

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - ROUND I

Page 1

1:

- TU: Which band of heroes led by Jason successfully fetched the Golden Fleece? THE ARGONAUTS
B1: To where did Jason have to travel to bring back the Golden Fleece? COLCHIS
B2: From which king of Colchis did Jason steal the fleece? AEETES

2:

- TU: Complete this analogy: **laudō : laudābātur :: dīcō : _____**. DĪCĒBĀTUR
B1: ...: **laudō : laudāberis :: videō : _____**. VIDĒBERIS
B2: ...: **laudō : laudāberis :: audiō : _____**. AUDIĒRIS

3:

- TU: How many wars did Rome wage against Philip V of Macedon? TWO
B1: Against whom did Rome wage the Third Macedonian War? PERSEUS
B2: Against whom did Rome wage the Fourth Macedonian War? ANDRISCUS

4:

- TU: What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence: **pater tribus diēbus reveniet?**
TIME WITHIN WHICH
B1: ...: **equus magnā cum celeritāte currēbat?** MANNER
B2: ...: **Aurēlia erat paulō pulchrior quam Iūlia?** DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE

5:

- TU: The Romans used chalk to make what type of **toga** stand out during election season? CANDIDA
B1: The Pompeians would have seen lots of **togae candidae** near the end of which month? MARCH
B2: Give the Latin term for the officials for which the **candidātī** would be campaigning.
DUOVIRĪ / AEDĪLĒS

6:

- TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: amīcitia?** FRIENDSHIP
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: trīstis?** SAD
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: fortitūdō?** BRAVERY, COURAGE, FORTITUDE

7:

- TU: Steropes, Brontes, & Arges are all part of what mythological group? CYCLOPES
B1: Cottus, Gyges, & Briareus are all part of what mythological group? HECATONCHEIRES
B2: Who are the parents of these two mythological groups? URANUS & GAIA

8:

- TU: What state would a Latin student be visiting if she were to see the Latin motto "**cēdant arma togae**"? WYOMING
B1: What state would a Latin student be visiting if she saw the Latin motto "**estō perpetua**"? IDAHO
B2: What state would a Latin student be visiting if she saw the Latin motto "**nīl sine nūmine**"? COLORADO

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - ROUND I

9:

- TU: Which emperor of 69 AD declared openly in the Senate that either his sons would succeed him or no one would? VESPASIAN
- B1: What group of philosophers was banished from Rome for openly challenging Vespasian's dynastic intentions? STOICS / CYNICS
- B2: What son of Vespasian served as his co-consul seven times? TITUS

10:

- TU: Please translate into English: **fēminae lupōs cautē spectābant.**
THE WOMEN WERE WATCHING / WATCHED / USED TO WATCH THE WOLVES
CAUTIOUSLY
- B1: ...: **lupī fērōcēs agnōs perterritōs agitābant.**
THE FEROCIOUS / FIERCE WOLVES WERE CHASING / CHASED / USED TO CHASE /
WERE HUNTING / USED TO HUNT / HUNTED THE TERRIFIED LAMBS
- B2: ...: **orca delphīnōs celerēs facile superāvit.**
THE (KILLER) WHALE EASILY OVERPOWERED THE SWIFT DOLPHINS

11:

- TU: Change the phrase **hic equus** to the dative. HUIC EQUŌ
- B1: Change **huic equō** to the genitive. HUIUS EQUĪ
- B2: Change **huius equī** to the plural. HŌRUM EQUŌRUM

12:

- TU: Which Greek hero was instructed by King Eurystheus to slay the Nemean Lion and the Lernaean Hydra? HERACLES
- B1: Who was Heracles' mother, to whom Zeus had appeared in the shape of her husband Amphitryon? ALCMENE
- B2: Which mortal half-brother of Heracles was a true son of Alcmene and Amphitryon? IPHICLES

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - ROUND I

1:

- TU: At the beginning of the *Odyssey*, with what race of men does Poseidon feast? ETHIOPIANS
B1: On his way back from visiting the Ethiopians, what obstacle does Poseidon send to Odysseus? STORM
B2: Why was Poseidon so angry with Odysseus? ODYSSEUS BLINDED HIS SON POLYPHEMUS

2:

- TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, and answer the question that follows in English:

nūntiū civibus spectāculum optimum nūntiābant. cīvēs, postquam nūntiōs audivērunt, statim ad theātrum festināvērunt. ecce! cīvēs in theātrō multōs actōrēs et servōs vīdērunt. cīvēs tamen nōn erant contentī quod actōrēs erant pessimī. ēheu! (repeat)

The question: Who were informed that there's an excellent show?

