

**2006 SAN ANTONIO CLASSICAL SOCIETY  
TSJCL AREA B ACADEMIC OLYMPICS  
GREEK LIFE AND LITERATURE TEST**

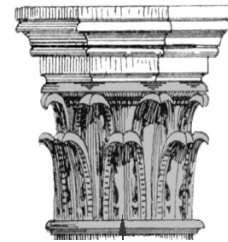
1. The first tragedian was reputed to be  
a. Aeschylus                      b. Euripides                      c. Thepsis                      d. Homer
2. The philosopher parodied in *The Clouds* of Aristophanes was  
a. Socrates                      b. Plato                      c. Diogenes                      d. Gorgias
3. The school of philosophy that took its name from the Greek word for dog was  
a. Stoic                      b. Epicurean                      c. Cynic                      d. Peripatetic
4. The author to whom the title “Father of History” was given was  
a. Herodotus                      b. Thucydides                      c. Polybius                      d. Homer
5. Thucydides’ work told the story of  
a. The Persian War                      b. The Peloponnesian War  
c. The Trojan War                      d. The Punic War
6. How many kings headed the Spartan state?  
a. one                      b. three                      c. none                      d. two
7. At age 18, an Athenian youth attained the status of  
a. ephebe                      b. paedagogue                      c. pais                      d. hoplite
8. The prize awarded to the winner at the Isthmian Games was  
a. an olive wreath                      b. crown of bay leaves  
c. wreath of dry celery                      d. wreath of fresh wild celery
9. The primeval forces of justice that pursued Orestes were  
a. the Furies                      b. the Titans                      c. The Maenads                      d. the Cyclopes
10. The Eleusian Mysteries involved the worship of  
a. Dionysus                      b. Demeter                      c. Orpheus                      d. Cabirs
11. The system that could be used at Athens to banish citizens was  
a. phyletism                      b. synoikismus                      c. ostracism                      d. tyranny
12. The philosopher who first proposed the atomic theory was  
a. Pythagoras                      b. Heracleitus                      c. Socrates                      d. Leucippus
13. To whom is the phrase “The unexamined life is not worth living” attributed?  
a. Heracleitus                      b. Plato                      c. Socrates                      d. Zeno

14. The area of the theater where the chorus performed was  
a. the skene                      b. choreagus                      c. orchestra                      d. gymnasium
15. The second actor was introduced into tragedy by  
a. Sophocles                      b. Aeschylus                      c. Agathon                      d. Euripides
16. The play of Aristophanes in which an *agon* is held in order to decide who the best tragedian is, is  
a. *The Birds*                      b. *The Frogs*                      c. *The Wasps*                      d. *The Clouds*
17. Name the major philosopher/mathematician who believed in reincarnation:  
a. Pythagoras                      b. Zeno                      c. Xenophanes                      d. Parmenides
18. Parmenides founded the school of philosophy known as  
a. the Academy                      b. the Lyceum                      c. the Eleatic                      d. the Stoa
19. Which of the following was not a tenet of Epicureanism?  
a. the atomic theory  
b. friendship is important for happiness  
c. the aim of life is to achieve a state of calm and balance  
d. all men contain a divine spark within them
20. Name the philosopher from Miletus who was able to explain eclipses rationally:  
a. Anaxagoras                      b. Thales                      c. Eratosthenes                      d. Archimedes
21. Which of the following was not a work of Plato's?  
a. *The Politics*                      b. *The Republic*                      c. *Crito*                      d. *The Apology*
22. At which festival was a presentation of a new robe to a goddess made?  
a. Thesmophoria                      b. Great Panathenaia                      c. Anthesteria                      d. Pythian
23. The market place in a Greek *polis* was called the  
a. tholos                      b. odeion                      c. agora                      d. prytaneion
24. Which of the following writers was a writer of fables?  
a. Anacreon                      b. Aesop                      c. Apollonius Rhodius                      d. Callimachus
25. Which of the following poets was **not** an Alexandrian poet?  
a. Anacreon                      b. Callimachus  
c. Aristarchus of Samothrace                      d. Apollonius Rhodius
26. Select the writer of New Comedy who was probably the most popular in the ancient world:  
a. Aristophanes                      b. Euripides                      c. Menander                      d. Lysias

27. Pindar was a writer of  
a. tragedy                      b. philosophy                      c. pastoral poetry                      d. odes
28. The author of the epitaph to the Athenian dead at Marathon was  
a. Semonides                      b. Simonides                      c. Anacreon                      d. Theocritus
29. Trytaeus, an author of war songs and exhortations in elegiac verse, lived in  
a. Corinth                      b. Elis                      c. Sparta                      d. Thebes
30. The sculptor responsible for the statue of Zeus at Olympia was  
a. Praxiteles                      b. Pheidias                      c. Myron                      d. Critus
31. List the following coins according to their worth, starting with the least in value:  
a. mina                      drachma                      obol                      chalkos  
b. chalkos                      obol                      drachma                      mina  
c. obol                      mina                      chalkos                      drachma  
d. drachma                      obol                      mina                      chalkos
32. The section of Athens that was originally a citadel was the  
a. agora                      b. prytaneion                      c. stoa                      d. acropolis
33. Horse races were normally held in  
a. the palaestra                      b. stadium                      c. hippodrome                      d. gymnasium
34. The sports facility that was given its name because the athletes wore no clothes was  
a. palaestra                      b. stadium                      c. gymnasium                      d. hippodrome
35. Triskaidekaphobia is based upon fear of the Greek number  
a. three                      b. thirty                      c. seven                      d. thirteen
36. The three main branches of Greek education did not include  
a. writing                      b. music                      c. gymnastics                      d. astrology
37. Dithyrambs were normally sung in honor of  
a. Apollo                      b. Dionysus                      c. Athena                      d. Zeus
38. Paeans were normally sung in honor of  
a. Apollo                      b. Dionysus                      c. Athena                      d. Zeus
39. The first to use iambic meter in his poems was  
a. Anacreon                      b. Sappho                      c. Bacchylides                      d. Archilochus
40. The wealthiest of the 4 property classes into which Solon organized Athenian citizens  
a. hippeis                      b. zeugitai                      c. thetes                      d. pentekosimedimnoi

