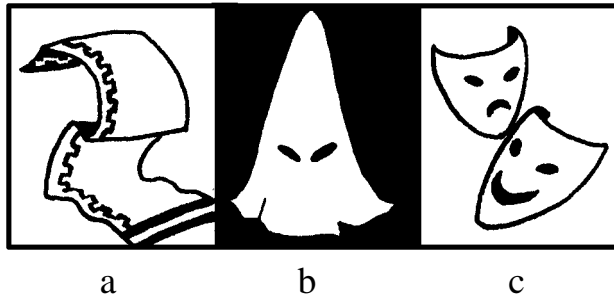


ROMAN CULTURE

Read each problem carefully and answer by placing an X in the box on your answer sheet corresponding to the answer you consider correct.

Example:



Test Booklet: 12. English “person” comes from the Latin word “persona” but its meaning has changed somewhat. In ancient Rome it was used as a heading to the list of characters in a play.

Answer Sheet: 12. a b c

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOOKLET. Be sure to write your name and other information requested on the sheet provided for your answers.

Test booklets and answer sheets must be handed in as you leave the room.

1. No one knows how or when Rome was founded. One legend says that a Trojan warrior set up a kingdom in Italy after the fall of Troy in the 11th century B. C.

- a. Hector
- b. Paris
- c. Aeneas



2. Rome is situated on a plain which at one time was wet and swampy. Today, of course, a modern drainage system protects. . .

- a. Bassa Italia
- b. Lombardia
- c. Campania

3. The Romans were one of a number of Latin peoples who lived in a place called . . .

- a. Latinus
- b. Latius
- c. Latus

4. The names Patrick and Patricia, common in the U. S. and other countries today, are derived from the Latin word "patricius," once used to designate members of the...

- a. aristocracy
- b. merchant class
- c. lower classes

5. The Romans ate three meals a day, including "prandium," our . . .

- a. lunch
- b. dinner
- c. breakfast

6. Some of the cities from which the western provinces of the Roman Empire were governed still exist today, including the great French port once known as. . .

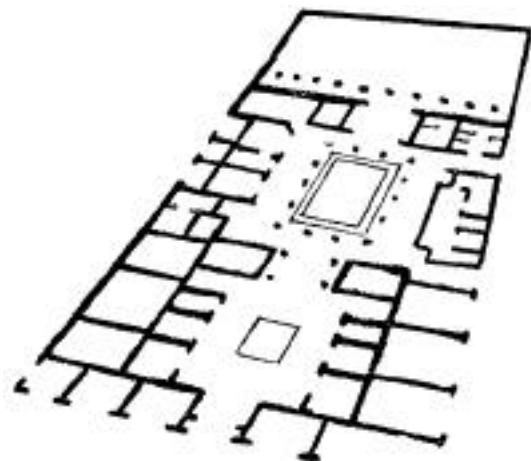
- a. Tarraco
- b. Massilia
- c. Numancia

7. In Roman amphitheaters the arena was sometimes flooded with water for the "naumachia" or. . .

- a. underwater contests
- b. mock naval battles
- c. swimming races

8. Early Roman homes consisted of a single room. Later, other rooms, making a more elaborate structure such as illustrated, were added to what was still known as the. . .

- a. atrium
- b. peristylum
- c. vestibulum



9. Over the typical "tunica" worn by men and women in Ancient Rome, male citizens wore an oblong drape with rounded corners called the . . .

- a. palla
- b. toga
- c. stola



10. In Caesar's time Romans had over 100 holidays a year, including "Lupercalia," the . . .

- a. feast of the bear
- b. feast of the dog
- c. feast of the wolf

11. One of Christ's apostles was Greek by culture, Jewish by race, and a Roman citizen by birth:

- a. St. Peter
- b. St. Paul
- c. St. John

12. Apart from the many modern scientific words in English derived from Latin, a good part of our English vocabulary traces back to Rome through the . . .

- a. Spaniards
- b. Italians
- c. Normans

13. The Roman Empire included vast numbers of people from many lands, who at the time of Christ numbered approximately . . .

