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LEVEL III - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Welcome to the Chancellor Certamen. As we continue to tinker with the format and rules of the game, we ask that you write down the answers to your first five questions. Give the Latin for the subordinate verb in the sentence “We ask that you write the answers, students.” *SCRIBATIS*

BONUS: For the bonus, write the entire sentence “We ask that you write the answers, students.”

*ROGAMUS UT SCRIBATIS
RESPONSA, DISCIPULI*

2) WRITE-DOWN: What is located in the Roman Forum and known as “Mamertine”?
PRISON

BONUS: In what part of the Mamertine Prison were executions held?
TULLIANUM

3) WRITE-DOWN: According to the author Suetonius, Augustus beat his head and tore his hair in dismay because what general had lost three legions to the Germans?

(P. QUINCTILIUS) VARUS

BONUS: Where and when did the disastrous defeat take place?

TUETOBURG FOREST in AD 9

4) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of the staff entwined with snakes which was carried by Hermes?

CADUCEUS

BONUS: The caduceus replaced the staff entwined by one snake which originally represented the Greek god of medicine and healing. Who is this god?

ASCLEPIUS

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5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify this building in Rome.

PANTHEON

BONUS: Is this building located in the Campus Martius, in the Roman Forum, or on the Palatine Hill?

CAMPUS MARTIUS

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What Roman religious ceremony involved the sacrifice of three different animals? SUOVETAURILIA
BONUS: What three animals were sacrificed in a suovetaurilia? PIG, SHEEP, and BULL
- 7) TOSS-UP: Give the two active participles for the Latin verb *ago, agere*.
AGENS and ACTURUS (accept other genders)
BONUS: Give the two passive participles for *ago, agere*.
ACTUS and AGENDUS (accept other genders)
- 8) TOSS-UP: We often talk about being caught between a rock and a hard place. What was the mythological equivalent, experienced by Odysseus and Aeneas?
SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS
BONUS: Our heroes encountered Scylla and Charybdis probably in the Straits of Messina. Where are the Straits of Messina located?
BETWEEN SICILY AND ITALY
- 9) TOSS-UP: The story of Pyramus and Thisbe takes place in Babylon. In what modern country was Babylon located? IRAQ
BONUS: Iraq is also the site for ancient Mesopotamia. Between what two rivers was Mesopotamia located? TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES
- 10) TOSS-UP: What title, bestowed in 27 BC, did Augustus prefer to be called?
PRINCEPS
BONUS: What title used by later emperors originally could only be bestowed by the troops after a military victory? IMPERATOR
- 11) TOSS-UP: Who wrote an early history of Rome in 142 books?
LIVY
BONUS: Who wrote a history of the early Roman empire?
TACITUS
- 12) TOSS-UP: What is the fourth principal part of the verb *fero, ferre*?
LATUS
BONUS: What is the difference between the noun *latus* and the adjective *latus*?
NOUN = SIDE and ADJECTIVE = WIDE
- 13) TOSS-UP: In the Underworld, who was forced forever to push a boulder uphill, only to have it roll back down the hill? SISYPHUS
BONUS: What was Sisyphus' crime? AVOIDING/ESCAPING DEATH

