2018 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY

TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

**ROMAN HISTORY TEST**

1. The shepherd who raised Romulus and Remus was named
A) Marius B) Faustulus C) Quintus D) Turnus
2. What king is known for constructing the Temple of Janus at Rome?
A)Tarquinius Priscus B) Tarquinius Superbus
C) Ancus Marcius D) Numa Pompilius
3. Which king was the first to add land on the other side of the Tiber to the city of Rome?
A) Tarquinius Priscus B) Tarquinius Superbus
C) Ancus Marcius D) Numa Pompilius
4. Which king waged war on Alba Longa?
A) Tarquinius Superbus B) Romulus C) Numa Pompilius D) Tullus Hostilius
5. Which order of priests was instituted by Numa Pompilius to guard the *ancile* and its copies?
A) Fetiales B) Salii C) Fratres Arvales D) Flamines
6. Which Roman hero held the Pons Sublicius against the army of Lars Porsenna?
A) Horatius Cocles B) Mucius Scaevola
C) Publius Clodius Pulcher D) Scipio Africanus
7. From which neighboring tribe did the Romans steal women during the reign on Romulus?
A) Mamertines B) Marsians C) Rutulians D) Sabines
8. On which hill was the original city of Romulus built?
A) Caelian B) Palatine C) Capitoline D) Aventine
9. Who was the first Etruscan king of Rome?
A) Tarquinius Superbus B) Tarquinius Priscus
C) Ancus Marcius D) Servius Tullius
10. Which king was responsible for the construction of the Cloaca Maxima?
A) Servius Tullius B) Tullus Hostilius C) Ancus Marcius D) Tarquinius Priscus
11. Which king was supposed to have been killed when lightning, sent by Jupiter, struck his house?
A) Tullus Hostilius B) Romulus C) Tarquinius Superbus D) Ancus Marcius
12. Cato the Elder famously brought to Rome a fig branch from which city?
A) Athens B) Carthage C) Alexandria D) Byzantium
13. Which Roman priesthood was charged by Ancius Marcius with declaring war?
A) Fetiales B) Flamines C) Salii D) Fratres Arvales
14. What port was Ancus Marcius credited with building?
A) Poseidonia B) Rhegium C) Brundisium D) Ostia
15. What ethnic group dominated the northern part of Italy from around 750 to 500 BCE?
A) Etruscans B) Umbrians C) Ligurians D) Samnites
16. Which Roman General fended off an attack on Roman territory by the Cimbri and the Teutones?
A) Scipio Aemilianus B) Lucius Cornelius Sulla
C) Gaius Marius D) Appius Claudius Caudex
17. Under which leader did Gauls sack the city of Rome in 390 BC?
A) Brennus B) Vercingetorix C) Dumnorix D) Segimerus
18. In which year was the Republic of Rome founded?
A) 753 BCE B) 509 BCE C) 31 BCE D) 27 BCE
19. After which battle did Caesar utilize the famous phrase “veni, vidi, vici”?
A) Zama B) Pharsalus C) Dyrrhacium D) Zela
20. Caesar built both a circumvallation and a contravallation around this Gallic *oppidum*.
A) Tolosa B) Alesia C) Masilia D) Bibracte
21. What was the name of the nymph who supposedly inspired Numa Pompilius during his kingship?
A) Deiphobe B) Egeria C) Tanaquil D) Galatea
22. After which battle with the Samnites were defeated Romans forced to pass under a yoke?
A) Lake Vadimo B) Saticula
C) Lake Trasimene D) Caudine Forks
23. This mother, when asked about her simplistic mode of dress, indicated that her children were her jewels.
A) Cornelia Africana B) Aemilia Paulla
C) Aurelia Cotta D) Atia Balba Caesonia
24. This Roman general entered the sanctuary of the Temple of Jerusalem.
A) Lucius Lucceius B) Pompey the Great
C) Marcus Aemilius Lepidus D) Marcus Licinius Crassus
25. In which year was the Via Appia constructed?
A) 372 BCE B) 356 BCE C) 312 BCE D) 285 BCE
26. In addition to the Via Appia, what other important structure did Appius Claudius Caecus construct?
A) an aqueduct B) defensive walls C) a temple D) a theater
27. What senator’s hands and head graced the Rostra after his death at the behest of the Second Triumvirate?
A) Lucius Piso B) Marcus Junius Brutus C) Cato the Younger D) Cicero
28. Which man was accused by Cicero of trying to overthrow the Senate by force?
A) Catiline B) Tiberius Gracchus C) Julius Caesar D) Marc Antony
29. Which Numidian king was betrayed by his father-in-law into the hands of the Romans?
A) Syphax B) Massinissa C) Bocchus D) Jugurtha
30. In sum, how many times did Gaius Marius hold the consulships?
A) 3 B) 5 C) 7 D) 10
31. How many Mithridatic Wars were there?
A) 2 B)3 C) 4 D) 5
32. Who first proposed the *Lex Sempronia Agraria?*
A) Tiberius Gracchus B) Gaius Gracchus
C) Tiberius Sempronius Longus D) Gaius Sempronius Rufus
33. What king declined two offers for the Sibylline books and accepted the third offer only after two thirds of the books had been burned?
A) Tarquinius Priscus B) Servius Tullius
C) Sextus Tarquinius D) Tarquinius Superbus
34. Which Roman hero thrust his hand into the fire to demonstrate Roman bravery to the Etruscans?
A) Mucius Scaevola B) Horatius Cocles C) Sextus Tarquinius D) Collatinus
35. Which Roman woman was supposed to have run over the body of her father with a chariot?
A) Tullia the Elder B) Tanaquil C) Rhea Silvia D) Tullia the Younger
36. Who Roman noblewoman was raped by the son of Tarquinius Superbus?
A) Lucretia B) Tanaquil C) Rhea Silvia D) Cornelia
37. Which member of the First Triumvirate provided the funds?
A) Crassus B) Pompey C) Caesar D) Marc Antony
38. Which Roman general was supposed to have discovered a store of gold at the Gallic city of Tolosa?
A) Gaius Marius B) Marcus Livius Drusus