THE CITIZENS

- B1: What did the citizens see in the theatre?

ACTORS & SLAVES

- B2: Why were the citizens not satisfied?

THE ACTORS WERE THE WORST

3:

- TU: To which princess of Argos did Zeus appear as a golden rain and father a great hero? DANAE
B1: Who had locked Danae in an underground chamber? ACRISIUS
B2: How did Acrisius respond when he found out that his daughter was pregnant?
HE LOCKED HER AND HER SON IN A CHEST AND THREW THEM INTO THE SEA

4:

- TU: Adjourn, dismal, meridian, diary: From which Latin noun are all of those words derived? DIĒS
B1: What English word from the same root means "a person who writes for newspapers, magazines, or news websites?" JOURNALIST
B2: What Latin phrase from the same root is used in English to mean "a daily allowance given to an employee to cover travel-related business expenses?" PER DIEM

5:

- TU: A Roman boy would have had a very good knowledge of both Latin and Greek at the age of fifteen after receiving instructions from what type of teacher? GRAMMATICUS
B1: The **grammaticus** would have started a Roman student's study of Greek literature with whose *Iliad* and *Odyssey*? HOMER'S
B2: Name one of the Roman poets whose works were most frequently read by students under the tutelage of a **grammaticus** during the first century AD. VERGIL / HORACE

6:

- TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: inveniō?** TO FIND
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: formōsus?** BEAUTIFUL, PRETTY
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: pariēs?** WALL

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - ROUND I

Page 4

7:

- TU: Who, a devotee to the Epicurean philosophical school in Athens, provided the Romans with fairer taxation and created tolerance in Roman society through her influence over her husband Trajan?
(POMPEIA) PLOTINA
- B1: What daughter of Matidia did Trajan and Plotina give to Hadrian in marriage? (VIBIA) SABINA
- B2: With what Roman officer, a guardian of Hadrian, was Plotina rumored to have had an affair?
(P. ACILIUS) ATTIANUS

8:

- TU: Please translate into Latin: The girl will give the master money.
PUELLA DOMINŌ PECŪNIAM DĀBIT
- B1: ...: The merchant handed the women pretty dresses.
MERCĀTOR FĒMINĪS STOLĀS PULCHRĀS TRĀDIDIT / TRĀDĒBAT
- B2: ...: The poet had told the slaves a very long story.
POĒTA SERVĪS LONGISSIMAM FĀBULAM NĀRRĀVERAT

9:

- TU: What kingdom was bequeathed to the Romans in 133 BC? PERGAMUM
- B1: Name the king of Pergamum who bequeathed his kingdom to the Romans. ATTALUS III
- B2: In what year did Pergamum become the Roman province of Asia? 129 BC

10:

- TU: What university would you be visiting if you see the Latin motto **perstāre et praestāre**?
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
- B1: What university would you be visiting if you see the Latin motto **sapientia et doctrīna**?
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
- B2: What university would you be visiting if you see the Latin motto **studiīs et rēbus honestīs**?
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

11:

- TU: Differentiate in meaning between **vincō** and **vinciō**.
VINCŌ – TO WIN, CONQUER // VINCIŌ – TO TIE UP, BIND, FASTEN
- B1: Differentiate in meaning between **tam** and **tum**.
TAM – SO // TUM – THEN, AT THAT TIME
- B2: Differentiate in meaning between **mīles** and **comes**.
MĪLES – SOLDIER // COMES – COMPANION, COMRADE

12:

- TU: Say in Latin: I can see! VIDĒRE POSSUM
- B1: What use of the infinitive is **vidēre** an example from the toss-up? COMPLEMENTARY
- B2: Say in Latin: Seeing is believing! VIDĒRE EST CRĒDERE

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - ROUND III

1:

TU: Give a synonym of **laetus**.

