



2024/2025 High School National Finals Exam

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I. Reading Comprehension. Read the passage and choose the best answer for each question. Underlined words are included in the vocabulary lists below each passage.

The beginning of Cicero's **Dē Inventiōne**

1 Saepe et multum hoc mēcum cōgitāvī, bonīne an malī plūs attulerit
2 hominibus et cīvitātibus cōpia dīcendī ac summum ēloquentiae studium.
3 Nam cum et nostrae reī pūblīcae dētrīmenta cōnsīderō et maximārum
4 cīvitātum veterēs animō calamitātēs colligō, nōn minimam videō per
5 disertissimōs hominēs invectam partem incommodōrum; cum autem rēs
6 ab nostrā memoriā propter vetustātem remōtās ex litterārum monumentīs
7 repetere īstituō, multās urbēs cōstitūtās, plūrima bella restīncta,
8 firmissimās societātēs, sānctissimās amīcitiās intellegō cum animī ratiōne
9 tum facilius ēloquentiā comparātās.

10 Ac mē quidem diū cōgitantem ratiō ipsa in hanc potissimum sententiam
11 dūcit, ut exīstimem sapientiam sine ēloquentiā parum prōdesse cīvitātibus,
12 ēloquentiam vērō sine sapientiā nimium obēsse plērumque, prōdesse
13 numquam. Quārē sī quis omissīs rēctissimīs atque honestissimīs studiīs
14 ratiōnis et officiī cōnsūmit omnem operam in exercitātiōne dīcendī, is inūtilis
15 sibi, perniciosus patriae cīvis alitur; quī vērō ita sēsē armat ēloquentiā, ut
16 nōn oppugnāre commoda patriae, sed prō hīs prōpugnāre possit, is mihi vir
17 et suīs et pūblīcīs ratiōnibus ūtilissimus atque amīcissimus cīvis fore vidētur.

5 disertissimōs	very well spoken
7 restīncta	extinguished
8 sānctissimās	most sacred
10 potissimum	chiefly
13 quārē	therefore

1. What does Cicero often think about?
(A) whether he is a good or bad man
(B) if his speeches have the highest eloquence
(C) how to instill in others an enthusiasm for speaking
(D) whether speaking eloquently is harmful or beneficial
(E) how to provide opportunities for men and states to learn public speaking
2. What is the best meaning of **cōpia dīcendī** (line 2)?
(A) by speaking a lot (B) fluency of speaking (C) a supply must be spoken of
(D) speaking many things (E) for the sake of speaking
3. In the context of the clause **cum...colligō**, what is the best meaning of **colligō** (line 4)?
(A) I pluck (B) I compose myself (C) I consider (D) I draw back
(E) I cover myself with

4. What rhetorical device is seen in **nōn minimam...partem incommodōrum** (lines 4-5)?
(A) oxymoron (B) synchisis (C) synecdoche (D) asyndeton (E) litotes
5. Who/What is to blame for old disasters?
(A) the republic (B) citizens (C) Cicero himself (D) very well spoken men
(E) our distorted memories
6. Why does Cicero resort to letters?
(A) The events are too old to recollect.
(B) He wants to preserve history through his writing.
(C) His friend Atticus has much to share about history.
(D) He wants to share his sadness over the current state of affairs.
(E) His scribe Tiro had preserved everything for him.
7. What is the best translation of the correlative **cum...tum** (lines 8-9)?
(A) although...nevertheless (B) some...others (C) as...as (D) either...or
(E) both...and
8. According to lines 7-8, what does Cicero understand?
(A) the strength of most societies (B) the importance of friendship
(C) the gullible nature of people (D) the effect of his speeches
(E) the power of both wisdom and eloquence
9. What word should be understood after **comparātās** to complete its meaning (line 8)?
(A) **sum** (B) **esse** (C) **fuī** (D) **futurus** (E) **fore**
10. What has Cicero been doing for a long time?
(A) considering an issue (B) thinking about his eloquence
(C) defending himself against Catiline's attacks (D) defending the state with his speeches
(E) thinking about traveling more broadly
11. What does Cicero think about **sapientiam sine ēloquentiā** (line 11)?
(A) There is too much of it in the world.
(B) States benefit from it greatly.
(C) It offers little advantage to states.
(D) It is unlikely that someone possesses only wisdom.
(E) Too little wisdom leads to a lack of eloquence.
12. What Latin word provides a contrast to **parum** (line 11)?
(A) **exīstimem** (line 11) (B) **vērō** (line 12) (C) **nimum** (line 12)
(D) **plērumque** (line 12) (E) **numquam** (line 13)

