

LATIN LEAGUE

2024/2025 High School Round 1 Exam

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I. Reading Comprehension: Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow. Underlined words are defined for you below the passage.

Passage 1: Pliny discusses the key features of an argumentative speech

- 1 Habeo frequentēs disputationēs cum virō sapiente et perito. Hic homo cogitat brevitatem in
2 omnibus causis agendis optimam esse. Brevitas custodiri debet, si causa permittit: alioqui
3 praevaricatio est transire dicenda, praevaricatio etiam cursim et breviter attingere quae sunt
4 inculcanda infigenda repetenda. Nam plerisque longiore tractatu vis quaedam et pondus
5 accedit, utque corpori ferrum, sic oratio animo non ictu magis quam mira imprimitur.

(adapted from Pliny, *Epistulae* 1.20)

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|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | peritus, -a, -um | skilled, experienced |
| 2 | causa agenda | pleading lawsuit, court case |
| | ut (adv) | as, just as/like |
| | placeo, -ere | to please (+dat) |
| | custodiri | to be kept |
| | alioqui(adv) | otherwise |
| 3 | praevaricatio, -nis (f) | collusion, transgression, sin |
| | cursim (adv) | hastily, swiftly, |
| | atingo, -ere | touch, mention briefly |
| 4 | inculcanda | must be force upon, driven home |
| | infigenda | must be fastened (on), implanted, imposed |
| | pondus, -eris (n) | weight, burden |
| 5 | accedo, -ere | come near, approach, agree with |
| | ictus, -ūs (m) | blow, stroke |
| | ferrum, -i (n) | iron; (by metonymy) sword, weapon |
| | mirus, -a, um | wonderful, amazing |

1. According to the speaker, with whom does he frequently have discussions?
(A) A philosopher (B) A learned and practiced speaker
(C) A military leader (D) A friend
2. In lines 1-2, What quality does Pliny's friend admire most in pleading cases?
(A) Conciseness (B) Empathy (C) Placidity (D) Causality
3. The best translation of **si causa permittit** (in line 2) is
(A) if the cause is beneficial (B) if it is permitted in this case
(C) unless the cause is justified (D) if the case permits it
4. Which of the following (in lines 3-4) does Pliny consider to be a sin or collusion in oratory?
(A) repeating oneself (B) touching other people
(C) not giving full treatment to important things (D) speaking for too long
5. What can be gained by handling an argument **longiore tractatu** (line 4)?
(A) Precision (B) Strength and weight (C) Simplicity (D) Popularity

6. Because of a striking analogy **corpori...mira** (line 5) we can assume that Pliny is a skilled
 (A) military man (B) butcher (C) blacksmith (D) engineer

Passage 2

1 Quamquam nonnulli sunt in hoc ordine, qui aut ea, quae imminent non videant aut ea, quae vident,
 2 dissimulant; qui spem Catilinae mollibus sententiis aluunt coniurationemque nascentem non
 3 credendo corroboraverunt; quorum auctoritate multi non solum improbi, verum etiam imperiti, si in
 4 hunc animadvertam, me crudellem et regium dicent. Nunc intellego, si iste, quo intendit, in Manliana
 5 castra pervenerit, neminem tam stultum fore, qui non videat coniurationem, neminem tam
 6 improbum, qui non fatebitur. Hoc autem uno interfecto, haec rei publicae pestis paulisper
 7 reprimetur, non in perpetuum comprimī poterit.

(adapted M.Cicero *In Catalinam* I. 30)

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | quamquam | though, although, yet |
| | nonnullus, -a, -um | some, several |
| | immineo, -ere | to threaten |
| 2 | dissimulo, -are | conceal, hide, ignore |
| | mollis, -e | soft, mild, feeble |
| | alo, -ere, alui, altus | to feed, nourish, support |
| | nascor, nasci, natus sum | to be born, rise, start, originate |
| 3 | credo, -ere, credidi, creditus | to believe, trust |
| | improbus, -a, -um | wicked, morally unsound, disloyal |
| | imperitus, -a, -um | unskilled, unfamiliar, ignorant |
| | animadverto, -ere | to attend to, judge, observe, punish |
| 4 | regius, -a, -um | royal, regal |
| | quo (adv) | where, to what place |
| 5 | fore=futurus esse | = erit |
| | coniuratio, -nis | conspiracy |
| 6 | fateor, -eri, fessus sum | to confess, admit, acknowledge |
| | pestis, -is (f) | plague, pestilence, curse, destruction |
| | paulisper (adv) | for a short time |

