

**2007 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY  
AREA B TSJCL ACADEMIC OLYMPICS  
GREEK LIFE AND LITERATURE TEST**

1. Who was, arguably, the most influential lyric poet of the ancient world whose home was the island Lesbos?  
a) Pindar                      b) Menander                      c) Sappho                      d) Heraclitus
2. What was the name of the priestess of the Delphic Oracle?  
a) Pythia                      b) Sybil                      c) Syrinx                      d) Hetaira
3. In which Greek dialect was the New Testament written?  
a) Homeric                      b) Attic                      c) Koine                      d) Ionic
4. The historian and admiral Thucydides would have commanded ...  
a) a phalanx                      b) a trireme                      c) the Athanatoi                      d) a chiliostys
5. Who is thought to have written The Battle of Frogs and Mice?  
a) Homer                      b) Archilochus                      c) Aesop                      d) Hesiod
6. In which building would the Council of 500 meet?  
a) Metroon                      b) Tholos                      c) Leokoreion                      d) Bouleuterion
7. What is the name for a hooded cloak?  
a) petasos                      b) clamys                      c) peplos                      d) chiton
8. To what does the term *paideia* refer?  
a) virtue                      b) war                      c) education                      d) marriage
9. The name of foreigners who resided in Athens was...  
a) perioikoi                      b) helots                      c) metics                      d) kouroi
10. The phrase, "Panta rei" (translation: "Everything flows."), is attributed to which philosopher?  
a) Anaximander                      b) Heraclitus                      c) Thales                      d) Anaxagoras
11. What was the name of the Spartan senate?  
a) ephors                      b) gerousia                      c) basileioi                      d) kouroi
12. A symposium would have been held in which room of a Greek house?  
a) andron                      b) gynaikonitis                      c) oikos                      d) tholos
13. Historically, which was the earliest style of pillar used for Greek temples?  
a) Corinthian                      b) Ionic                      c) Egyptian                      d) Doric
14. Which of the following does NOT belong?  
a) choryphaeus                      b) strategos                      c) rhapsode                      d) nuntius

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15. Which school of philosophy was so named from the Greek word for "dog"?  
a) Stoicism                      b) Pythagoreanism                      c) Platonism                      d) Cynicism
16. The Parthenon was dedicated to which deity?  
a) Aphrodite                      b) Hera                      c) Athena                      d) Artemis
17. When was an Athenian male freed from parental authority?  
a) when he finished schooling at age 18                      b) when he finished military training at age 21  
c) when he married                      d) when his father died
18. The most detailed surviving narrative of the story of Jason and the Argonauts was written by...  
a) Praxiteles                      b) Apollonius                      c) Archilochus                      d) Quintus of Smyrna
19. From where did mainland Greece import most of its grain?  
a) Black Sea area                      b) Nile valley                      c) Magna Graecia                      d) Straits of Gibraltar
20. Which famous Greek historian also served as a priest of Apollo at Delphi?  
a) Polybius                      b) Herodotus                      c) Plutarch                      d) Xenophon
21. Stone markers, set outside many houses and at crossroads to ward off evil spirits, bore the image of which deity?  
a) Hermes                      b) Apollo                      c) Zeus                      d) Pan
22. Wine would be mixed with water (later to be poured into drinking cups) in which type of vessel?  
a) kylix                      b) amphora                      c) krater                      d) hydria
23. Which epic poet claimed to have been inspired by the muses while shepherding flocks on Mt. Helycon?  
a) Quintus                      b) Hesiod                      c) Apollonius                      d) Homer
24. Which of the following would take place in a hippodrome?  
a) lawsuit                      b) poetry recital                      c) political debate                      d) chariot race
25. The best-preserved ancient Greek amphitheatre at Epidaurus was dedicated to which god(dess)?  
a) Apollo                      b) Dionysus                      c) Asclepius                      d) Melpomene
26. What was the closest Greek equivalent to a Roman forum?  
a) acropolis                      b) stoa                      c) leokorieon                      d) agora
27. Which of the following did Aristotle NOT cite as important to a young Athenian male's education?  
a) mathematics                      b) music                      c) gymnastics                      d) drawing
28. Which was the only office from the following for which a citizen was elected and not chosen by lot?  
a) strategos                      b) polemarch                      c) archon                      d) thesmothetos
29. Which poet made his living mostly from writing poems in praise of athletes victorious in the Olympics?  
a) Archilochus                      b) Timarchus                      c) Pindar                      d) Menander
30. Where would you most likely find a *klepsydra*?  
a) kitchen                      b) temple                      c) ship                      d) law court

