

NJCL Distribution of Questions:

Each round of Certamen contains 20 questions with two boni each. More detailed information about the questions and their minutiae can be found on the [Certamen Rules](#) page. Questions in each round are taken from the following four categories in the following proportions:

Novice and Intermediate Levels:

- 50% from category I (Language)
- 25% from category II (Greek and Roman Mythology)
- 25% from category III (Roman History/Life)

Advanced Level:

- 40% from category I (Language)
- 20% from category II (Greek and Roman Mythology)
- 20% from category III (Roman History/Life)
- 20% from category IV (Literature)

NJCL Certamen Question Categories:

I. Language Skills

Latin vocabulary, grammar and syntax, forms and inflections, derivatives and etymology, translation, abbreviations and phrases in current English usage, oral comprehension.

II. Mythology (all levels)

Gods and goddesses, heroes and heroines, Greek prehistory (the Trojan War, city foundation legends, etc.), Roman prehistory (Aeneas and the Aeneadae through Romulus and Remus).

III. History of the Ancient World

On all levels: Roman history, 753 BC to the reign of Constantine, with only major events/leaders up to the fall of Constantinople.

Daily life in the Roman World: All students will be expected to be acquainted with the daily life of the average Roman in Rome; as the level of competition advances, players are also expected to be familiar with ancient architecture, art and technology and with Roman governmental and military institutions.

IV. Literature (Advanced Level only)

The important Roman authors from every period and all important works of Roman literature;

rhetorical and poetic terms and devices (including the most important meters: dactylic hexameter, elegiac couplets and hendecasyllabic); recognition and analysis of passages from various authors. Students should pay particular attention to passages from the Aeneid, with identification of speaker and interlocutor.

See the [Certamen sources page](#) for a list of source books and materials.