7. To whom/ what does Cicero refer as **nonnulli** in line 1?
 (A) all citizens (B) the senators
 (C) Catiline's supporters (D) Cicero's supporters
8. What is the best translation of **ea** in line 1?
 (A) they (B) she (C) those (D) these things
9. In lines 1-2 (**qui...dissimulant**), Cicero suggests what about **nonnulli**? They are either...
 (A) idle or hesitant (B) virtuous or corrupt Romans
 (C) blind or dishonest (D) oppressive or treacherous
10. According to lines 2-3, how have **nonnulli** supported Catiline's hopes?
 (A) by not firmly opposing him (B) by openly supporting him
 (C) by secretly aligning with him (D) by speaking out against Cicero

11. What is the literal translation of **nāscentem** (line 3)?
(A) having been born (B) having given birth
(C) about to be born (D) being born
12. What other reason does Cicero give in lines 2-3 for the growth of Catiline's conspiracy?
(A) **nonnulli** recognized it but were unconcerned.
(B) **nonnulli** refused to believe it was real.
(C) **nonnulli** blamed the wrong people for it.
(D) **nonnulli** accepted it as inevitable.
13. Who are the **improbi** and **imperiti** in line 3?
(A) the indifferent and arrogant (B) the meddlesome and careless
(C) the wicked and naïve (D) the sympathetic and rebellious
14. To what/whom does **crūdēlem et rēgium** (line 4) refer?
(A) Cicero himself (B) the traitorous Romans
(C) Catiline's agenda for revolution (D) the senators' plan
15. In lines 4-5, where does Cicero say Catiline intends to go?
(A) the Roman Senate (B) the Forum
(C) the countryside (D) the camp of another conspirator
16. According to lines 5-6, what does Cicero predict if Catiline reaches his destination?
(A) It will cause the conspiracy to fizzle out
(B) It will place Rome in a state of emergency.
(C) It will have no effect at all.
(D) It will definitively prove that a conspiracy exists.
17. Which is **not** a correct translation of **qui non videat** (line 7)?
(A) who would not see (B) which none has seen
(C) that he would not see (D) as not to see
18. What does **nēminem tam improbum** in line 8 imply?
(A) no one will be supportive (B) no one will be brave
(C) no one will be wicked enough to deny the truth (D) no one will act dishonestly
19. Which is **NOT** a correct translation of **Hōc ... ūnō interfectō** (line 6)?
(A) I have killed this one man (B) When we have killed this one man
(C) With this one man having been killed (D) If this one man is killed
20. What does Cicero believe will happen in the short term if Catiline is killed (lines 6-7)?
(A) peace will be restored permanently
(B) the conspiracy will be eliminated forever
(C) the danger to the republic will be halted temporarily
(D) the Roman citizens will revolt

II. Grammar. Choose the best answer.

21. To what declension does the noun **ager** belong?
(A) 1st (B) 2nd (C) 3rd (D) 4th (E) 5th

22. **Mārcus nautam _____ videt.**
 (A) parvam (B) parva (C) parvum (D) parvō (E) parvās
23. Make the verb **oppugnāverātis** passive.
 (A) oppugātum erātis (B) oppugnāta erātis (C) oppugnāverāminī
 (D) oppugnātī erās (E) oppugnātaverātis
24. The sun rose over the mountain. **Sōl super montem _____.**
 (A) ortus est (B) oreretur (C) orta est (D) oriēbatur (E) orīvit
25. What is the case and use of the underlined word? **Parvō usuī vestrīs erat.**
 (A) Dative - agent (B) Genitive - Possession (C) Dative - Possession
 (D) Dative - Purpose (E) Genitive - Measure
26. After Claudius was killed, the praetorian guard wept.
 (A) **Claudiō interfectō** (B) **post Claudiō interfectus est** (C) **Claudius mortuō**
 (D) **postquam morte Claudianum** (E) **Claudius interfectus**
27. **quod Mārcus _____ frūctus est, hospitem laudāvit.**
 (A) cēnam (B) cēnae (C) cēnā (D) cēnārum (E) cēna
28. Although she will want to run, Julia will be restrained by her determination.
 (A) **prohibēbit** (B) **prohibēbitur** (C) **prohibētur**
 (D) **prohibita est** (E) **prohibēbiminī**
29. Which of these is **not** in the future tense?
 (A) **feram** (B) **stabit** (C) **retinēs** (D) **ībunt** (E) **erit**
30. She dug a hole three feet deep.
 (A) **trēs pedum** (B) **trium pedum** (C) **tria pedum** (D) **trēs pedūs**
 (E) **tria pedūs**

