2009 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY

TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

ROMAN HISTORY TEST

**Directions: Please mark the BEST answer to each question.**

1.) Under which emperor did the Roman Empire reach its greatest extent?

(a) Augustus (b) Trajan (c) Hadrian (d) Septimius Severus

2.) Which emperor established the tetrarchy?

(a) Diocletian (b) Constantine (c) Augustus (d) Tiberius

3.) In what year did Rome have four different emperors?

(a) 12 B.C. (b) A.D. 12 (c) A.D. 137 (d) A.D. 69

4.) Who succeeded Marcus Aurelius as emperor?

(a) Antoninus Pius (b) Septimius Severus (c) Pertinax (d) Commodus

5.) Which emperor added Britannia to the empire?

(a) Claudius (b) Caligula (b) Tiberius (d) Nero

6.) Which barbarian leader sacked Rome in A.D. 410?

(a) Gaeseric (b) Attila (c) Alaric (d) Odoacer

7.) The man in Question 6 was the leader of what tribe?

(a) Vandals (b) Visigoths (c) Iazyges (d) Huns

8.) Who was the seditious praetorian prefect of Tiberius?

(a) Macro (b) Drusus (c) Domitius (d) Sejanus

9.) Who was victorious at the battle of the Milvian Bridge in A.D. 312?

(a) Constantine (b) Maxentius (c) Licinius (d) Constans

10.) Which Roman emperor built the famed *Domus Aurea*?

(a) Nero (b) Domitian (c) Hadrian (d) Caligula

11.) Who was the last emperor of the Western Empire?

(a) Zeno (b) Romulus Augustulus (c) Valens (d) Julian

12.) The first man Augustus adopted as his heir was

(a) Agrippa (b) C. Caesar (c) Marcellus (d) L. Caesar

13.) During the reign of which emperor did the construction of the Coliseum BEGIN?

(a) Domitian (b) Titus (c) Vespasian (d) Nero

14.) Which of these was co-ruler with his brother Geta, until he murdered him?

(a) Caracalla (b) Aurelian (c) Hadrian (d) Domitian

15.) Who was the first emperor to be assassinated?

(a) Tiberius (b) Caligula (c) Claudius (d) Domitian

16.) During which emperor’s reign did the revolt of Simon bar Kokhba occur?

(a) Trajan (b) Vespasian (c) Domitian (d) Hadrian

17.) Which emperor established the praetorian guard?

(a) Tiberius (b) Caligula (c) Nero (d) Augustus

18.) The emperor who defeated Palmyra and its queen, Zenobia, was

(a) Aurelian (b) Claudius II (c) Maxentius (d) Gallienus

19.) Who supervised the building of Hadrian’s wall?

(a) Frontinus (b) Urbicus (c) Nepos (d) Ahenobarbus

20.) Which of these was not an emperor of A.D. 238?

(a) Gordian III (b) Maximinus Thrax (c) Phillip (d) Balbinus

21.) Who was Marcus Aurelius’ co-emperor, until his death in A.D. 169?

(a) Lucius Verus (b) Avidius Cassius

(c) Cornelius Fronto (d) Gemellus Lucillae

22.) What British leader led an uprising against Nero in A.D. 61?

(a) Caractacus (b) Cassiovelanus (c) Boudicca (d) Dumnorix

23.) Under which emperor did the Romans first fight the Dacians?

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

24.) Who purchased the Roman throne from the Praetorian guard?

(a) Pertinax (b) Didius Julianus (c) Macrinus (d) Probus

25.) Which of the following barbarians did NOT invade during the reign of Marcus Aurelius?

(a) Chatti (b) Marcomanni (c) Sarmatians (d) Ostrogoths

26.) What emperor died in captivity, having been captured by the Persian king Shapur I

(a) Valens (b) Valentinian III (c) Gallienus (d) Valerian

27.) Which of these provinces was NOT added during the reign of Claudius?

(a) Lycia (b) Britannia

(c) Mauritania (d) Bithynia

28.) The Pisonian conspiracy was a plot against

(a) Nero (b) Tiberius (c) Domitian (d) Augustus

29.) Which emperor celebrated the 1000th birthday of Rome?