- a. 54, 000, 000
- b. 240, 000, 000
- c. 540, 000, 000

14. Horses were much appreciated in Rome, and one was even nominated consul by his master, the Emperor...

- a. Nero
- b. Caligula
- c. Julian

15. There's only space to list a few of the gods, goddesses and heroes of ancient Rome, so selecting those that are exclusively Roman is easy.

- a. Jupiter, Juno, Hercules
- b. Osiris, Venus, Juno
- c. Vesta, Jupiter, Venus



16. One of the territories conquered by the Romans was "Magna Graecia," known today as . . .

- a. Sicily
- b. Yugoslavia
- c. Sardinia

17. At its height the Roman Empire included all the lands surrounding the Mediterranean, which the Romans knew as the . . .
- Pontus Exinus
 - Mare Nostrum
 - Hellespontus
18. Among the many wars sustained by Rome, the longest and most dangerous were the so called Punic Wars with . . .
- Gaul
 - Egypt
 - Carthage
19. In the fifth century the Roman Empire of the West fell under the invasions of Germanic tribes known as the . . .
- Alamanni
 - Goths
 - Franks



20. Roman law provided the basis of the law of most European and Latin American nations and its influence in our judicial system is seen in such words as "judge," derived from Latin . . .
- injuria
 - jus
 - iustitia

21. The history of Rome can be divided into three periods corresponding to the Kingdom, the Republic, and the Empire, the longest of which was the . . .
- Empire
 - Republic
 - Kingdom
22. To protect themselves when attacking city walls, Roman soldiers fitted their shields together to form a "turtle" or . . .
- tectum
 - turris
 - testudo



23. In 293 of our era Emperor Diocletian divided the Empire into four prefectures and set up two capitals: Rome and . . .
- Bizantium
 - Alexandria
 - Carthage
24. All three of the following words have obvious derivatives in English. The one designating major divisions of the Roman army still relates directly to the military, whether U.S. or others . . .
- Centuria
 - Guardia
 - Legio

25. The fact that this Roman deity had two faces and looked both ways is reflected in the meaning of the word we use today:

- a. January
- b. hypocrite
- c. vigilant



26. At the time of Christ only about 10% of the inhabitants of the Empire had attained the status of citizen, which included...

- a. coloni
- b. plebeians
- c. socii

27. Just as French at one time was the language of the court and of fashionable people beyond the borders of France, so in Rome another language was once preferred to Latin:

- a. Greek
- b. Coptic
- c. Celtic

28. A Roman application of Ptolemaic astronomy remained in use in Europe until 1582 in the form of a calendar established under...

- a. Mark Anthony
- b. Octavius Augustus
- c. Julius Caesar

29. Certain members of Roman society, the "pagani," remained true to their gods throughout Roman history and gave their name to non-believers as the last to accept Christianity:

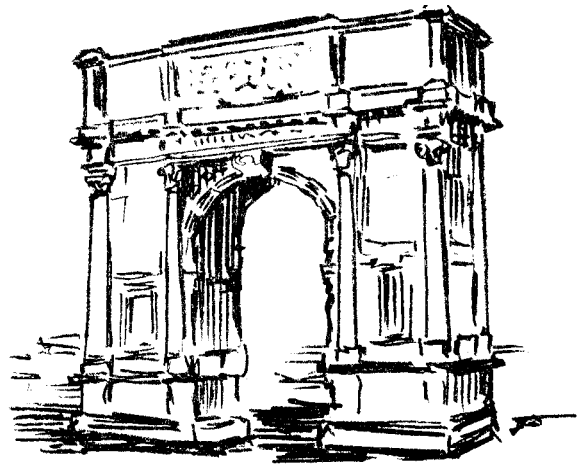
- a. traders
- b. farmers
- c. craftsmen

30. Following one of their invasions of the Italian peninsula, some of the Gauls remained to settle in a territory known to the Romans as...