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31. Who wrote the only dramatic trilogy to survive intact to the present day?  
a) Sophocles                      b) Aeschylus                      c) Euripides                      d) Aristophanes
32. During which month was the Panathenaia held?  
a) Anthesterion                      b) Boedromion                      c) Poseidon                      d) Hekatombion
33. During the month of Anthesterion, a great festival was held for which god?  
a) Dionysus                      b) Ares                      c) Zeus                      d) Hermes
34. At what age would a Greek boy begin formal education?  
a) 6                      b) 7                      c) 8                      d) 9
35. To which god were the Isthmian Games dedicated?  
a) Zeus                      b) Apollo                      c) Poseidon                      d) Hercules
36. The ancient Olympic games were first held in which year?  
a) 1200 BC                      b) 804 BC                      c) 776 BC                      d) 923 BC
37. Which Greek playwright was brought to trial by his sons for senile incompetence but acquitted himself using his most recently written play as evidence?  
a) Aeschylus                      b) Aristophanes                      c) Sophocles                      d) Euripides
38. Zeno of Cittium taught a philosophy that the universe is a living being endowed with soul and reason and that, as such, we should live according to its mandates, which became known as what?  
a) Pantheism                      b) Zenophobia                      c) Stoicism                      d) Cynicism
39. Where would a Greek wear a *petasus*?  
a) on his head                      b) around his waist                      c) on his foot                      d) over his shoulders
40. What was the function of the Panathenaia?  
a) to celebrate Athenian Olympic victors                      b) to commemorate fallen war heroes  
c) to give the statue of Athena new clothes                      d) to commemorate the contest of Athena and Poseidon
41. What is a stele?  
a) tombstone                      b) crossroads marker                      c) temple foundation                      d) sandal
42. What was the name of Aristotle's school?  
a) the Academy                      b) the Odeon                      c) the Lyceum                      d) the Anthesterion
43. Which Athenian orator developed his speech delivery by practicing with pebbles in his mouth?  
a) Lyceus                      b) Isocrates                      c) Aeschines                      d) Demosthenes
44. Whom did Cicero call "the Father of History"?  
a) Thucydides                      b) Homer                      c) Herodotus                      d) Xenophon
45. With what sort of leaves would a victor in the Nemean Games be crowned?  
a) laurel                      b) celery                      c) oak                      d) olive
46. Which of the following would most likely provide entertainment at a symposium?  
a) rhapsode                      b) choragus                      c) hetaira                      d) strategos

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47. What would most likely happen in a *palaestra*?  
a) lecture                      b) wrestling                      c) voting                      d) symposium
48. What was a *metic*?  
a) slave                      b) skilled craftsman                      c) resident foreigner                      d) apprentice
49. What was the triangular façade atop the columns on the front side of a temple (in which sculptures usually stood) called?  
a) pediment                      b) metope                      c) triglyph                      d) plinth
50. In which of the following cities did Apollo NOT have an oracle?  
a) Didyma                      b) Ephesus                      c) Delos                      d) Delphi
51. What was the circular building in the agora where the standard weights and measures were kept?  
a) Stoa Poikile                      b) Bouleterion                      c) Pnyx                      d) Tholos
52. Which Greek polis used iron bars for currency?  
a) Thebes                      b) Sparta                      c) Corinth                      d) Syracuse
53. The double-headed axe, called the labrys, was a symbol of the sacred power of which state?  
a) Mycenae                      b) Athens                      c) Pylos                      d) Minoa
54. Who were the slaves in Spartan culture?  
a) ephors                      b) helots                      c) perioikoi                      d) phalangites
55. What was an *odeion*?  
a) unit of currency    b) sculptor's chisel    c) theatre for music recitals    d) office for registration of foreigners
56. In which comedy was Socrates parodied?  
a) Wasps                      b) Clouds                      c) Birds                      d) Knights
57. In which meter were the Delphic oracles recited?  
a) dactylic hexameter                      b) iambic trimeter                      c) hendecasyllabic                      d) no meter
58. Who wrote the only surviving satyr play?  
a) Aeschylus                      b) Euripides                      c) Sophocles                      d) Aristophanes
59. From which vessel would a priest pour a libation?  
a) lekythos                      b) phiale                      c) hydria                      d) kylix
60. Which philosopher invented the theory that the universe is made up of a large number of atoms?  
a) Empedocles                      b) Heraclitus                      c) Leucippus                      d) Anaximander
61. What was the archaic style of writing in which a line would proceed from left to right and then curve back from right to left on the following line called?  
a) stoikedon                      b) acrophon                      c) polyhedron                      d) boustrophedon
62. Which playwright was credited with introducing a third actor onto the stage?  
a) Aeschylus                      b) Euripides                      c) Sophocles                      d) Thespis

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63. Which Athenian festival was for women only?  
a) Panathenaea                      b) Thesmophoria                      c) Gamelia                      d) Anthesteria
64. Where did the *Ecclesia* meet?  
a) Acropolis                      b) Bouleterion                      c) Agora                      d) Pnyx
65. Who was the Trojan prophetess whom no one ever believed?  
a) Palladia                      b) Cassandra                      c) Hecuba                      d) Andromache
66. Which author would have written an *encomium*?  
a) Pindar                      b) Homer                      c) Sophocles                      d) Sappho
67. Who was the main character in Plato's *Dialogues*?  
a) Odysseus                      b) Plato                      c) Gorgias                      d) Socrates
68. In which vessel would grain or wine be stored?  
a) lekythos                      b) loutrophoros                      c) amphora                      d) kantharos
69. A skilled artisan was a...  
a) demiourgos                      b) loutrophoros                      c) choragus                      d) actor
70. Which of these was NOT a mathematician?  
a) Euclid                      b) Polybius                      c) Archimedes                      d) Eudorus

**TIE-BREAKERS**

96. What type of song would be sung outside the bride and groom's bedroom on their wedding night?  
a) hyporchema                      b) partheneia                      c) epithalamium                      d) hymenaeus
97. In which play is Orestes acquitted by Athena?  
a) Eumenides                      b) Choephorae                      c) Electra                      d) Suppliants
98. From where did the Greeks adopt their alphabet?  
a) Etruria                      b) Troy                      c) Phoenicia                      d) Egypt
99. Which philosophy states, "The main goal is freedom from trouble"?  
a) Stoicism                      b) Cynicism                      c) Epicureanism                      d) Platonism
100. Where were the first coins minted?  
a) Lydia                      b) Athens                      c) Crete                      d) Boeotia