III. Vocabulary. Choose the best answer.

31. The verb **legō, legere** means
 (A) read (B) write (C) proclaim (D) insult (E) answer
32. The Latin word for “field” is
 (A) **arma** (B) **arbor** (C) **aeger** (D) **ager** (E) **agger**
33. Which of these is NOT a preposition?
 (A) **in** (B) **sine** (C) **apud** (D) **nam** (E) **propter**
34. **quadragintā et quīnque**
 (A) 45 (B) 405 (C) 44 (D) 54 (E) 55
35. Which is an antonym of **lātus**?
 (A) **paucī** (B) **angustus** (C) **tūtus** (D) **levis** (E) **audax**

36. Which is a synonym of **postulō**?
 (A) **persuādeo** (B) **sciō** (C) **quaerō** (D) **arbitror** (E) **īnstō**
37. Which of these means “set out”?
 (A) **trucidō** (B) **perducō** (C) **proficīscor** (D) **tueor** (E) **dimittō**
38. **gener** means
 (A) nephew (B) ancestor (C) step-mother (D) unmarried daughter (E) son-in-law
39. **nē ... quidem** means
 (A) not even (B) indeed not (C) so that no one (D) uncertain
 (E) insignificant
40. The genitive singular of **pāgus** is
 (A) **pāgoris** (B) **pāgī** (C) **pāgis** (D) **pāgrī** (E) **pāgūs**

IV. Mottos, Phrases, Abbreviations, and Quotations. Choose the best answer.

41. What state’s motto declares that “we dare to defend our rights”?
 (A) Alaska (B) Arkansas (C) California (D) Arizona (E) Alabama
42. Which of the following states does **NOT** have a motto shorter than 3 words?
 (A) New York (B) Michigan (C) Idaho (D) Arizona (E) New Mexico
43. Forms of what word are shared between the mottoes of Wyoming and Mississippi?
 (A) **sum** (B) **virtus** (C) **arma** (D) **cedo** (E) **deus**
44. Which of these translates Colorado’s motto?
 (A) Let us be grateful to god (B) I direct (C) Nothing without divine guidance
 (D) While I breathe I hope (E) To be rather than to seem
45. What state adopted a Latin motto in 2015 commemorating their addition to the Union?
 (A) Hawai’i (B) Oregon (C) Rhode Island (D) Vermont (E) Tennessee
46. What grammatical person and number are the verbs in the motto of Connecticut?
 (A) 1st plural (B) 3rd singular (C) 3rd plural (D) 1st singular (E) 2nd singular
47. What word fills in the blank of West Virginia’s motto “**Montānī _____ liberī**”?
 (A) **sunt** (B) **semper** (C) **dīcunt** (D) **quam** (E) **sine**
48. You might know South Carolina’s motto “**dum spīrō spērō**”, but what is its other motto?
 (A) **Amīcitiā** (B) **Imperium in Imperiō** (C) **Estō perpetuā** (D) **Crēscite et multiplicāminī**
 (E) **Animīs opibusque parātī**
49. What state does **NOT** have a Latin motto?
 (A) Connecticut (B) Kansas (C) Massachusetts (D) Florida (E) Arkansas
50. What state has on its seal the Latin **scūtō bonae voluntātis corōnāstī nōs**?
 (A) Maryland (B) Ohio (C) Kentucky (D) Louisiana (E) Montana

V. Mythology. Choose the best answer for each question. Question 56 refers to an image, which is included on the images pages at the end of the test.