FĒLĪX, BEĀTUS

B1: Give a synonym of **animus**.

MĒNS

B2: Give a synonym of **commūnis**.

PŪBLICUS

2:

TU: How long did it take Heracles to hunt down the Erymanthian Boar?

A YEAR

B1: How did Eurystheus react when he heard that Heracles was entering the city with the boar?

HE HID IN A JAR

B2: Who conveyed Eurystheus' desires to Heracles because the king was too scared to get out of the jar to talk to Heracles himself?

COPREUS

3:

TU: Which of the following, if any, does not belong because of its derivation:
relative, transfer, ablative, vociferous, feral?

FERAL

B1: From what Latin word with what meaning did the first three words in the list from the tossup derive?

FERŌ – TO CARRY, BRING

B2: What English derivative of the same verb means “a general vote by the electorate on a single political question that has been passed to them for a direct decision?”

REFERENDUM

4:

TU: Who, most likely a Christian, used her influence as the emperor's mistress and persuaded Commodus to adopt a policy in favor of Christians?

MARCIA

B1: Marcia had been the mistress of which of Commodus' cousins, who was executed because he was involved in a failed plot to assassinate the emperor in 182 AD? (M. UMMIDIUS) QUADRATUS (ANNIANUS)

(ANNIANUS)

B2: Which sister of Commodus was executed along with Quadratus for her involvement in the same plot?

LUCILLA

5:

TU: Using the word **forum** for “market”, say in Latin: The merchants led the boys to the markets.

MERCATŌRĒS PUERŌS AD FORA DŪXĒRUNT / DŪCĒBANT

B1: Say in Latin: The freedman has sold me a very pretty dress for ten denarii.

LĪBERTUS MIHI PULCHERRIMAM STOLAM DECEM DENĀRĪIS VĒNDIDIT

B2: Say in Latin: The elephants were hurrying through the streets with the greatest swiftness.

ELEPHANTĪ PER VIĀS MAXIMĀ (CUM) CELERITĀTE FESTĪNĀBANT /
CONTENDĒBANT

6:

TU: What kind of events took place in amphitheaters in Roman times?

GLADIATORIAL GAMES

B1: What kind of gladiator was referred to as **suspīrium puellārum**?

ONE WHO HAS WON MANY TIMES & HAS NOW BECOME POPULAR (WITH THE GIRLS)

B2: What was decided by the **pollice versō**?

THE FATE OF THE DEFEATED GLADIATORS

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - ROUND III

Page 6

7:

- TU: When you are recognized, demonstrate that you know the meaning of the word by pointing to it:
ōs. STUDENT SHOULD POINT TO THE MOUTH / FACE
B1: ...: **frōns.** STUDENT SHOULD POINT TO THE FOREHEAD
B2: ...: **supercilium.** STUDENT SHOULD POINT TO EYEBROW

8:

- TU: According to the *Iliad*, which Greek commander brought the largest contingent to Troy, totaling one hundred ships from Mycenae? AGAMEMNON
B1: Known for being the eldest Greek, who brought ninety ships to Troy from Pylos? NESTOR
B2: Who brought forty ships to Troy from Locris? AJAX THE LESSER / AJAX OILEUS

9:

- TU: From what Latin adjective with what meaning does the English word “mediocre” derive? **MEDIUS - MIDDLE**
B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning does the English word “deter” derive? **TERREŌ – TO FRIGHTEN**
B2: From what Latin noun with what meaning does the English word “realtor” derive? **RĒS - THING**

10:

- TU: What item controlled the fate of Meleager? A PIECE OF WOOD / LOG
B1: Whom did Meleager kill because they criticized him for giving the hide of the Calydonian Boar to Atalanta? TOXEUS AND PLEXIPPUS
B2: What did Althaea do when she heard that Meleager had killed her brothers? SHE PUT THE PIECE OF WOOD INTO THE FIRE, KILLING MELEAGER

