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Sample Tossup: What king of Thebes mocked Dionysus and was ripped apart? PENTHEUS
B1: Who was Pentheus' mother, who ripped him apart? AGAVE
B2: What son of Cadmus succeeded Pentheus? POLYDORUS

TU # 1: Helen, Laodamia, Deianira, Dido, and Penelope are just some of the subjects of which Augustan age work, a series of fictive letters sent from women to their lovers who are away? HEROIDES

B1: Which heroine fictitiously wrote these lines from the *Heroides*: "What could my eyes do but weep at myself, once they had ceased to see your sails? Either I wandered alone with disheveled hair, like a maenad shaken by the Theban god: or I sat on the cold rock gazing at the sea, and I was as much as a stone as the stones I sat on." ARIADNE

B2: Which heroine speaks these lines: "Ah me! why was that Pelian ship driven forward by youthful arms, seeking the ram of Phrixus? Why did we of Colchis ever see the Thessalian Argo, and your Greek crew drink the waters of Phasis?" MEDEA

TU # 2: You go to the pharmacy to pick up the medicine that your doctor prescribed. Once you received the medicine, you noticed that the abbreviation *non rep.* is labeled. How many more times can you refill this specific medication? ZERO

B1: The medication bottle also contains the abbreviation *p.r.n.* on it. When should you take your medicine? AS THE NEED ARISES

B2: The final abbreviation on your bottle is *a.u.*. How exactly should you take the medication? IN EACH EAR

TU #3: Listen carefully to the following passage, adapted from Cicero's Letter to a friend, which I will read twice. Then answer in LATIN the question that follows.

Putō tē exīstimāre mē nunc rārius ad tē scrībere; sed quoniam loca et itinera tua nihil habēre certī videō, cuiquam nisi ad tē ipsum proficīsentī dēdī litterās. enim eae sunt epistulae nostrae quae tantum habent mystēriōrum.

Question: *Quotiēns Cicero ad amicum scrībit?* RĀRIUS

B1: *Qualia sunt loca et itinera amīcī?* NIHIL CERTĪ (OR SIMILAR)

B2: *Quid habent epistulae Cicerōnis?* TANTUM MYSTĒRIŌRUM (OR SIMILAR)

TU # 4: What priest of Apollo Smintheus had his daughter returned to him by the Greek chieftains after Apollo sent a plague to ravage their camp? CHRYSSES

B1: Chryses later aided what hero in retrieving the massive statue of Artemis held in the land of the Taurians? ORESTES

B2: Who was the king of the Taurians, whom Chryses later killed? THOAS

TU # 5: What was the best kind of bread in Rome, made from pure wheat flour? PĀNIS SILIGINEUS

B1: What is the Latin term for the edible second pressing of an olive? OLEUM

B2: What was the Latin term for the dark and bitter liquid containing the impurities from the pressing

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AMURCA

- TU # 6: Using *gaudeō* and an ablative absolute, translate into Latin: Since you were consul, the citizens rejoiced. *TĒ CONSULE, CIVĒS GAVISĪ/-AE SUNT*
- B1: Translate into Latin: The Romans must defend the city. *URBS ROMANĪS DEFENDENDA EST*
- B2: Translate into Latin using a supine: the words of Cicero are difficult to understand. *VERBA CICERŌNIS SUNT DIFFICILIA INTELLECTŪ*
- TU # 7: About what author was it said “*scribēbat carmina maiore curā quam ingeniō*” in reference to the dedication he placed on his 17 book epic on the Second Punic War? *SILIUS ITALICUS*
- B1: What was the title of Silius Italicus’ 17 book epic? *PUNICA*
- B2: Silius Italicus was said to have purchased the tomb of what famed Golden Age author? *VERGIL*
- TU # 8: Advised by Attius Navius against adding mounted troops to his army, which king of Rome settled for doubling the number of *equitēs*. *TARQUINIUS PRISCUS*
- B1: What did Attius Navius do that convinced Tarquinius Priscus of his validity? *CUT A WHETSTONE WITH A RAZOR*
- B2: What magnificent temple did Tarquinius Priscus commission on the Capitoline Hill? *TEMPLE OF JUPITER OPTIMUS MAXIMUS / CAPITOLINUS*
- TU# 9: Translate this sentence into English: *cōnstēllātiōnem ad summum collem spectēmus*.
LET’S LOOK FOR / WATCH THE CONSTELLATION AT THE TOP OF THE HILL
- B1: Translate this sentence into English: *Sīdera tam clārē fulgent ut aliquis sē vidēre possit*.
THE STARS SHINE SO BRIGHT THAT ANYONE CAN SEE THEM
- B2: Now translate this sentence into English: *Vātēs dīxit illōs quī cadēns astrum vidērent beātōs futurōs esse*.
THE PROPHET SAID THAT THOSE WHO SAW A FALLING STAR WOULD BE BLESSED
- TU # 10: According to a local legend, what god was raised on the island of Rhodes by monsters that could control the weather, and later returned to help his brother defeat their father in battle? *POSEIDON*
- B1: What were these monsters that could control the weather called? *TELKHINES*
- B2: Poseidon’s epithet *Ennosigaeus* signifies his ability to cause what phenomenon? *EARTHQUAKES*
- TU # 11: Who became the first Roman emperor to be captured alive at the Battle of Edessa in 260 AD? *VALERIAN*
- B1: Who captured Valerian? *SHAPUR I*
- B2: What general of Gallienus eventually defeated Shapur I? *ODENATHUS*
- TU # 12: What use of the genitive can be found in the following Latin sentence: *Māter ā filiō petit ut plūs aquae referat?* *PARITITVE*
- B1: What use of the genitive can be found in the following Latin sentence: *Sī cum hoste loquāris, maiestātis damnēris?* *CHARGE*
- B2: What use of the genitive can be found in the following Latin sentence: *Scīsne flūmen lactis in somnō posse vidēre?* *MATERIAL*