C) Quintus Servilius Caepio D) Gnaeus Mallius Maximus

1. Which notable Greek scientist engineered the defenses of Syracuse during the First Punic War?
A) Strabo B) Diogenes C) Galen D) Archimedes
2. Which general first use elephants to wage war on the Italian peninsula?
A) Pyrrhus B) Hamilcar C) Hannibal D) Mago
3. Which city did Hannibal besiege, precipitating the Second Punic War?
A) Messana B) Saguntum C) Masilia D) Syracuse
4. At which battle of the Second Punic War did the Romans foolishly cross a river on a snowy day?
A) Trasimene B) Cannae C) Lepanto D) Trebia
5. Who led a slave revolt in Italy beginning in the year 73 BCE?
A) Eunus B) Athenion C) Spartacus D) Tryphon
6. Which had an affair with both Julius Caesar and Mark Antony?
A) Arsinoe B) Cleopatra C) Tryphaena D) Eunoe
7. What Roman Popularis politician followed in his older brother’s footsteps by proposing land reform?
A) Julius Caesar B) Tiberius Gracchus C) Clodius Pulcher D) Gaius Gracchus
8. Which Roman general was the first to attack the island of Britain?
A) Scipio Aemilianus B) Pompey C) Julius Caesar D) Lucius Lucullus
9. Who is not an example of a *novus homo?*A) Sulla B) Marius C) Cicero D) Pompeius Strabo
10. Which was not a way in which Gaius Marius reformed the Roman army?
A) allowed the *capite censi* to serve as soldiers
B) standardized training and equipment
C) introduced the *manipulus* as a military unit
D) offered retirement benefits in the form of land grants
11. In what year was Julius Caesar assassinated?
A) 100 BCE B) 53 BCE C) 44 BCE D) 27 BCE
12. At which battle did Scipio Africanus defeat Hannibal and end the Second Punic War?
A) Zama B) Cannae C) Ilipa D) Numantia
13. Which general was chiefly responsible for Octavian’s victory at the Battle of Actium?
A) Lepidus B) Agrippa C) Ahenobarbus D) Ulpian
14. Before crossing which river did Caesar utter the phrase “alea iacta est”?
A) Arno B) Po C) Ebro D) Rubicon
15. At what battle did the Romans first employ the naval weapon known as the *corvus*?
A) Aegates Islands B) Lily baeum C) Mylae D) Tunis
16. Which Roman commander is said to have thrown the sacred chickens of Rome overboard when they refused to eat?
A) Appius Claudius Caudex B) Publius Claudius Pulcher
C) Scipio Aemilianus D) Gaius Duilius
17. What Roman king was selected as a child because of an apparition of flames about his head?
A) Servius Tullius B) Ancus Marcius C) Numa Pompilius D) Tullus Hostilius
18. This Carthaginian agreed to the Treaty of the Ebro with Rome in 226 BCE.
A) Hannibal B) Hamilcar C) Mago D) Hasdrubal the Fair
19. What title did the general Quintus Fabius Maximus earn through his delaying tactics?
A) Africanus B) Cunctator C) Magnus D) Felix