41. Which of the following was **not** a Spartan institution?  
a. boule                      b. ecclesia                      c. gerousia                      d. apella
42. The Council of the Four Hundred at Athens reflected a form of government called  
a. democracy                      b. tyranny                      c. oligarchy                      d. aristocracy
43. The majority of people living in Sparta were  
a. ephors                      b. Spartiates                      c. perioikoi                      d. helots
44. Select from the following the reformer who was not Athenian:  
a. Lycurgus                      b. Cleisthenes                      c. Solon                      d. Ephialtes
45. Figure of Eight shields were used by  
a. the Myceneans                      b. the Macedonians                      c. the Spartan phalanx                      d. Athenian cavalry
46. In order to give fortified access to the Peiraus, the Athenians built  
a. a fort                      b. an acropolis                      c. long walls                      d. a ditch
47. Many of the female professional class and musicians hired to entertain at symposia were from a class of women known as  
a. pornai                      b. despoinae                      c. epikleroi                      d. hetaerae
48. One of the systems for designating dates was based on  
a. the Olympic Games                      b. the meetings of the Ecclesia  
c. the Isthmian Games                      d. the Delphic oracles
49. The food said to be the worst in Greece was  
a. Athenian                      b. Macedonian                      c. Argive                      d. Spartan
50. The bowl used for mixing wine and water was  
a. kylix                      b. rhyton                      c. krater                      d. pyxis
51. The Orphic cult recognized  
a. reincarnation                      b. no life after death  
c. eternal damnation                      d. the second coming of Orpheus
52. The Greek leader, Xenophon, led an expedition to help  
a. Xerxes                      b. Alexander the Great                      c. Cyrus                      d. Darius
53. The region of Greece that included Sparta, Argos, and Corinth was  
a. Megara                      b. Lydia                      c. Lycia                      d. the Peloponnese
54. The river on whose banks Sparta was located was  
a. the Xanthus                      b. Eridanus                      c. the Eurotas                      d. Maenander

55. The silver mines that provided Athens with a major source of wealth were in  
a. Decelea                      b. Laurium                      c. Mt. Hymettus                      d. Perntelicus
56. The author from whom we can deduce some of Socrates' philosophy was  
a. Aristotle                      b. Plato                      c. Plutarch                      d. Epicurus
57. Gorgias was a member of the philosophic group known as the  
a. Sophists                      b. Epicureans                      c. Cynics                      d. Stoics
58. The warship with two rows of oars was  
a. the trireme                      b. the pentekontor                      c. the bireme                      d. the tetereis
59. Spartan boys were removed from their families and housed in the state barracks at age  
a. 20                      b. 21                      c. 14                      d. 7
60. The meter of epic poetry, some hymns, and bucolic poetry was  
a. the pentameter                      b. the iambic                      c. the hexameter                      d. Greater Asclepiad
61. The song that the chorus performed as it entered was  
a. the parodos                      b. the prologos                      c. the agon                      d. the exodos
62. The Greek tragedian who fought at the battle of Marathon was  
a. Sophocles                      b. Euripides                      c. Aeschylus                      d. Thespis
63. Zeus had an oracle at  
a. Delphi                      b. Delos                      c. Didyma                      d. Dodona
64. In the pankration the only form of violence **not** allowed was  
a. boxing                      b. biting                      c. strangling                      d. kicking
65. The order of the figure on the right is  
a. Ionic                      b. Corinthian                      c. Doric                      d. Aeolic



Study the figure on the right and label each number correctly.

66. a. capital b. pediment  
c. metope d. architrave
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d. Aeolic



**TIE BREAKERS: The following questions will only be used in the event of a tie. Please mark the following 96 – 100 on your scantron answer document.**

96. Which of the following was not a stringed instrument?  
a. kithara b. barbiton c. aules d. lyre
97. Select the correct chronological order from the earliest to the latest for these types of pottery:  
a. black figure, geometric, Hellenistic, red figure  
b. red figure, black figure, geometric, Hellenistic  
c. black figure, Hellenistic, red figure, geometric  
d. geometric, black figure, red figure, Hellenistic
98. Select which of the following was **not** a month of the year in Athens  
a. Boedromion b. Gamelion c. Metageitnion d. Hyacinthia
99. The reputed originator of scholia was  
a. Terpander b. Sappho c. Alcaeus d. Tyrtaeus
100. In which play of Euripides does a wife offer to die in place of her husband?  
a. *Medea* b. *Alcestis* c. *Elektra* d. *Antigone*