesia c) Euboea d) Plataea
- 35) The Helot Revolt of 464 was precipitated by
a) a Spartan military defeat b) civil war in Sparta c) an earthquake d) a plague
- 36) Most of the helots were to be found in
a) Laconia b) Argos c) Mycenae d) Messenia
- 37) Name the city that was only captured by Alexander the Great after the construction of a causeway.
a) Tyre b) Sidon c) Gordis d) Gaugamela

38) The original inhabitants of Sparta subdued by the Dorian invaders remained as
a) thetes b) hippeis c) perioikoi d) helots

39) The Delian League was formed
a) to combat the power of Persia
b) to reclaim war expenses
c) to avenge the destruction caused by the Persian invasion
d) all of the above

40) Cleisthenes was responsible for dividing the citizenry of Athens into
a) 10 tribes b) 20 demes c) 5 strategoi d) 400 phylacteries

41) The Spartans were able to control the countryside of Attica during the winters by erecting a fortress at
a) Potidaea b) Megara c) Decelea d) Amphipolis

42) The form of government in Sicily when the Athenians invaded was
a) an oligarchy b) a democracy c) an aristocracy d) a tyranny

43) The Spartan general dispatched to help the Sicilians against the Athenians was
a) Gylippus b) Cyzicus c) Brasidas d) Lysander

44) The island that called upon the Athenians for help against its home city of Corinth was
a) Ithaca b) Sphacteria c) Corcyra d) Lesbos

45) Select the charge that was brought against Socrates in 399:
a) corruption of the youth b) being a Spartan sympathizer
c) promotion of monotheism d) Medizing

46) The colony of Cyrene in Africa was established by
a) Thebes b) Sparta c) Athens d) Thera

47) The Persian commander killed at Plataea was
a) Xerxes b) Darius c) Cyrus d) Mardonius

48) The Ten Thousand were mercenaries who went to support Cyrus in his bid to seize the throne of Persia under the leadership of
a) Isagoras b) Thucydides c) Xenophon d) Alcibiades

49) The construction of the Athenian fleet was facilitated by the discovery of a mine at Laurium that mined
a) gold b) silver c) iron d) copper

50) Thucydides was the author of a book on

- a) the Persian Wars
b) the Peloponnesian War
c) the Trojan War
d) the Doric invasion

51) Which of the following were not associated with the Spartan social/political system?

- a) perioikoi b) thetes c) homoioi d) dual monarchy

52) The indecisive and superstitious Athenian army general, later attacked by Plutarch as a coward, was

- a) Alcibiades b) Gylippus c) Nicias d) Demosthenes

53) Which of the following was NOT a Persian Great King?

- a) Croesus b) Xerxes c) Darius d) Cambyses

54) Ostracism was a period of exile from Athens for

- a) 5 years b) 10 years c) 15 years d) for life

55) Epaminondas tried to weaken Sparta permanently by attempting to create an independent state in

- a) Laconia b) Argos c) Messenia d) Pylos

56) Select the battle that was won by the Thebans under the leadership of Epaminondas:

- a) Leuktra b) Antalkidas c) Knidus d) Kynaxia

57) The governors appointed by Lysander to manage Greek states after the Peloponnesian war were called

- a) ephors b) archons c) harmosts d) tamiasts

58) The main body of the Spartan army consisted of

- a) archers b) hoplites c) peltasts d) hippeis

59) The city in which the Persians based their satrapy in Lydia and burned by the Greeks in 498 was

- a) Miletus b) Ephesus c) Sardis d) Magnesia

60) In the series of speeches called the Philippics, which Greek orator tried to stir up the Greeks against Philip II of Macedon?

- a) Isagoras b) Demosthenes c) Lycias d) Cleon

61) What name was given to the culture in Crete centered on the palace at Cnossus?

- a) Mycenaean b) Hittite c) Lycian d) Minoan

62) From where did Pheidippides run to inform the Athenians of a great victory over the Persians?

- a) Marathon b) Salamis c) Plataea d) Leuktra

63) Against what people did Gelon, the tyrant of Syracuse, win a victory in 480?

- a) Persians b) Athenians c) Carthaginians d) Hittites

64) What Athenian leader well known for his exaggerated use of words was the last to be ostracized?

- a) Cleon b) Pericles c) Hyperbolus d) Ephialtes

65) Name the Athenian who led Athens at the beginning of the Peloponnesian War and was called the Olympian:

- a) Ephialtes b) Cimon c) Pericles d) Themistocles

66) What group of citizens at Athens were ridiculed by Aristophanes in his play, "The Wasps"?

- a) jurors b) farmers c) soldiers d) philosophers

67) Name the colony established by Corinth in Sicily:

- a) Syracuse b) Locri c) Cyme d) Cyrene

68) What hazard for Athenian politicians befell Themistocles, Pericles and Aristides?

- a) ostracism b) loss of property c) Medizing d) death from poison

69) Who was the victor at Aigospotamoi?

- a) Conon b) Lysander c) Brasidas d) Agesilaus

70) Who was Pericles's close female companion?

- a) Artemisia b) Aspasia c) Xanthippe d) Cleopatra

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TIE BREAKERS: PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING #96 – 100 ON YOUR SCANTRON. THEY WILL ONLY BE COUNTED IN THE EVENT OF A TIE.

96) At which of the following Mycenaean sites did Blegen find a large deposit of Linear B Tablets?

- a) Pylos b) Tiryns c) Mycenae d) Dendra

97) Which of the following events did not occur during the Peloponnesian War?

- a) the massacre at Melos
b) the Plague at Athens
c) the trial of Socrates
d) the Sicilian Expedition

98) The leader of the hawks (war party) in Athens after the death of Pericles was

- a) Nicias b) Cleon c) Hyperbolus d) Thucydides

99) Select the family who were thought to bring a curse on Athens after one of them killed the followers of Kylon in 612:

- a) Eupatrids b) Medontids c) Alcmaeonids d) Barcidae

100) Under which king who ruled about 750 did Argos reach the height of its power?

- a) Pheidon b) Codrus c) Lycurgus d) Pittacus