51. Which creatures were faced by both Hercules and Jason?
(A) Scylla and Charybdis (B) Stymphalian Birds (C) Amazons
(D) Cattle of Geryon (E) Mares of Diomedes
52. Who killed her son Meleager after he killed her brothers?
(A) Alcmene (B) Aethra (C) Eurynome (D) Althaea (E) Alcimede
53. Which hunter was turned into a stag by Artemis, ultimately being killed by his own hunting dogs?
(A) Actaeon (B) Orion (C) Adonis (D) Paris (E) Eros
54. Who carried a Thyrsus, a magic wand of sorts with a pinecone at its top?
(A) Dionysus (B) Hermes (C) Asclepius (D) Hades (E) Hephaestus
55. What city ruled by Metaneira and Celeus was also the home of Triptolemus?
(A) Orchomenus (B) Corinth (C) Eleusis (D) Tiryns (E) Aegae
56. Which deity is pictured in image #1? (See images at the end of the test.)
(A) Persephone (B) Hera (C) Athena (D) Dionysus (E) Nike
57. Who was the daughter of Perseus who married Oebalus and Perieres?
(A) Bateia (B) Arene (C) Gorgophone (D) Andromeda (E) Beroe
58. Which of the following was **NOT** a group or monster Bellerophon fought?
(A) Solymi (B) Amazons (C) Lycians (D) Itoni (E) Chimaera
59. On what island was Theseus killed by king Lycomedes?
(A) Delos (B) Scheria (C) Aegina (D) Scyros (E) Crete
60. What giant was buried under Mount Etna on Sicily by Athena during the Gigantomachy?
(A) Enceladus (B) Mimas (C) Otus (D) Alcyoneus (E) Porphyrion

VI. Greek Derivatives. Choose the best answer.

61. "Anthropology" and "philanthropy" are both derived from a Greek word meaning
(A) man (B) messenger (C) star (D) culture (E) money
62. According to its Greek roots, a "pandemic" concerns
(A) all living things (B) all people (C) doctors and scientists (D) bread (E) all travelers
63. The English word "oxygen" is derived from a Greek word meaning
(A) clear (B) lung (C) life (D) breath (E) sharp
64. According to its Greek roots, a "philosopher" loves
(A) nature (B) dreaming (C) wisdom (D) talking (E) teaching

65. "Economy" and "parochial" both derive from a Greek work meaning
(A) house (B) road (C) alone (D) coin (E) create
66. The Greek word at the root of "theory" means
(A) consider (B) god (C) have (D) behold (E) guess
67. Which of these is NOT derived from the Greek word σκοπεω (skopeo)?
(A) bishop (B) sarcasm (C) microscope (D) skeptic (E) horoscope
68. The Greek word at the root of "dilemma" and "syllable" means
(A) burn (B) problem (C) difficult (D) seize (E) join
69. "Surgeon" is derived from a Greek word meaning
(A) hand (B) sew (C) cut (D) finger (E) knife
70. The Greek root shared by "monk," "monopoly," and "monotone" means
(A) evil (B) free (C) city (D) law (E) alone

VII. Latin Literature. Choose the best answer.

71. Plautus and Terrence both wrote
(A) history (B) comedy (C) tragedy (D) satire (E) philosophy
72. **De Agri Cultura** was written by
(A) Caecilius Statius (B) Ennius (C) Pacuvius (D) Lucilius (E) Cato the Elder
73. Lucilius is primarily known for writing
(A) history (B) comedy (C) tragedy (D) satire (E) philosophy
74. What meter, adopted from Greek poetry, was popularized by Ennius and was considered the standard meter for epics in Latin?
(A) saturnian (B) elegiac couplet (C) dactylic hexameter (D) hendecasyllabic
(E) iambic trimeter
75. Which of these is NOT a play by Plautus?
(A) **Persa** (B) **Miles Gloriosus** (C) **Mostellaria** (D) **Andria** (E) **Menaechmi**
76. Pacuvius is primarily known as a writer of
(A) history (B) comedy (C) tragedy (D) satire (E) philosophy
77. The **Annales** are the major work of
(A) Caecilius Statius (B) Ennius (C) Pacuvius (D) Lucilius (E) Cato the Elder
78. He wrote what is thought to be the first Latin work written to be performed in public, a song in honor of Juno.
(A) Livius Andronicus (B) Ennius (C) Naevius (D) Pacuvius (E) Cato the Elder