(a) Macrinus (b) Severus Alexander (c) Phillip (d) Gordian

30.) Who was the first emperor of the equestrian class?

(a) Macrinus (b) Severus Alexander (c) Phillip (d) Gordian

31.) Who put down the revolt of C. Julius Vindex against Nero?

(a) L. Domitius Corbulo (b) L. Verginius Rufus

(a) P. Licinius Crassus (d) C. Calpurnius Piso

32.) Whom did Septimius Severus defeat at the battle of Lugdunum in A.D. 197

(a) Pescennius Niger (b) Didius Julianus (c) Pertinax (d) Clodius Albinus

33.) Whose rise to power was aided by the generals Fabius Valens and Aulus Caecina?

(a) Vitellius (b) Otho (c) Galba (d) Vespasian

34.) Who, in A.D. 89, led a revolt against Domitian from Upper Germany?

(a) Cerealis (b) Saturninus (c) Civilis (d) Classicus

35.) Who was the first Roman emperor born outside Italy?

(a) Caligula (b) Tiberius (c) Claudius (d) Trajan

36.) The *Forum Transitorium* was the only major public work completed during whose 15-month reign?

(a) Nerva (b) Gordian III (c) Aurelian (d) Claudius II

37.) Who was emperor in the East when Rome fell in A.D. 476?

(a) Theodosius II (b) Augustulus (c) Zeno (d) Julius Nepos

38.) Who took the throne from his cousin at a mere 14 years of age, and ruled for the next 13 years with the “help” of his mother, Julia Mamaea?

(a) Elagabalus (b) Severus Alexander (c) Macrinus (d) Gordian I

39.) Which emperor abolished the Olympian Games?

(a) Constantine (b) Constans (c) Julian (d) Theodosius

40.) Which emperor abolished the Praetorian Guard?

(a) Constantine (b) Constans (c) Julian (d) Theodosius

41.) To which island did Tiberius retreat in 6 B.C., after receiving *tribunica potestas* and control in the East?

(a) Capri (b) Samos (c) Rhodes (d) Chios

42.) Antinous was the male-beloved of which emperor?

(a) Hadrian (b) Trajan (c) Claudius (d) Commodus

43.) Poppaea Sabina, Nero’s second wife, was originally married to

(a) Otho (b) Galba (c) Caligula (d) Vespasian

44.) Titus outraged the Roman world by involving himself with which Jewish queen?

(a) Berenice (b) Zeugma (c) Apis (d) Drusilla

45.) Who led the conquest of *Britannia* and proceeded to become its first governor?

(a) A. Plautius (b) Suetonius Paulinus (c) Agricola (d) P. Scapula

46.) What grandson of Tiberius was briefly adopted by Caligula, and then killed on his orders?

(a) A. Drusus (b) Ti. Gemellus (c) L. Piso (d) L. Lucullus

47.) Who was the only emperor to officially receive a *damnatio memoriae*?

(a) Domitian (b) Caligula (c) Tiberius (d) Nero

48.) At the founding of the tetrarchy, who was the *Caesar* in the West?

(a) Galerius (b) Constantius Chlorus (c) Maximian (d) Diocletian

49.) Which of the sons of Constantine ruled for the longest?

(a) Constantine II (b) Constans (c) Crispus (d) Constantius II

50.) Which emperor enacted the last large-scale persecution of the Christians, in A.D. 250?

(a) Probus (b) Carus (c) Decius (d) Carinus

51.) Who was the wife of Vespasian and mother of Titus and Domitian?

(a) Metella (b) Domitilla (c) Titia (d) Sabina

52.) What general, having served under several emperors, decisively defeated Attila the Hun at the Battle of the Catalaunian Plains?

(a) Stilicho (b) Fabius Minor (c) Aetius (d) Anthemius

53.) Augustus was Caligula’s  
 (a) Uncle (b) Grandfather

(c) Grand-Uncle (d) Great Grandfather

54.) Which emperor issued the *Constitutio Antoniniana*, making all free men in the Empire citizens?

