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**2023 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY**

**TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS**

**ROMAN LIFE TEST**

1. In the Roman family, what legal right gave Roman fathers the ability to determine whether a child would be exposed, force their daughters to marry (or divorce), or sell a child into slavery?

a) Papia-Poppaean Law b) *Maiestas* c) *Patria Potestas* d) *Mos Maiorum*

2. Children could earn *sui iuris* if

a) their father died b) they reached the age of 12

c) they are elected to office d) they are married

3. In a *sine manu* marriage, a woman

a) is under the control of her husband b) is under the control of her father

c) does not get a dowry d) could not inherit property

4. If a Roman woman is married in a *Confarreatio* ceremony, she cannot

a) move into her husband’s house b) eat grain cakes

c) wear a yellow veil d) get a divorce

5. What happens at a *lustratio* ceremony?

a) a woman is given to her husband b) the dowry is delivered

c) a baby is given its name d) a pregnant woman is purified

6. The *Lex Canuleia* of 445 BCE allowed what to happen?

a) women to inherit property b) Patricians and Plebeians to marry

c) women to go without a guardian d) women to wear jewelry again

7. In the name *Publius Cornelius Scipio Africanus Aemilianus*, which is the nomen?

a) Publius b) Cornelius c) Scipio d) Africanus e) Aemilianus

8. If your name was *Tullia Minor*, then which of the following is probably **not** true?

a) Your dad’s name was Tullius b) You have an older sister

c) You are female d) You are an only child

9. If you saw an inscription which read “C. JULIUS CAESAR OCTAVIANUS”, what would the first C. stand for?

a) Cornelius b) Claudius c) Gaius d) Charles

10. If you were a Roman child and wanted a pet, you could have any of the following except a

a) dog b) monkey c) eel d) squirrel e) bird

11. A boy’s *toga praetexta* has a stripe of what color?

a) purple b) red c) yellow d) no stripe - it was solid white

12. To play *tali*, you would need what type of equipment?

a) balls b) knucklebones c) hoops and sticks d) colored stones

13. In *tali*, if your roll has 4 values that are the same, it is called

a) Vultures b) Venus c) Senio d) The Dog

14. In the Roman household, the job of the *ostiarius* was to

a) care for children b) clean the floors c) guard the door d) dress the matrona’s hair

15. What do you do with *peculium*?

a) season your food b) vote for a magistrate

c) pray to your household gods d) buy your freedom

16. Who were *vigiles*?

a) Roman fire-fighters b) slaves who tended the villas

c) priests of Mars d) bath attendants

17. Which of the following was **not** part of the Roman diet?

a) asparagus b) tomatoes c) mushrooms d) cabbage e) radishes

18. It’s time for *cena*! Which one of these will **not** be served?

a) snails b) dormice c) turkey d) pork e) goose

19. What kinds of food would you find at the *seconda mensa*?

a) shellfish b) porridge c) raw vegetables d) eggs e) fruits

20. The most popular sauce used by the Romans in their food was made from

a) eggs b) fermented fish parts c) sugar d) tomatoes e) blueberries

21. When you want to eat your *cena*, the best room in the house to do it is the

a) *triclinium* b) *culina* c) *hortus* d) *tablinum* e) *atrium*

22. You can eat your *cena* using all of the following except

a) forks b) spoons c) knives d) your fingers

23. The basin in the *atrium* which collected water was called the

a) *pallium* b) *lacerna* c) *impluvium* d) *compluvium* e) *amphora*

24. What do you do in a *cubiculum*?

a) plant vegetables b) cook c) sleep d) clean yourself e) watch plays

25. Which priesthood was responsible for interpreting signs from the gods through the behavior of birds?

a) *Flamines* b) *Vestal Virgins* c) *Luperci* d) *Augures*

26. The *Salii* were priests of the god

a) Jupiter b) Mars c) Mithras d) Isis

27. Which priesthood was responsible for making *mola salsa* and tending the state hearth?

a) *Flamines* b) *Vestal Virgins* c) *Luperci* d) *Augures*

28. The *Compitalia* festival honored the deities known as

a) *Genii* b) *Lemures* c) *Lares* d) *Manes*

29. At which festival did Romans get whipped with strips of goat skins to ensure fertility?

a) *Lupercalia* b) *Saturnalia* c) *Feralia* d) *Veneralia*

30. The *Matronalia*, a holiday which honored women, was held in

a) May b) June c) April d) March

31. Which foreign cult was only open to men and included seven initiation stages?

a) Isis b) Mithras c) Orphism d) Cybele

32. The only coin made out of silver was called the

a) *Aureus* b) *Denarius* c) *Sestertius* d) *Dupondius*

33. What are *dolia*?

a) loom weights b) part of the Roman measuring system

c) clay pipes d) massive jars

34. The month of August was originally known to the Romans as

a) *Quintilis* b) *Sextilis* c) *Mercedonius* d) *Intercalaris*

35. The first day of a Roman month is known as the

a) *Kalends* b) *Ides* c) *Pridie* d) *Nonae*

36. If you were a candidate for political office you would wear

a) the *toga praetexta* b) the *toga candida*

c) the *toga virilis* d) the *toga pulla*

37. The full-length dress worn by Roman women was known as the

a) *toga picta* b) *toga femina* c) *stola* d) *lacerna*

38. What does one do in an *apodyterium*?

a) vote for a candidate for office b) bake bread

c) swim d) take off your clothes

39. Where would you go to see a *retiarius* perform?

a) amphitheater b) bath complex c) temple d) forum

40. The word *arena* comes from the Latin word which means

a) fight b) blood c) sand d) floor

41. What type of entertainment was offered in a *circus*?

a) beast hunts b) gladiator battles c) chariot races d) musicals

42. If you saw a *velum* or a *velarium*, which type of structure would you be in?

a) theater b) house c) circus d) bath complex

43. Emperor Vespasian taxed what item commonly used in the cloth dying and cleaning industries?

a) linen b) clothing dyes c) soap d) urine

44. Agrippa installed golden \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Circus Maximus to indicate the lap number for the races.

