2019 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY

TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

LATIN LITERATURE TEST

**Choose the best answer or completion to the following questions and statements:**

1. Bucolic poetry is characterized by themes concerned with:

(a) athletic victories (b) lives of herdsmen (c) female heroes (d) love & heartbreak

2. Quintilian served as the tutor to the grandnephews of which emperor?

(a) Titus (b) Domitian (c) Trajan (d) Claudius

3. A large number of Catullus’ poems make use of a meter composed of 11 syllables per line called:

(a) alcaic (b) hendecasyllabic (c) asclepiadean (d) iambic trimeter

4. Which Roman author wrote a work on the lives of Julius Caesar and the Roman emperors from Augustus to Domitian?

(a) Sallust (b) Suetonius (c) Lucan (d) Livy

5. The *Apologeticus*, a protest against the persecution of Christians addressed to Roman provincial governors, was written by:

(a) Lactantius (b) Tertulian (c) Jerome (d) Minucius Felix

6. The Roman playwright who wrote the *Antiope* as an imitation of Euripides and the *Niptra* as an imitation of Sophocles was:

(a) Livius Andronicus (b) Accius (c) Naevius (d) Pacuvius

7. The author of a book of elegiac poetry celebrating a woman inauspiciously named “Nemesis” was:

(a) Tibullus (b) Propertius (c) Ovid (d) Gallus

8. Aulus Cornelius Celsus wrote eight surviving works based on the work of Hippocrates on the topic of

(a) medicine (b) construction (c) astronomy (d) economics

9. The author of works including *Phormio*, *The Self-Tormentor*, *The Brothers*, and *The Eunuch* was:

(a) Menander (b) Plautus (c) Terence (d) Naevius

10. The author who befriended Augustus leading to a position as tutor to a young Claudius was:

(a) Titus Livy (b) Mucius Scaevola (c) Livy Andronicus (d) Quintus Ennius

11. The comic playwright thought by his literary peers to be the equal or even superior in some respects to Plautus was:

(a) Caecilius Statius (b) Naevius (c) Varro (d) Afranius

12. The Roman historiographer who wrote the only surviving works in the genre of *Commentarii* was:

(a) Suetonius (b) Asinius Polio (c) Julius Caesar (d) Hirtius

13. Apuleius’ eleven-book romance novel was entitled:

(a)  *Apologia* (b) *Ars Amatoria* (c) *Amores* (d) *Metamorphoses*

14. The meter of Vergil’s *Aeneid* consists of six feet of which rhythm?

(a) choriamb (b) trochee (c) dactyl (d) anapest

15. The treatise *De Architectura*, which later influenced construction principles used in the Renaissance, was written by:

(a) Verrius Flaccus (b) Lucretius (c) Columella (d) Vitruvius

16. Apicius wrote a collection of ten books on the subject of:

(a) cooking (b) geography (c) agriculture (d) weather

17. Catullus writes a poem showing his jealousy of the time his lover spends with what type of bird?

(a) sparrow (b) dove (c) eagle (d) peacock

18. Cato the Elder composed one of the first historical works written in Latin entitled:

(a)  *Ab Urbe Condita* (b) *Annales* (c) *Historiae Philippicae* (d) *Origines*

19. Plautus’ comedy *Poenulus* has often been given the English title:

(a)  *The Pot of Gold* (b) *The Captives* (c) *The* *Little Carthaginian* (d) *The Wallet*

20. Marcus Valerius Martialis’ most famous collection of short poems is:

(a)  *Odes* (b) *Epigrams* (c) *Epodes* (d) *Carmina*

21. Which Roman emperor wrote a series of *Meditations* written in Greek?

(a) Marcus Aurelius (b) Commodus (c) Trajan (d) Caracalla

22. A long collection of myths called *Metamorphoses*, featuring stories of miraculous transformations was written by

(a) Apuleius (b) Ovid (c) Vergil (d) Horace

23. Lucretius’ work of didactic poetry which attempts to debunk contemporary superstitious ideas about the universe was entitled:

(a)  *De Natura Deorum* (b) *De Rerum Natura* (c) *De Philosophia* (d) *De Fato*

24. The author who wrote a historical monograph on the Jugurthine War was:

(a) Cornelius Nepos (b) Julius Caesar (c) Sallust (d) Varro

25. Petronius’ *Satyricon* features a satirical take on the Roman practice of hosting extravagant dinners using a character named:

(a) Encolpius (b) Giton (c) Eumolpus (d) Trimalchio

26. One of Seneca the Younger’s tragedies, based on Euripides’ own on the same myth, is entitled:

(a) *Hercules Furens* (b) *Oedipus* (c) *Orestes*  (d) *Medea*

27. The *Moralia*, an ethical treatise meant to give moral guidance in reaction to the Roman decadence of the time, was written by the Roman philosopher:

(a) Plutarch (b) Seneca the Younger (c) Cicero (d) Lucretius

28. The *Naturalis Historia*, which served as a model of cataloguing for modern encyclopedias, was written by:

(a) Suetonius (b) Tacitus (c) Asinius Pollio (d) Pliny the Elder

29. The comic play that was based on a similar Greek play by Apollodorus of Carystus is called

(a) *The Mother-In-Law* (b) *Phormio* (c) *The Self-Tormentor* (d) *The Brothers*