20. This law attempted to restrict a woman from possessing more than half an ounce of gold.
A) Lex Iulia B) Lex Sempronia C) Lex Oppia D) Lex Valeria
21. This man incurred the jealousy of Sextus Tarquinius by having the most dutiful wife in Rome.
A) Collatinus B) Lucius Brutus C) Metius Fufetius D) Servius Tullius
22. This king of Syracuse called the Mamertines to aid in his attack on the city of Messana.
A) Hiero II B) Seleucus C) Agathocles D) Ptolemy
23. Which Greek chronicler of Roman History accompanied Scipio Aemilianus during the Third Punic War?
A) Plutarch B) Dio Cassius C) Diogenes Laertius D) Polybius
24. Which Gallic leader unified Gauls in a revolt against Julius Caesar?
A) Orgetorix B) Vercingetorix C) Dumnorix D) Ariovistus
25. Numa Pompilius is claimed to have been a student of which Greek philosopher?
A) Pythagoras B) Aristotle C) Diogenes D) Thales
26. Which dictator attempted to force Julius Caesar to divorce his wife Cornelia?
A) Camillus B) Gaius Duilius C) Caecilus Metellus D) Sulla
27. Which wife of Julius Caesar was divorced because of her presumed complicity in the *Bona Dea* scandal?
A) Cornelia B) Calpurnia C) Pompeia D) Cleopatra
28. Which Roman dictator famously returned to his plow once his service ended?
A) Cincinnatus B) Camillus C) Minucius Rufus D) Sulla
29. What city on the coast of Spain was founded by Hasdrubal the Fair around 227 BCE?
A) Cadiz B) Barcelona C) Cartagena D) Valencia
30. Which Greek city did Lucius Mummius sack in 146 BCE?
A) Corinth B) Athens C) Megara D) Argos
31. Scipio Nasica was chosen to accompany this goddess’ sacred stone from Ostia to Rome during the Second Punic War.
A) Isis B) Astarte C) Sulis D) Cybele
32. The worst defeat (numerically) experienced by the Roman army during the Punic Wars took place at
A) Cannae B) Trasimene C) Trebia D) Zama

**Tie Breakers:**

96. Who was consul alongside Julius Caesar in 59 BC but fought against him when war broke out in 49 BC?
 A) Antony B) Bibulus C) Pompey D) Cicero

97. Which king, after being defeated by Pompey, attempted to poison himself but was foiled by the immunity he had developed to it?
 A) Jugurtha B) Mithridates C) Nicomedes D) Tigranes

98. In what year did Marc Antony grant lands held by Rome and Parthia to Cleopatra’s children?
 A) 43 BCE B) 39 BCE C) 34 BCE D) 27 BCE

99. This eunuch advised Ptolemy XIII to have Pompey assassinated on his arrival to Alexandria.
 A) Pothinus B) Cleon C) Achillas D) Antionous

100. By what stratagem did Gaius Popillius Laenas force Antiochus to answer Roman demands that he abort his attack on Alexandria?
 A) Popillius supplied a large bribe
 B) Popillius threatened Antiochus with a sword
 C) Popillius brought Antiochus’ mother to the negotiations
 D) Popillius drew a circle in the sand around Antiochus