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- 14) TOSS-UP: What river served as the boundary between Italy and Cisalpine Gaul?
Julius Caesar crossed it with the words *Alea iacta est*.
RUBICON
BONUS: What river served as the ancient boundary between Germany and Gaul?
Julius Caesar was the first Roman general to cross it.
RHINE or RHENUS
- 15) WRITE-DOWN: Into how many *horae*, or hours, was the Roman day divided?
TWELVE (12)
BONUS: Into how many *vigiliae*, or watches, was the Roman night divided?
FOUR (4)
- 16) TOSS-UP: Which triumvir was killed at the Battle of Carrhae in 52 BC?
(MARCUS LICINIUS) CRASSUS
BONUS: Against what foe did the Romans lose? PARTHIANS
- 17) TOSS-UP: Who was the first woman, created by Zeus to be a pest to man?
PANDORA
BONUS: What does Pandora mean in Greek? "ALL GIFTS"
- 18) TOSS-UP: Name the Roman building being described: In the Campus Martius a dome, pierced by an oculus, sits upon a rotunda which could contain a perfect sphere. It was dedicated to all the gods. PANTHEON
BONUS: Name the building being described: At one point probably the largest free-standing building of its type in the world. By the use of barrel vaults and arches four stories high, concentric rings lead into the arena.
COLOSSEUM
- 19) TOSS-UP: In the sentence "seeing is believing," translate "seeing" into Latin.
VID_RE
BONUS: In the sentence "I believe that I have had enough seeing", translate "seeing" into Latin.
VIDENDI
- 20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Domus Larvis Infesta*? THE HAUNTED MANSION
BONUS: What about *Mons Gelidus*? COLD MOUNTAIN

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Translate the subordinate clause in the following sentence into Latin using a purpose clause: "I am going to Rome to see the king."

UT REGEM VIDEAM

BONUS: Now translate the same clause using a gerundive.

AD REGEM VIDENDUM

- 2) TOSS-UP: What cult, most appealing to soldiers, was represented by a man, born from a rock or tree, slaying a bull? The Romans were introduced to this cult after troops reached Persia during the reign of Nero. MITHRAISM

BONUS: In what disgusting ritual did soldiers participate in order to become initiated?

BATHE/SHOWER IN THE BLOOD OF A SACRIFICED BULL

- 3) WRITE-DOWN: Who was the first Roman emperor to build a wall across Britain in order to keep out the barbarians? HADRIAN

BONUS: Which emperor sent a legion to Britain to gather sea-shells?

CALIGULA (GAIUS)

- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Greek mythology gives us what term for an extremely handsome young man? He was a lover of Aphrodite. ADONIS

BONUS: According to most myths, how did Adonis tragically die?

GORED BY A BOAR WHILE HUNTING

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. Identify this area of the city of Rome. ROMAN FORUM

BONUS: Which of the seven hills of Rome is visible in the background of this picture? PALATINE

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- 6) TOSS-UP: In what city of the ancient world was the Pharos, or lighthouse, located? This lighthouse was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

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ALEXANDRIA

BONUS: In what city of the ancient world were the hanging gardens located? These, also, were one of the Seven Wonders. BABYLON

7) TOSS-UP: Using a gerundive, translate into Latin the expression of purpose in this sentence: “They came to free the slaves.” *AD SERVOS LIBERANDOS*

BONUS: Now translate that expression of purpose using a purpose clause.

UT SERVOS LIBERARENT

8) TOSS-UP: According to mythology, who disregarded his father’s advice and flew too close to the sun, thus falling to his death into the sea? ICARUS

BONUS: Also according to mythology, who was killed by Jupiter because he rejected his father’s pleas to change his wish and, while driving the chariot of the sun, lost control and set the world on fire? PHAETHON

9) TOSS-UP: What body of water did the Romans call the Pontus Euxinus?

BLACK SEA

BONUS: Along what modern body of water was the Roman province of Illyricum located?

ADRIATIC SEA

10) TOSS-UP: The winners write the history but sometimes the losers become national heroes. Who became a French national hero after losing to Julius Caesar and the Romans at Alesia?

VERCINGETORIX

BONUS: What woman became a British national heroine after losing to the Romans in AD 61?

BOUDICCA

11) TOSS-UP: Seneca, Tacitus, Martial, and Pliny are all authors from what age of Latin literature?

SILVER

BONUS: Which of the authors, Seneca, Tacitus, Martial, and Pliny, is known for his witty epigrams?