11:

- TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, and answer the question that follows in Latin:
ōlim erat mercātor bonus. cīvēs, quod mercātor erat bonus, ad tabernam saepe veniēbant. mercātor cīvibus togās optimās et pulcherrimās semper vendēbat. euge! (repeat)
The question: **quālis erat mercātor?** **BONUS**
B1: **quid cīvēs saepe agēbant?** **AD TABERNAM VENIĒBANT**
B2: **quālēs sunt togae?** **OPTIMAE / PULCHERRIMAE**

12:

- TU: Who famously declined a bribe from Pyrrhus in 280 BC? FABRICIUS
B1: Whom did Pyrrhus send to Rome to bribe senators and negotiate peace? CINEAS
B2: What great orator convinced his fellow senators to reject Pyrrhus’ terms of truce and to eject Cineas? APPIUS CLAUDIUS CAECUS

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - FINALS

Page 7

1:

- TU: From what Latin noun with what meaning are “hotel” and “hostel” derived? **HOSPES** – GUEST/HOST
B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning does the word “cement” derive? **CAEDŌ** – TO CUT
B2: From what Latin verb with what meaning does the word “covet” derive? **CUPIŌ** – TO WANT

2:

- TU: Which prince of Pthia died when an arrow pierced his ankle? **ACHILLES**
B1: Which mortal shot the arrow that went through Achilles’ heel? **PARIS**
B2: Which god guided the arrow of Paris to Achilles’ heel? **APOLLO**

3:

- TU: What type of Roman gladiators provided entertainment for the people by fighting blindfolded? **ANDABATAE**
B1: What weapons set the **dimachaerus** apart from the other types of gladiators? **TWO SWORDS**
B2: What weapon sets the **laqueator** apart from the other types of gladiators? **LASSO**

4:

- TU: Consider the sentence **māter suam togam dēpōnit et servō eam trādit**. What are the meanings of **suam** and **eam** as they are used in that sentence? **HER (OWN) & IT**
B1: Consider the sentence **omnēs ad portam ruērunt**. What is the meaning of **ruērunt**? **(TO) RUSH**
B2: Consider the sentence **glādiātor gladium vibrābat**. What is the meaning of **vibrābat**? **(TO) BRANDISH, WAVE**

5:

- TU: At what narrow passage did the Romans face the forces of Antiochus III in 191 BC? **THERMOPYLAE**
B1: Who was the Roman consul in command of the army at Thermopylae? **ACILIUS GLABRIO**
B2: Name the two senior commanders, both former consuls, to whom Acilius Glabrio gave the task of leading Roman detachments to dislodge the Aetolians from the hills that surrounded Thermopylae so that they could attack the forces of Antiochus III from behind.
(L.) VALERIUS FLACCUS & (M. PORCIUS) CATO THE ELDER

SCORE CHECK

6:

- TU: Complete the following analogy: **mercātor : obtulit :: tū : _____**. **OBTULISTĪ**
B1: ...: **uxor :: abiit :: uxōrēs : _____**. **ABIĒRUNT**
B2: ...: **ego :: accēpī :: nōs : _____**. **ACCĒPIMUS**

7:

- TU: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **sine, prae, cōram, propter, ex**? **PROPTER**
B1: Say in Latin using a synonym of **propter**: because of the wars. **OB BELLA**
B2: Say in Latin: in the presence of the king’s companions. **CŌRAM COMITIBUS RĒGIS**
**accept rēgum if given as an answer unless you distinguished/specified between king’s / kings’*

8:

- TU: Please give the Latin and the English for the motto of Kansas.
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA – TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTIES
- B1: Please give the Latin and the English for the motto of Alabama.
AUDĒMUS IŪRA NOSTRA DĒFENDERE – WE DARE TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS
- B2: Please give the Latin and the English for the motto of Connecticut.
QUĪ TRĀNSTULIT SUSTINET – HE WHO TRANSPLANTED SUSTAINS