a) arches b) *horologia* c) rabbits d) dolphins

45. Which type of gladiator only carried a small wooden shield and sword, and wore almost no armor?

a) Samnite b) *Retiarius* c) *Secutor* d) Thracian

46. The Roman magistrate responsible for monitoring markets and staging public festivals was the

a) *Praetor* b) *Consul* c) *Aedile* d) *Quaestor*

47. Which position in the Roman Republican government could only be held by a plebeian?

a) *Praetor* b) *Consul* c) *Aedile* d) *Tribune*

48. A *bigae* was used for

a) theatrical performances b) chariot racing c) gladiatorial combat d) hygiene

49. Which official was responsible for maintaining the Roman calendar?

a) *Praetor* b) *Consul* c) *Pontifex Maximus* d) *Flamen Dialis*

50. The position of *curator* was created to maintain the system of

a) the system of weights and measures b) the aqueducts c) the census d) fire-fighters

51. What was the *Cloaca Maxima*?

a) a venue for chariot racing b) the highest priesthood available for women c) the main highway north from Rome d) a sewer created by the Etruscans

52. What color was a bride’s wedding veil?

a) orange or red b) white c) purple or blue d) they did not wear veils

53. The main duty of the *paedagogus* was to

a) collect taxes b) tend to children in the household

c) carry his master’s clothes at the baths d) bake bread

54. Which of the following is **true** about Roman burials?

a) the Romans only practiced cremation

b) the Romans only practiced inhumation/burial

c) the Romans buried their dead in plots inside the city

d) the Romans buried their dead in plots outside the city

55. What was the *Ludus Magnus*?

a) a holiday with a triumph b) games in honor of a god

c) a gladiatorial training school d) the longest race held in a stadium

56. The first stone theater erected in Rome was the Theater of

a) Marcellus b) Pompey c) Augustus d) Bacchus

57. Which priesthood was forbidden from eating beans and seeing a dead body?

a) Vestal Virgin b) *Pontifex Maximus* c) *Haruspex* d) *Flamen Dialis*

58. A *sistrum* was

a) a tool to scrape away oils from the body b) a rattle carried by priests of Isis

c) a pot used for boiling meats d) a short sword used by gladiators

59. Which modern cereal could you **not** make using ingredients available to the ancient Romans?

a) Raisin Bran b) Cheerios c) Honey Bunches of Oats d) Cocoa Krispies

60. Now I am hungry. Where could you go in a Roman city for a quick snack?

a) *lupinar* b) *fullonica* c) *popinae* d) *balneae*

61. For what were the *Decemviri* responsible?

a) managing roads b) maintaining fair weights and measures

c) triumphal processions d) the Sibylline Books

62. How many *denarii* are equal to 1 *aureus*?

a) 25 b) 20 c) 10 d) 4

63. The characteristic dress of a *flamen* included a white conical hat called

a) an *epulones* b) an *apex* c) the *fasces* d) an *umbro*

64. The Roman holiday that honored the dead and required participants to spit out beans or throw them over their shoulder was

a) the *Matronalia* b) the *Compitalia* c) the *Lemuria* d) the *Parilia*

65. What would you do with *fibulae*?

a) make garum b) apply eye makeup c) gamble d) fasten your toga

66. If you want to go see wild animal hunting shows, be sure to attend

a) *Ludi circenses* b) *Naumachiae* c) *Venationes* d) *Ludi Scaenici*

67. What do you put in a *columbarium*?

a) bread dough b) cremated remains c) meat for cooking d) your pet bird

68. Where, on your body, would you see *caliga*?

a) on your head b) in your earlobes c) on your feet d) under your *tunica*

69. What was the function of a *bulla*?

a) to cook meals b) to grind grain c) to provide shade d) to protect from evil

70. How many women served as Vestal Virgins at one time?

a) IV b) V c) VI d) X

**Tie-Breakers: Be sure to answer the tie breakers as numbers 96-100 on your answer sheet.**

96. What is a *lararium*?

a) a board game b) a room in a bath complex where you change clothes

c) a spoon used for shellfish d) a household shrine

e) a room in the house for sleeping

97. What did the Romans call wine sweetened with honey?

a) *posca* b) *mulsum* c) *garum* d) *acetum* e) *frumentum*

98. What are *fasti*?

a) sacred objects carried by priests in processions b) conical hats

c) holidays which involve games d) calendars

99. If you are looking at *carceres*, where are you?

a) the Colosseum b) the Baths of Agrippa

c) the Basilica Julia d) the Circus Maximus

100. Which of the following animals was **not** sacrificed in a *suovetaurilia*?

a) bull b) pig c) horse d) sheep