13. Based on your knowledge of prefixes, what does the phrase **obesse plērumque** (line 12) mean?
(A) is on top of for the most part (B) usually is absent (C) very many people die
(D) generally benefits (E) often hinders
14. What is the best translation of **quis** in line 13?
(A) anyone (B) whoever (C) each (D) for whom (E) whose
15. The ablative absolute **omissīs...ratiōnis** (line 13) describes what sort of person?
(A) most proper (B) not very tall (C) very honest (D) neglecting wisdom
(E) very eager
16. Line 14 further describes this person as _____.
(A) athletic (B) single-minded (C) talkative (D) useful (E) tired
17. What results from this man's actions?
(A) He is destructive to himself and his country.
(B) He is useless to himself but helpful for his country.
(C) He makes himself useful to his country.
(D) He is useless to himself and destructive to his country.
(E) His country finds him to be useless.
18. In line 15, eloquence is described as a _____.
(A) controversy (B) weapon (C) panacea (D) deterrent (E) distraction
19. To what does **hīs** (line 16) refer?
(A) **sēsē** (line 15) (B) **ēloquentiā** (line 15) (C) **commoda** (line 16) (D) **patriae** (line 16)
(E) **vir** (line 16)
20. What does Cicero point out at the end of the passage about eloquence when used well?
(A) A person can use his eloquence to amass a lot of money.
(B) Eloquence can help a person become popular.
(C) Eloquence can benefit a person's individual and public interests.
(D) Eloquence can help a person live a long and prosperous life.
(E) Only through eloquence can a person become wise.

II. Grammar. Choose the best answer.

21. **Intellego cur illud fecerīs.**

- (A) you will do (B) you did (C) you are doing (D) you will have done

22. Use your head, Julia!

- (A) **utī** (B) **utēris** (C) **utimini** (D) **utere**

23. **Mē taedet _____.**
 (A) **bellī** (B) **bellum** (C) **bellō** (D) **bella**
24. Which of the following CANNOT be ablative?
 (A) **mare** (B) **animalī** (C) **vī** (D) **equīs**
25. **Verba _____ virī audīvī.**
 (A) **neuter** (B) **neutrōrum** (C) **neutrī** (D) **neutrius**
26. If he had confessed, we would have been vindicated.
 (A) **fassus sit** (B) **fassus esset** (C) **fateatur** (D) **fatēret**
27. The food is being eaten by the dogs.
 (A) **ēs** (B) **ēst** (C) **ēstur** (D) **ēssetur**
28. The wall was so tall that no one could scale it.
 (A) **possit** (B) **potest** (C) **posset** (D) **potuisset**
29. Which of the following does NOT belong because of the way its superlative is formed?
 (A) **nobilis** (B) **gracilis** (C) **humilis** (D) **similis**
30. The crime (**crimen**) was worse than we knew.
 (A) **dēterius** (B) **peior** (C) **dēteria** (D) **peioris**