9:

- TU: As the Argonauts sailed passed the island of Anthemoessa, who was able to save them by drowning out the Sirens' song with his own music? **ORPHEUS**
- B1: What dangerous bronze giant did the Argonauts encounter on Crete? **TALOS**
- B2: Who was able to defeat Talos? **MEDEA**

10:

- TU: Who died in Cappadocia while accompanying her husband Marcus Aurelius on his journey home to Rome from the East? **FAUSTINA THE YOUNGER / MINOR**
- B1: Faustina the Younger and Marcus Aurelius had traveled to the East to deal with which general, who had proclaimed himself emperor upon hearing the false news of Marcus Aurelius' death? **AVIDIUS CASSIUS**
- B2: How did the Roman senate honor Faustina the Younger? **DEIFIED HER**

SCORE CHECK

11:

- TU: Say in Latin: He will have carried the water to Rome. **AQUAM RŌMAM PORTĀVERIT**
- B1: Now say: They will have carried the flowers to Athens. **FLŌRĒS ATHĒNĀS PORTĀVERINT**
- B2: Now say: The flowers will have been carried to Pompeii. **FLŌRĒS POMPĒIŌS PORTĀTĪ ERUNT**

12:

- TU: Who traveled to Pylos and Sparta in search of news of his father Odysseus? **TELEMACHUS**
- B1: While Telemachus went from court to court, who stayed at home fending off suitors, being a loyal wife to Odysseus? **PENELOPE**
- B2: As a delaying tactic, Penelope slowly wove a funeral shroud intended for whom? **LAERTES**

13:

- TU: Give an antonym of **incipiō**. **CŌNFICIŌ, PERFICIŌ**
- B1: Give an antonym of **praemium**. **POENA**
- B2: Give an antonym of **nunc**. **TUM**

- 14:**
TU: Which emperor made the lands between Armenia and the upper reaches of the Tigris into the province of Assyria in 115 AD? TRAJAN
B1: Where did Trajan survive a devastating earthquake in the winter of 114-115 AD as he was gathering and preparing his soldiers for a campaign against the Parthians the following year? (SYRIAN) ANTIOCH / ANTAKYA
B2: Which capable general and governor of Syria did Trajan send to deal with the disturbances of the lower Danube in 117 AD? (C. JULIUS) QUADRATUS BASSUS

- 15:**
TU: Who constructed automatons out of gold to be servants of the Olympian gods? HEPHAESTUS / VULCAN
B1: Whom did Hephaestus trap underneath an intricate net so that he could expose their adultery to his fellow gods? ARES & APHRODITE
B2: Who joked with Poseidon that he would gladly trade places with Ares beneath the net even though he would suffer the same humiliation as Ares? HERMES

SCORE CHECK

- 16:**
TU: What use of the dative is in the following sentence: **dux militibus praefectus est?** DATIVE WITH COMPOUND / SPECIAL VERB
B1: What use of the genitive is in the following sentence: **dux erat vir magnae virtutis?** DESCRIPTION / CHARACTERISTIC
B2: What use of the accusative is in the following sentence: **militēs mille passūs iter fecerunt?** EXTENT OF SPACE

- 17:**
TU: What battle in 295 BC was considered the turning point for the Roman against the Samnites? SENTINUM
B1: Name the two Roman consuls at the battle. FABIVS RULLIANVS AND DECIVS MVS
B2: Name the Samnite commander at this battle. (GAVIVS) EGNATIVS

- 18:**
TU: What English derivative of a Latin word meaning “to trust” means “a person or company to whom money is owed”? CREDITOR
B1: What English derivative of a Latin word meaning “flame” means “ostentatious or gaudy”? FLAMBOYANT
B2: What English derivative of a Latin word meaning “to prepare” means “more than two but not many”? SEVERAL

19:

TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, and answer the question that follows in Latin:

multae ancillae in hortō labōrābant. subitō canem conspexērunt et clāmōrem fēcērunt.