79. The first Latin epic on a Roman subject (rather than a Greek one) was written by
(A) Livius Andronicus (B) Ennius (C) Naevius (D) Pacuvius (E) Cato the Elder
80. Which of these was a Roman citizen by birth?
(A) Livius Andronicus (B) Caecilius Statius (C) Terrence (D) Lucilius
(E) All of the above

VIII. Greek History. Choose the best answer. All dates are BC / BCE.

81. Who was NOT one of the original Athenian leaders on the expedition to Sicily in 416?
(A) Alcibiades (B) Nicias (C) Lamachus (D) Eurymedon
82. The 1st Peloponnesian War arose as a result of what city allying with Athens?
(A) Corinth (B) Megara (C) Aegina (D) Miletus
83. What Athenian victory in 406 was followed by the execution of 6 of its 8 generals?
(A) Aegospotami (B) Arginusae (C) Notium (D) Cynossema
84. What two leaders, an Athenian and a Spartan, died at the battle of Amphipolis in 421?
(A) Brasidas and Cleon (B) Conon and Bias (C) Brasidas and Conon (D) Bias and Cleon
85. What league's treasury did Athens move to Athens during the 1st Peloponnesian War?
(A) Arcadian (B) Latin (C) Delian (D) Peloponnesian
86. What Spartan admiral set up the decarchies after vanquishing Athens at Aegospotami?
(A) Lysander (B) Critias (C) Callicratidas (D) Agesilaus
87. What port city did Athens connect itself to with the development of the "Long Walls"?
(A) Epidamnus (B) Potidaea (C) Nisaea (D) Piraeus
88. What treaty was signed to end the 1st Peloponnesian War?
(A) Peace of Callias (B) Peace of Nicias (C) Thirty Years Peace (D) King's Peace
89. The Athenian assembly voted to kill all the men and sell all the women of what island?
(A) Mytilene (B) Chios (C) Lesbos (D) Sphacteria
90. What Spartan mothax helped defend Syracuse against Athens in 415?
(A) Gylippus (B) Callicratidas (C) Hagnon (D) Philocles

IX. Special Topic: Roman Construction Methods and Materials

91. Roman concrete is called **opus**
(A) **quadratum** (B) **incertum** (C) **caementicium** (D) **reticulatum** (E) **latericium**
92. **Pulvis puteoli**, the sand that made Roman concrete stronger, came from
(A) the area around Vesuvius (B) Sicily (C) the Tiber (D) Etruria (E) Thrace

93. Tufa (or tuff) is a
(A) volcanic stone (B) type of travertine (C) sedimentary rock
(D) type of earthwork wall (E) type of column
94. A true arch has wedge-shaped blocks called
(A) keystones (B) corbels (C) lintels (D) pozzolana (E) voussoirs
95. The so-call Servian wall is an example of
(A) Cyclopean masonry (B) **opus quadratum** (C) **opus incertum**
(D) megalithic polygonal (E) **opus latericium**
96. **Mediana** and **cenacula** are rooms in a(n)
(A) **villa** (B) **domus** (C) **forum** (D) **insula** (E) **templum**
97. One of the earliest domed rooms is the octagonal fountain room in
(A) Forum of Caesar (B) the **Domus Aurea** (C) Hadrian's Villa
(D) the **Forum Romanum** (E) the baths of Caracalla
98. The purpose of a hypocaust is
(A) supplying water (B) food storage (C) heating (D) cooling (E) carrying away sewage
99. The relief on the column of Trajan shows an example of this Roman innovation.
(A) cement (B) brick making (C) marble quarrying (D) truss bridges
(E) scaffolding
100. A wall built from standard-sized bricks with bonded tiles at vertical intervals is called **opus**
(A) **incertum** (B) **testaceum** (C) **reticulatum** (D) **caementicium**
(E) **quadratum**

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Image #1 - Question #56