III. Vocabulary. Choose the best answer.

31. Which of the nominative singular forms does not belong to a 4th declension noun?
 (A) **aditus** (B) **aestus** (C) **genus** (D) **gradus** (E) **impetus**
32. Which does not belong because of its meaning?
 (A) **crīnis** (B) **cor** (C) **collum** (D) **comes** (E) **caput**
33. Which is a synonym of **cognoscō**?
 (A) **intellegō** (B) **dēserō** (C) **cōnsiderō** (D) **soleō** (E) **sēcernō**
34. Which is a synonym of **prōdeō**?
 (A) **perducō** (B) **mactō** (C) **obsideō** (D) **constō** (E) **proficīscor**
35. Which of these does not belong because of its part of speech?
 (A) **praetereā** (B) **ultrā** (C) **anteā** (D) **pedester** (E) **tot**
36. **confestim** means
 (A) as you like (B) without delay (C) candidly (D) silently (E) as necessary

37. Which does not belong because of its gender?
 (A) **ventus** (B) **funditor** (C) **fors** (D) **carcer** (E) **cruor**
38. Which is an antonym of **nōlō**?
 (A) **valeō** (B) **expetō** (C) **ōdī** (D) **cūrō** (E) **desum**
39. What other word belongs in the list because of its meaning? **carīna, vēlum, rēmus**
 (A) **mālus** (B) **lūmen** (C) **prolē** (D) **axis** (E) **clipeus**
40. **sanguis : cruetus :: cōpia : _____**
 (A) **serēnus** (B) **asper** (C) **uncus** (D) **dīvēs** (E) **gracilis**

IV. Latin Derivatives. Choose the best answer.

41. From what Latin pronoun is the name for the symbol “&” derived?
 (A) **mē** (B) **tē** (C) **sē** (D) **nōs** (E) **vōs**
42. “Many details in this novel have _____.” What English word fits in the blank and means based on etymology “the appearance of being true”?
 (A) vicissitude (B) credibility (C) pretense (D) verisimilitude (E) authenticity
43. “By chance and some coincidence, we accidentally discovered the regicide by a small incision on the occasion of moving the cadaver after analyzing the case.” How many words in that sentence derive from the Latin verb meaning “to fall”?
 (A) 4 (B) 5 (C) 6 (D) 7 (E) 8
44. The English words “tutelage,” “counterintuitive, and” tuition” all derive from the Latin word meaning _____.
 (A) watch (B) teach (C) pay (D) understand (E) hide
45. The English word despondent meaning “dejected or discouraged” comes from a Latin verb with what meaning?
 (A) weigh (B) look down on (C) promise (D) overcome (E) climb down

IV. PMAQ. Choose the best answer.

46. Fill in the blank for the motto of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst: *ense petit placidam sub _____ quietem.*
 (A) felicitate (B) humanitate (C) libertate (D) veritate
47. **urbem lateritiam invenit, marmoream reliquit** is a quote attributed to
 (A) Augustus (B) Nero (C) Trajan (D) Caracalla

48. Complete this quote from Juvenal: *omnia _____ cum pretio.*

- (A) *Romae* (B) *bona* (C) *magna* (D) *deorum*

49. The quote "Art is long, life is short" is attributed to

- (A) Lucan (B) Ovid (C) Hippocrates (D) Quintillian

50. *quot homines, tot sententiae* is a quote from

- (A) Plautus (B) Terence (C) Lucullus (D) Propertius

V. Roman History. Choose the best answer.

51. Where did Cato the Younger's ally Metellus Scipio lose to Caesar's forces before Cato's suicide?

- (A) Rhodes (B) Dyrrachium (C) Zama (D) Thapsus (E) Utica

52. Under whose emperorship did the Roman Empire reach its greatest territorial extent?

- (A) Vespasian (B) Nero (C) Trajan (D) Augustus (E) Commodus

53. Of the four emperors of 69 AD, who was murdered by a fellow claimant to the imperial power?

- (A) Galba (B) Otho (C) Vitellius (D) Vespasian

54. Before he was emperor, Titus had a love affair with Berenice, the princess of which territory?

- (A) Arabia (B) Alexandria (C) Judaea (D) Syria (E) Pontus

55. Who served as Marcus Aurelius's co-ruler from 161-169 AD?

- (A) Antoninus Pius (B) Lucius Verus (C) Commodus (D) He did not have a co-ruler