dominus, postquam clāmōrem audīvit, statim ē tablīnō festīnāvit. postquam hortum intrāvit, dominus statim clāmāvit et canem ē hortō agitāvit. (repeat)

The question: **quod animal ancillae conspexērunt in hortō?**

B1: **unde dominus festīnāvit?**

CANEM

Ē TABLĪNŌ

B2: **quid dominus ēgit postquam hortum intrāvit? CLĀMĀVIT / CANEM Ē HORTŌ AGITĀVIT**

SCORE CHECK

20:

TU: Who killed travelers by catapulting them on a pine tree and ended up suffering the same fate in the hands of Theseus? **SINIS / PITYOCAMPTES**

B1: Which of the brigands faced by Theseus was a skilled wrestler? **CERCYON**

B2: What was the name of the giant Crommyonian sow killed by Theseus? **PHAEA**

FINAL SCORE CHECK

2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION – EXTRA QUESTIONS

Page 11

GRAMMAR

- TU: Change **laudat** to the perfect tense.
B1: Change **ēmittit** to the perfect tense.
B2: Change **offert** to the perfect tense.

LAUDĀVIT
ĒMĪSIT
OBTULIT

- TU: Complete the following analogy: **leō : leōnī :: agricola : _____**.
B1: ...: **leō : leōnī :: senex : _____**.
B2: ...: **leō : leōnī :: ego : _____**.

AGRICOLAE
SENĪ
MIHI

DERIVATIVES

- TU: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which “facilitate” is derived.
B1: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which “pestilent” is derived.
B2: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which “processional” is derived.

FACILE, EASILY
PESTIS, PEST, RASCAL
PROCĒDŌ, TO ADVANCE, PROCEED

- TU: Which of the following if any is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: acceleration, celerity, cellar, accelerate.
B1: What Latin word are the other words in the toss up derived from?
B2: What derivative of **celer** means a musical tempo marking denoting a gradual increase in speed?

CELLAR
CELER
ACCELERANDO

VOCABULARY

- TU: Define **ducō, ducere**
B1: Give the final two principal parts of "to lead"
B2: Give all four principal parts of "to give" in Latin

TO LEAD
DUXĪ, DUCTUM
DŌ, DĀRE

- TU: Distinguish in meaning between **porta** and **poculum**
B1: Give the nominative and genitive for the Latin word for baby.
B2: Define **dormiō, dormire**.

GATE AND CUP
INFĀNS, INFĀNTIS
TO SLEEP

MYTHOLOGY

- TU: What happened when Perseus threw a discus?
B1: What town was Perseus from?
B2: What hero was descended from Perseus?

KILLED ACRISIUS
MYCENAE
HERACLES

- TU: What queen of Lydia owned Heracles for a year?
B1: What Titan did Heracles free from having his liver picked out?
B2: Who did Heracles free after this person's sister bought him?

OMPHALE
PROMETHEUS
PRIAM

**2019 MASSACHUSETTS STATE CERTAMEN
NOVICE DIVISION - EXTRA QUESTIONS**

Page 12

HISTORY

- TU: Against what city did Rome wage a 10-year war from 406 – 396 B.C.? VEII
B1: What Roman dictator eventually led the Romans to victory? CAMILLUS
B2: After being exiled, Camillus returned to Rome and defeated what barbarian invaders? the GAULS
- TU: What North-African king fought at Zama as a Roman ally? MASINISSA
B1: What was the name of Masinissa's kingdom? NUMIDIA
B2: Once an ally of Carthage, Masinissa conducted a guerilla campaign against which Roman general in the early 200's B.C. SCIPIO AFRICANUS

LIFE

- TU: Please arrange in order, from latest to earliest during the day, the three meals a Roman would enjoy.
CĒNA, PRANDIUM, IĒNTĀCULUM
- B1: What Latin term refers to the course of **cĕna** that may have included dates and apples baked in honey?
SECUNDA MĒNSA
- B2: What Latin term refers to the course of the **cĕna** that may have included raw vegetables and eggs?
GUSTĀTIŌ, GUSTUS, PRŌMULSIS