MARTIAL

12) TOSS-UP: Translate this phrase from Cicero: *Quae cum ita sint.*

“SINCE THESE THINGS ARE SO” or

“THEREFORE”

BONUS: What is the meaning of the Ciceronian phrase *Ubinam gentium sumus?*

“WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE?”

13) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Pharae, Delos, Dodona, Cumae, Delphi.

ORACLES

BONUS: Which of these sites was a famous oracle to Zeus?

DODONA

14) TOSS-UP: Helen of Troy was originally from what Greek city?

SPARTA

BONUS: Cleopatra was not Egyptian but rather descended from what Greek family?

PTOLEMY

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15) WRITE-DOWN: Complete the following analogy: **Forum** is to **Rome** as _____ is to **Athens**.

AGORA

BONUS: Complete the following analogy: **Stoa** is to **Athens** as _____ is to **Rome**.

BASILICA

16) TOSS-UP: Name, in order of their reigns, the “Five Good Emperors”.

NERVA, TRAJAN, HADRIAN,
ANTONINUS PIUS, MARCUS
AURELIUS

BONUS: What historian who flourished during the reigns of Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan, and Hadrian wrote works called *Historiae*, *Annales*, and *Agricola*?

TACITUS

17) TOSS-UP: Name the Titan who defied Zeus by giving fire to mankind.

PROMETHEUS

BONUS: How did Zeus punish Prometheus?

BOUND HIM TO A WINTRY CLIFF
WHERE A VULTURE ATE OUT HIS
LIVER

18) TOSS-UP: What type of gladiator was a *bestiarius*?

ONE WHO FOUGHT WILD ANIMALS

BONUS: What did the Romans call the condemned criminals who were forced to fight as gladiators?

DAMNATI

19) TOSS-UP: When you received information but are doubtful because the source, you may use this Latin phrase to describe how you should take it.

CUM GRANO SALIS

BONUS: When you believe information without evidence because you trust the source, you may use the Latin phrase *ipse dixit*. Translate this phrase.

“HE HIMSELF SAID (IT)”

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What current movie would the Romans call *Dominus et Imperator*?

MASTER AND COMMANDER

BONUS: What movie would be called *Iudices Aufugientes*?

RUNAWAY JURY

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: What is the literal meaning of the Latin abbreviation H.I.S. or, in later years, H.J.S.? You would usually see it inscribed on tombstones.

“HERE LIES BURIED”

BONUS: Give the Latin phrase for “May he rest in peace”.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

- 2) WRITE-DOWN: In ancient Rome, a woman of what profession wore a toga?

PROSTITUTE

BONUS: What Latin phrase did the prostitute have written on the back of her shoes?

SEQUERE ME

- 3) WRITE-DOWN: From what island did the paranoid emperor Tiberius rule the empire?

CAPRI

BONUS: What head of the Praetorian guard led a conspiracy against Tiberius to gain control of the empire?

SEJANUS

- 4) WRITE-DOWN: What sculptor, dissatisfied with the real women around him, fell in love with his own beautiful statue?

PYGMALION

BONUS: What was the name of this beautiful, statuesque woman?

GALATEA

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. What is the name for the two objects connected by the chain?

STRIGIL

BONUS: What would be contained in the flask?

(SCENTED) OIL

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- 6) WRITE-DOWN: On what day of the month did the Ides typically fall?

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BONUS: With what celestial event did the Ides of the month originally coincide?
FULL MOON

7) TOSS-UP: Going to school in the mid-Atlantic region during the winter is always exciting because we often miss days due to snowfall. How do we say in Latin: "Let it snow"?"
NINGAT

BONUS: What is the nominative, genitive, and gender for the Latin noun meaning "snow"?"
NIX, NIVIS, F.