30. Which work of poetry is composed by three groups of two books each, beginning with a hymn to the goddess Venus?

(a)  *Aeneid* (b) *Achilleid* (c) *De Rerum Natura* (d) *Metamorphoses*

31. Which of Cicero’s philosophical works is written in the style of Platonic dialog?

(a)  *De Republica* (b) *De Officiis* (c) *Topica* (d) *Orator*

32. At Lucretius’s suggestion, Vergil writes a didactic poem on forms of rural industry called

(a)  *Aeneid* (b) *Sortes Vergilianae* (c) *Georgics* (d) *Eclogues*

33. Which work of history covers the earliest era of Roman history?

(a)  *De Bello Civili* (b) *De Bello Gallico* (c) *Bellum Jugurthinum* (d) *Bellum Catilinae*

34. Horace’s work of satire, dealing with incidents from his own life and man’s vices is entitled:

(a)  *Sermones* (b) *Odes* (c) *Epistulae* (d) *Epodes*

35. Under the reign of Trajan in A.D. 100, Pliny the Younger serves in the office of:

(a) praetor (b) consul (c) proconsul (d) censor

36. An ethnographic account of the Germanic peoples entitled simply *Germania* was written by:

(a) Julius Caesar (b) Tacitus (c) Eutropius (d) Quintus Curtius

37. Which of the following political orations of Cicero was written first?

(a)  *De Imperio Cn. Pompei* (b) *In Catilinam* (c) *In Verrem* (d) *In Pisonem*

38. Jerome, dissatisfied with the contemporary Greek translation, published the first Latin translation of:

(a) the *Old Testament* (b) the *Odyssey* (c) the *New Testament* (d) the *Upanishads*

39. Following the death of the original author, Aulus Hirtius is credited with publishing an additional book to:

(a)  *Aeneid* (b) *De Rerum Natura* (c) *Annales* (d) *De Bello Gallico*

**Match the following authors to their place of birth:**

40. Livy Andronicus (a) Capua(b) Tarentum (c) Tusculum (d) Verona

41. Vergil(a) Latium(b) Amitemum (c) Andes (d) Reate

42. Catullus(a) Verona(b) Patavium (c) Cordoba (d) Calagurris

43. Terence(a) Carthage(b) Cisalpine Gaul (c) Aquinum (d) Naples

44. Julius Caesar(a) Tarentum(b) Athens (c) Bordeaux (d) Rome

45. Ovid(a) Rome(b) Narbonese (c) Milan (d) Sulmo

46. Cicero(a) Hippo Regius(b) Madauros (c) Arpinum (d) Tingentara

47.Pliny the Elder(a) Comum(b) Rome (c) Amitemum (d) Cordoba

48. Lucretius (a) Sparta(b) Naples (c) Gades (d) Rome

49. Horace (a) Andes(b) Venusia (c) Milan (d) Carthage

50. Ennius (a) Athens(b) Reate (c) Calabria (d) Capua

**Choose the author who best fits the description:**

51. Earliest Birth (a) Tacitus (b) Cicero (c) Catullus (d) Martial

52. Latest Death (a) Aulus Gellius (b) Caecilius Statius (c) Martial (d) Asinius Pollio

53. Longest Name (a) Pliny the Younger (b) Ovid (c) Livy (d) Petronius

54. Shortest Life (a) Suetonius (b) Varro (c) Pliny the Elder (d) Cato the Elder

55. Most Extant Works (a) Julius Caesar (b) Tibullus (c) Ennius (d) Plautus

**Match the author to his literary love interest**

56. Lesbia

(a) Catullus (b) Ovid (c) Horace (d) Tibullus

57. Nemesis

(a) Tibullus (b) Lucilius (c) Vergil (d) Sulpicia

58. Corinna

(a) Ovid (b) Ticidas (c) Propertius (d) Gallus

59.Leucadia

(a) Lygdamus (b) Tibullus (c) Varro (d) Horace

60. Delia

(a) Tibullus (b) Gallus (c) Ovid (d) Catullus

**Choose the correct relationship between the two authors**

61. Ennius to Pacuvius

(a) cousin (b) uncle (c) brother (d) patron

62. Seneca the Elder to Seneca the Younger

(a) father (b) brother-in-law (c) brother (d) grandfather

63. Pliny the Younger to Pliny the Elder

(a) uncle (b) nephew (c) grandson (d) father

64. Gaius Fannius to Laelius

(a) son (b) father-in-law (c) son-in-law (d) father

65. Boethius to Symmachus

(a) cousin (b) client (c) patron (d) son-in-law

**Match the character description to their stock character archetype:**

66. Miserly old man

(a) Adulescens Amator (b) Servus Stultus (c) Senex Iratus (d) Senex Amator

67. Courtesan love interest

(a) Bucco (b) Meretrix (c) Dossenus (d) Servus Callidus

68. Flatterer leech

(a) Parasitus (b) Maccus (c) Manducus (d) Pappus

69. Slave-dealer pimp

(a) Bucco (b) Leno (c) Senex Iratus (d) Maccus

70. Overweight simpleton

(a) Adulescens Amator (b) Manducus (c) Parasitus (d) Bucco

**TIE BREAKERS: Choose the best answer or completion to the following questions and statements:**

96. Cinna was accidentally murdered at the funeral of:

(a) Julius Caesar (b) Cato the Elder (c) Cicero (d) Lucan

97. Ennius’ death is attributed to:

(a) gout (b) leprosy (c) old age (d) poisoning

98. Catullus writes about Egnatius’ unusual hygienic practices with respect to his:

(a) hands (b) beard (c) hair (d) teeth

99. Anytime an author uses the character name “Tiresias”, you can assume he has the handicap of:

(a) lameness (b) blindness (c) deafness (d) muteness

100. The author who owned two villas, which he nicknamed “Comedy” and “Tragedy” was:

(a) Vergil (b) Terence (c) Pliny the Younger (d) Horace