- a. Gallia
- b. Gallia cisalpina
- c. Gallia transalpina

31. This famous arch was built to celebrate and commemorate the conquest, under emperor Titus, of...

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Carthage
- c. Corinth



32. Romans could read the "acta diurna"...

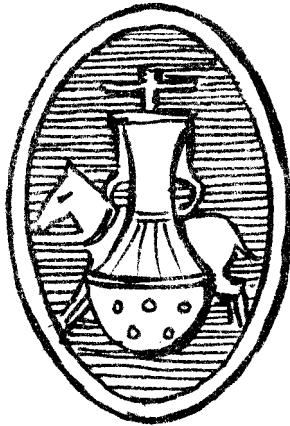
- a. to keep up with the news
- b. for a report of Senate proceedings
- c. to enjoy the latest in drama

33. Under Augustus' successors the title of "imperator" lost its original meaning, which when first granted by the Senate meant . . .

- a. ruler of the city of Rome
- b. ruler of the state
- c. chief of the army

34. This sign, depicting a semi-mechanized application of donkey power, was used in Rome by . . .

- a. bakers
- b. weavers
- c. tlbreshers



35. Brutus and his fellow conspirators assassinated Caesar . . .

- a. to preserve the Republic
- b. to establish an ernpire
- c. to take over the Ernpire

36. In order to hold conquered territory, the Romans built excellent roads connecting military outposts which grew into peaceful towns where trade flourished.

- a. provmclae
- b. coloniae
- c. republicae

37. The bicameral legislatures typical of our State and Federal governments trace back to a Roman institution designed to give citizens from the lower classes a voice along with tthe powerful and wealthy:

- a. the Quaestor
- b. the Praetor
- c. the Tribune

38. In 249 A. D. the Emperor Decius signed a cruel decree resulting in a terrible persecution of . . .

- a. foreigners living in Rome
- b. slaves freed by their masters
- c. Christians

39. Little is left of the great Roman Forum today, but looking at these ruins we can almost hear a great murmur of voices where once affairs of government were discussed and still earlier. . .

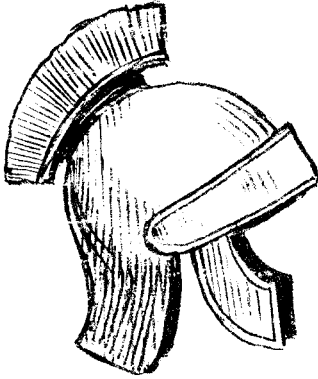
- a. merchants sold their wares
- b. priests offered prayers and sacrifice
- c. multitudes applauded gladiators



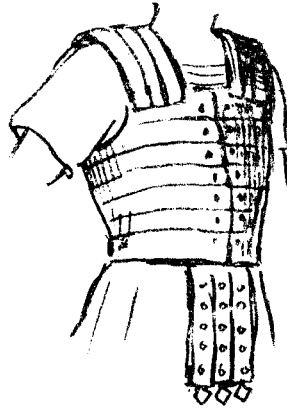
40. The first of the 10 months originally comprising the Roman calendar was...

- a. January
- b. March
- c. April

41. His real name was Gaius, but the cruel Roman emperor was nicknamed "Caligula" because as a child he liked to wear an item used by soldiers:



a.



b.



c.

42. Listen, Junior .. Yes, you, Frederick J. Chatteringham the Second. Do you know why you're called Junior ? From the Latin meaning...
- son of Juno
 - born in June
 - younger
43. "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes." Beware of Greeks bearing gifts is the message of the Trojan priest Laocoonte in the. . .
- Aeneid
 - Odyssey
 - Iliad
44. The first emperor of Rome was...
- Julius Caesar
 - Caesar Augustus
 - Caligula
45. Can you give the chronological order of the different names of the city which was eastern capital of the Empire?
- Istambul, Bizantium, Constantin
 - Constantinople, Istambul, Bizantium
 - Bizanatium, Constantinople, Istambul
46. The ancient wall surrounding Rome was built about 1700 years ago by. . .
- Aurelian
 - Augustus
 - Trajan
47. The religion of pagan Rome was. . .
- monotheistic
 - polytheistic
 - pantheistic
48. Whether you saw the movie or not, you know that Antony and Cleopatra. . .
- were murdered by the Egyptians
 - perished fighting against Octavian
 - took their own lives
49. A Roman heading for the Thermae Caracallae would be on his way to. . .
- the chariot races
 - the baths
 - the market
50. Romance languages, direct descendants of Latin, are spoken today by about . . .
- 100,000,000 people
 - 200, 000, 000 people
 - 300, 000, 000 people



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