8) TOSS-UP: In the Zodiac, what sign represents the brothers Castor and Pollux?
GEMINI

BONUS: In the Zodiac, what sign represents Almathea, the goat who nourished the infant Zeus?
CAPRICORN

9) TOSS-UP: What modern country takes its name from the Latin word for silver?
ARGENTINA

BONUS: What Mediterranean island takes its name from the Latin word for copper?
CYPRUS

10) TOSS-UP: What governor of Sicily cruelly looted that province and was later exiled following bitter orations by Cicero?
VERRES

BONUS: What mathematician's tomb did Cicero find while he was quaestor in Sicily?
ARCHIMEDES

11) TOSS-UP: Who was the author of the *Satyricon*?

PETRONIUS

BONUS: During the *Satyricon*, there is a comical dinner-party given by a self-made millionaire and freedman. Who gave this dinner?

TRIMALCHIO

12) TOSS-UP: What figure of speech is the use of a word, usually a proper noun, in place of another which it suggests?
METONYMY

BONUS: Which figure of speech is an exaggeration for effect?
HYPERBOLE

13) TOSS-UP: Who was torn apart by his mother because he had rejected the god Dionysus?
PENTHEUS

BONUS: Pentheus' mother, Semele, was a follower of the god Dionysus. What was the term for this female worshipper?
A BACCHANT

14) TOSS-UP: Julius Caesar was said to have had a close relationship with Servilia, the mother of what prominent Roman whom Shakespeare calls "the noblest Roman of them all"?"
BRUTUS

BONUS: Who was Brutus' wife, the daughter of Cato the Younger, a political enemy of Caesar?
PORCIA

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- 15) TOSS-UP: What Roman assembly regularly met in the Campus Martius and elected censors, praetors, and consuls? COMITIA CENTURIATA
BONUS: Which assembly was the chief legislative body and elected quaestors and aediles? COMITIA TRIBUTA
- 16) TOSS-UP: Identify the common bond: Teutoberg Forest, Lake Regillus, Cannae. ROMAN MILITARY DISASTERS
BONUS: Identify the victorious enemy for each of the previous disasters (repeat the battles). TEUT - GERMANS; LAKE REG - LATINS; CAN - CARTHAGINIANS
- 17) TOSS-UP: Because of the death of Androgeus, King Minos of Crete demanded what as tribute from Athens? SEVEN YOUTHS AND SEVEN MAIDENS
BONUS: What was the fate of these fourteen children? THEY WERE FED TO THE MINOTAUR
- 18) TOSS-UP: What is ancient Rome was a *bestiarius*? A TYPE OF GLADIATOR WHO FOUGHT ANIMALS
BONUS: What in ancient Rome was a *naumachia*? A MOCK NAVAL BATTLE or A PLACE CONSTRUCTED FOR A MOCK NAVAL BATTLE
- 19) TOSS-UP: What is the comparative form of the adverb *magnopere*? MAGIS
BONUS: What is the superlative form? MAXIME
- 20) TOSS-UP: Here we are back at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Dominus Anulorum: Reditus Regis*? LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING
BONUS: What about *Crudelitas Intolerabilis*? INTOLERABLE CRUELTY

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Give the Latin for the verb “send” in the sentence “I know that my father will send me a letter.” *MISSURUM ESSE*
BONUS: Give the correct form for “send” in the sentence “If my father should send me a letter, I would be happy.” *MITTAT*
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: What was the term for a priest who would prophesy the future by taking the auspices? *AUGUR/AUGURES*
BONUS: What was the term for a priest who would prophesy the future by examining the entrails of sacrificed animals? *HARUSPEX/HARUSPICES*
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: In 63 BC, the consul Marcus Tullius Cicero put down a conspiracy by what man to overthrow the government and gain control? *CATILINE*
BONUS: What title did the senate give Cicero after successfully exposing and preventing this revolution? *PATER PATRIAE*
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: Who set off on a journey to find his father, long overdue at home a after the end of the Trojan War? *TELEMACHUS*
BONUS: What was the name of Odysseus’ dog who first recognized his master after he returned home? *ARGUS*