(a) Caracalla (b) Antoninus Pius (c) A. Severus (d) Septimius Severus

55.) Who became emperor after his victory at the Battle of the Margus?

(a) Carinus (b) Diocletian (c) Aurelian (d) Probus

56.) Which emperor was reportedly killed by a bolt of lightning?

(a) Carinus (b) Carus (c) Probus (d) Claudius II

57.) What Mauritanian cavalry leader and former governor of Judea was executed by Hadrian, being viewed as a potential rival?

(a) Avidius Cassius (b) Calpurnius Piso

(c) Statius Priscus (d) Lusius Quietus

58.) Who, during the reign of Diocletian, established a breakaway empire in Britain and Gaul?

(a) Numerianus (b) Carinus (c) Tetricus (d) Carausius

59.) Which son of Constantine was executed by his father’s order in A.D. 326

(a) Constantius II (b) Constantine II (c) Crispus (d) Constans

60.) Which governor of Syria aided Vespasian in his bid for power?

(a) C. Licinius Mucianus (b) Aulus Plautius

(c) Ti. Julius Alexander (d) M. Antonius Primus

61.) Otho to decided to revolt against Galba when he passed over Otho and adopted

(a) Ti. Julius Alexander (b) Cornelius Laco

(c) L. Calpurnius Piso Licinianus (d) Sempronius Densus

62.) What Thracian emperor is said to have been 8 feet 6 inches tall, according to the *Historia Augusta*?

(a) Gallienus (b) Aurelian (c) Maximinus (d) Macrinus

63.) Which emperor, among his other scholarly pursuits, added 3 new letters to the Latin alphabet with the aid of his power as censor?

(a) Titus (b) Claudius (c) Diocletian (d) Vespasian

64.) Who was emperor in A.D. 442 when Gaeseric and the Vandals sacked Rome, having recently orchestrated the death of Valentinian III?

(a) Petronius Probus (b) Marcian (c) Palladus (d) Petronius Maximus

65.) Who was the last man whose remains were laid in the Mausoleum of Augustus?

(a) Nerva (b) Germanicus (c) Tiberius (d) Britannicus

66.) Who reestablished Christianity as the religion of the Empire after his ascension in A.D. 363?

(a) Julian (b) Jovian (c) Valens (d) Valentinian I

67.) Which emperor, along with his cavalry commander Aurelian, defeated the Goths at the Battle of Naissus, allegedly killing 50,000?

(a) Gallienus (b) Claudius II (c) Carus (d) Quintillus

68.) Which emperor first took the power of *Censor Perpetuus*?

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

69.) Who was elected emperor by the Senate to succeed Aurelian, 6 months after the latter’s death?

(a) Gallienus (b) Claudius II (c) Tacitus (d) Valentinian

70.) What man, along with Tigellinus, succeeded Burrus as praetorian prefect in A.D. 52 and was executed in A.D. 65 as part of the Pisonian conspiracy?

(a) Paprius Cursor (b) Fulvius Platianus

(c) Faenius Rufus (d) Sulpicius Quirinus

**TIE BREAKERS: Make sure to mark 96-100 on your scantron!**

96.) What general lost 3 legions in the disastrous defeat at the Teutoburg Forrest?

(a) Arminius (b) Marcellus Minor (c) Varus (d) Aelius Gallus

97.) Trajan was born in the province

(a) Baetica (b) Mauritania (c) Italia (d) Illyricum

98.) Who was a part of the imperial entourage under Nero, but fell out of favor when he supposedly fell asleep during one of the emperor’s lyre recitals?

(a) Otho (b) Vespasian (c) Galba (d) Titus

99.) What emperor ascended to the throne upon the death of Decius, adopted Decius’ son Hostillian, and made his own son *Caesar* and *Princeps Iuventutis*?

(a) Herennius Eutruscus (b) Trebonianus Gallus

(c) Aemelius Aemelianus (d) Valerian

100.) Who was the first governor of Egypt?

(a) Cornelius Gallus (b) Aelius Gallus

(c) Aldus Manutius (d) Vibius Volusianus