VI. Mythology. Choose the best answer.

56. What leader was overthrown by Talus's son Leucus after the Trojan War?

- (A) Idomeneus (B) Diomedes (C) Philoctetes (D) Menestheus

57. What people besieged Calydon to fight them for the boar's pelt?

- (A) Thebans (B) Arcadians (C) Orchomenians (D) Curetes

58. Which of the daughters of Cadmus did not kill, or almost kill, her own son?

- (A) Autonoe (B) Agave (C) Ino (D) Semele

59. What sort of animals were unfortunately slaughtered by Odysseus's crew on Thrinacia?

- (A) Pigs (B) Deer (C) Cows (D) Sheep

60. Which of the following was **NOT** a son of Heracles?

- (A) Hyllus (B) Deicoon (C) Anicetus (D) Sthenelus

VII. Roman Life. Choose the best answer.

61. What festival held in May would focus on appeasing the dead?
(A) Parentalia (B) Parilia (C) Lemuria (D) Feralia
62. What piece of footwear was also known as the **calceus patricius**?
(A) **solea** (B) **perones** (C) **mulleus** (D) **sculponeae**
63. The earliest example of gladiatorial combat in Rome took place at whose funeral games?
(A) Aemilius Lepidus (B) Valerius Laevinus (C) Brutus Pera (D) Publius Licinius
64. What was the term for the metal heater in a Roman bath?
(A) **labrum** (B) **suspensura** (C) **alveus** (D) **testudo**
65. What was the Latin term for the seating area of the senators?
(A) **orchestra** (B) **cavea** (C) **proscenium** (D) **praecinctio**

VIII. Geography. Choose the best answer.

66. Which of these was not located on the Campus Martius?
(A) Column of Antoninus Pius (B) Meta Sudans (C) Column of Marcus Aurelius
(D) Baths of Agrippa (E) Theater of Pompey
67. If you were in the Roman Forum in 1 AD/CE, which of these would you have been able to see?
(A) Column of Phocas (B) Arch of Septimius Severus (C) Basilica Paulli (Aemilia)
(D) Temple of Castor (E) Temple of Divine Romulus
68. The city called Oea by the Romans is now called
(A) Izmir (B) Tripoli (C) Tyre (D) Trier (E) Gloucester
- 69.. What did the Romans call the city we now know as Cologne, Germany?
(A) Colonia Camulodunum (B) Lugdunum (C) Augusta Treverorum (D) Corcyra
(E) Colonia Agrippina

VIII. Greek Life and Literature. Choose the best answer.

70. What phenomenon did Herodotus claim that Thales predicted in 585 B.C.E.?
(A) Eclipse (B) Volcanic Eruption (C) Earthquake (D) Flood
71. Which of the following was not a set of Panhellenic games in Ancient Greece?
(A) Nemean (B) Arcadian (C) Isthmian (D) Pythian
72. Who led the Lyceum after Aristotle and also wrote works on botany?
(A) Eudemus (B) Straton (C) Arcesilaus (D) Theophrastus

73. What sort of work was submitted alongside three plays in the City Dionysia?
(A) Satyr play (B) Speech (C) Choral composition (D) Poem

IX. Greek Derivatives. Choose the best answer.

74. Which Greek root refers to tears?
(A) glyco- (B) dacryo- (C) myo- (D) eosin- (E) ody-

75. What does the suffix -asthenia refer to?
(A) hearing (B) production (C) secretion (D) energy (E) weakness

76. If a patient has cholecystitis, they have inflammation of the
(A) gums (B) eyelid (C) esophagus (D) lung (E) gall bladder

77. According to its Greek roots, if a patient has spinal stenosis, the spinal cord has
(A) drooped (B) enlarged (C) narrowed (D) ruptured (E) fractured

X. Classical Art. Choose the best answer.

78. What is the name for the type of Archaic statue shown here?
(A) **Kritios** (B) **Kouros** (C) Caryatid (D) **Kore**

79. Nearly only pottery remains of which Grecian art period lasting from years 1050-900 BC?
(A) Mycenaean (B) Dark Ages (C) Proto-Geometric (D) Geometric