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: For this question, look at the picture and answer the following question. What is the name of this building? *PARTHENON*
BONUS: The Parthenon is located in Athens, Greece. On what hill is it located? *ACROPOLIS*

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- 6) TOSS-UP: Give the Latin for a greeting given by gladiators to the emperor or giver of the gladiatorial games. *(AVE, IMPERATOR) MORITURI TE SALUTANT*
BONUS: How did the giver of the games give the signal for the games to begin? *DROPPING A NAPKIN (MAPPA)*

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- 7) TOSS-UP: What Latin phrase is used to describe a habitual or typical procedure for performing some action or carrying out some activity? It is abbreviated m.o.
MODUS OPERANDI
BONUS: What Latin phrase could be used to describe the modus operandi as it stands at the present?
STATUS QUO
- 8) TOSS-UP: What arrogant Greek woman boasted that she was a greater mother than Latona, the mother of Apollo and Artemis, because she had fourteen children and Latona only two?
NIOBE
BONUS: To avenge her slighted honor, Apollo and Artemis killed all fourteen of Niobe's children. Into what was the grieving Niobe changed?
A WEeping ROCK/SPRING
- 9) TOSS-UP: Spell the Latin name for the mountain range which runs down through the peninsula of Italy.
A-P-P-E-N-N-I-N-U-S or
A-P-P-E-N-N-I-N-I
BONUS: What mountain range separated Gallia and Hispania?
PYRENEES
- 10) TOSS-UP: Divorce was a prominent in ancient Rome as it is today. Which wife did Julius Caesar divorce?
POMPEIA
BONUS: After 30 years of marriage, whom did Cicero divorce in order to marry a rich, young wife?
TERENTIA
- 11) TOSS-UP: *Qui poeta clarus Veronae natus est?* CATULLUS
BONUS: *Qui poeta clarus Venusiae natus est?* HORACE
- 12) TOSS-UP: What is the adverb for the Latin adjective *fortis*?
FORTITER
BONUS: What is the meaning of the Latin word *forte*?
"BY CHANCE"
- 13) TOSS-UP: Jason led the Argonauts in search of the Golden Fleece. Not only did he bring back the Golden Fleece but he also brought back this witchy woman as his wife. Who was she?
MEDEA
BONUS: Jason later dumped Medea in favor of the princess Glauce. How did Medea seek revenge against Jason?
SHE KILLED THEIR CHILDREN and/or
GLAUCE
- 14) TOSS-UP: In AD 476, the last Roman emperor in the West was deposed. Name the barbarian who removed this youngster from the throne.
ODOACER
BONUS: How many years longer did the Eastern Roman Empire survive before it fell?
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15) TOSS-UP: What festival in ancient Rome involved, among other things, scantily-clad youths running through the streets brandishing leather thongs said to promote fertility?

LUPERCALIA

BONUS: What Christian holiday replaced the Lupercalia?

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

16) TOSS-UP: How many consulships did Gaius Marius hold? SEVEN

BONUS: Of whom was Sulla speaking when he said, "I see in this man many Mariuses.?"

JULIUS CAESAR

17) TOSS-UP: In mythology, what woman, who was fated to have a child greater than his father, was given in marriage by Zeus to Peleus?

THETIS

BONUS: In order to prevent his having a child wiser or more clever than he, Zeus swallowed which of his consorts?

METIS

18) TOSS-UP: What was the purpose of the *laudatio* at a Roman funeral?

TO GIVE THE EULOGY

BONUS: Who gave Julius Caesar's eulogy?

MARC ANTONY

19) TOSS-UP: To what Roman orator is the phrase *O tempora! O mores!* attributed?

(MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO

BONUS: To what Roman poet is the phrase *Carpe diem* attributed?

HORACE

20) TOSS-UP: Our last trip to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Feles in Petaso*?

THE CAT IN THE HAT

BONUS: What about *Imbecilli Animati: Rursus Actiones*?

LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION

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