80. Which of the following is not a characteristic of the "Third Style" of Roman wall painting?
(A) Ornate decoration (B) Egyptian motifs (C) Symmetry (D) Illusion of depth

81. The mosaic in Image #2 is found in Pompeii at the House of the
(A) Tragic Poet (B) Faun (C) Mosaic Atrium (D) Surgeon

XI. Greek History. Choose the best answer.

82. The commander of the Greek forces at Plataea in 479 BCE was
(A) Lysander (B) Pausanias (C) Cimon (D) Cleophon

83. At the Battle of Salamis, who led the forces of Halicarnassus, Cos, Nisyros, and Calyndos and supplied five ships that had the best reputation in the entire Persian fleet?
(A) Artemisia (B) Ariabignes (C) Ameinias (D) Damasithymus

84. Who was commissioned around 621 BCE to write a code of laws?
(A) Solon (B) Draco (C) Peisistratus (D) Codrus

85. What former Olympic champion attempted to make himself tyrant in Athens in 632 BCE?
(A) Orthagoras (B) Theagenes (C) Pheidon (D) Cylon

XII. Latin Literature. Choose the best answer.

86. In what meter is Catullus' poem numbered 63 written?
(A) Hendecasyllabic (B) Galliambics (C) Elegiacs (D) Sapphics

87. In what city was Quintilian born?
(A) Burdigala (B) Praeneste (C) Gades (D) Calagurris

88. Which of Ennius's works was written in a verse named after a man from Maronea?
(A) *Epicharmus* (B) *Sota* (C) *Euhemerus* (D) *Protrepticus*

89. Who is **NOT** a romantic addressee in Tibullus's corpus?
(A) Cerinthus (B) Neaera (C) Leucadia (D) Nemesis

90. A story about what city is sung about within Petronius's *Satyricon*?
(A) Troy (B) Athens (C) Thebes (D) Sparta

XIII. Special Topics. Choose the best answer.

91. Which of the following is **NOT** true about Etruscan society?
(A) The Etruscans were ruled by a series of kings.
(B) They first appeared in the historical record in the 10th c. BCE.
(C) Their rulers were elected by aristocratic families.
(D) Each city-state had its own system of laws and governance.

92. According to the Roman author _____, the Rhaetians were Etruscans who had been driven into the mountains by invading Gauls.
(A) Julius Caesar (B) Livy (C) Lucan (D) Suetonius

93. Wall construction that consists of blocks of tuff placed outside an inner concrete core is known as
(A) *opus sectile* (B) *opus testaceum* (C) *opus reticulatum* (D) *opus incertum*

94. Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure was dedicated to contractors who bid on contracts initiated by the
(A) *consul* (B) *tribunus* (C) *censor* (D) *quaestor*

95. The architects of Nero's *Domus Aurea* were Severus and
(A) Celer (B) Rabirius (C) Vitruvius (D) Decriannus

96. Horus lost his left eye fighting with
(A) Ptah (B) Anubis (C) Seth (D) Thoth

97. Which Egyptian goddess was often depicted as a lioness and associated with war and healing?
(A) Bastet (B) Sekhmet (C) Ma'at (D) Nut
98. Which of the following women delivered a speech in 42 BCE rebuking triumvirs for proposing to tax women to support wars they had no part in initiating or conducting?
(A) Hortensia (B) Babitha (C) Cornelia (D) Julia Domna
99. Which of the following women led the Nubians to victory against the Roman empire (24-22 BCE)?
(A) Mavia (B) Hipparchia (C) Gorgo (D) Amanirenas
100. Who ruled over the Persian empire at its greatest extent?
(A) Astyages (B) Cyrus (C) Xerxes (D) Darius

THESE PAGES CONTAIN THE IMAGES REFERENCED IN THE TEST QUESTIONS.

Image #1 - Question 78



Image #2 - Question 81