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- TU # 13: Which does not belong due to derivation: collocate, couch, lieutenant, malady, lieu? MALADY
B1: Which root do all but malady share? LOCUS
B2: From what two Latin words do we derive malady? MALUS & HABEO
- TU # 14: What man brings Odysseus to tears with his story about the quarrel between him and Achilles, before Alcinous instructs him to sing another song? DEMODOCUS
B1: Who was the wife of Alcinous, who had granted Odysseus asylum after his shipwreck? ARETE
B2: Who was the son of Alcinous, who gave up his seat in the mess hall for their esteemed guest, Odysseus? LAODAMAS
- TU # 15: Because of the massive extent of the original text, what Latin title is given to the short summaries which replaced each of the original books of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* in the Middle Ages? PERIOCHAE
B1: Which two books have no surviving *periochae*? 136 & 137
B2: What historian in the 3rd Century AD wrote a 10-book abridgement of Livy entitled *Breviarium Ab Urbe Condita*? EUTROPIUS
- TU # 16: Using the verb *fallō*, say in Latin "we were deceiving". FALLĒBAMUS
B1: Make *fallēbamus* pluperfect. FEFELLERAMUS
B2: Make *fefelleramus* subjunctive. FEFELLISSEMUS
- TU # 17: What son of Triopas was doomed to a life of everlasting hunger, after he cut down a tree inhabited by a dryad? ERYSICHTHON
B1: What daughter of Erysichthon was granted the gift of transformation, which allowed her to sell herself to get her father food? MESTRA
B2: What god granted this power to Mestra? POSEIDON / NEPTUNE
- TU # 18: What Pannonian Christian author translated the Bible into Latin? JEROME
B1: Which work of Jerome consisted of biographies of famous saints? *DĒ VIRĪS ILLUSTRIBUS*
B2: Where did Jerome die in 420 A.D.? BETHLEHEM
- TU # 19: Differentiate in meaning between *frōns*, *frōntis* and *frōns*, *frōndis*.
FRONTIS – FOREHEAD; *FRONDIS* – WREATH
B1: Differentiate in meaning between *foedō*, *foedāre* and *foedus*, *foederis*.
FOEDO – DEFILE; *FOEDUS* – TREATY
B2: Differentiate in meaning between *funis* and *funus*.
FŪNIS – ROPE; *FŪNUS* – FUNERAL
- TU # 20: In response to Hannibal's siege of Saguntum, what road, built a year earlier by a famous censor, allowed the Romans to quickly mobilize to the North? VIA FLAMINIA
B1: Flaminius was the only senator to support what controversial law passed in 218 B.C., which made it illegal for a senator to own or operate ships large enough for overseas trade? LEX CLAUDIA
B2: Livy states that an earthquake was caused from the force of what battle in 217 B.C. at which Hannibal killed the consul Flaminius? LAKE TRASIMENE

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EXTRA QUESTIONS

LANGUAGE

- TU: What Latin verb with what meaning is at the root of the English word “obey”? *AUDIO – TO HEAR*
B1: What Latin verb with what meaning is at the root of the English word “faint”?
FINGO – TO FASHION
B2: What Latin noun with what meaning is at the root of the English word “impeach”? *PES – FOOT*

MYTHOLOGY

- TU: What son of Iphiclus was honored by Alexander the Great as he disembarked in Asia Minor, an offering that Alexander hoped would spare him from the fate of this mythological figure, who was the first to step ashore at Troy and was killed? *PROTESILAUS*
B1: When news of Protesilaus’ death reached his homeland of Phylace, what wife of his was so inconsolable that Hades let Protesilaus return for a few hours to say his goodbyes? *LAODAMIA*
B2: After Protesilaus left for the Underworld, what happened to Laodamia? *SHE KILLED HERSELF*

HISTORY / CULTURE

- TU: The Kalends, Nones, and Ides of every month were sacred to what household gods, the counterpart of the Penates? *LARES*
B1: At what festival on March 17 would a boy dedicate his insignia pueritiae to the Lares and become a man? *LIBERALIA*
B2: The *insignia* pueritiae included two items. One was a type of jewelry, the other was an article of clothing. Name both.
BULLA AND TOGA PRAETEXTA, RESPECTIVELY

LITERATURE

- TU: When Plautus alludes to a poet “whom two guards watch at all times,” he is probably referring to what Campanian writer, whose attacks on the Metelli led to his imprisonment and exile to Utica? *NAEVIUS*
B1: The line in the toss-up was quoted from what play of Plautus, which features the clever slave Palaestrio? *MILES GLORIOSUS*
B2: What is the name of the titular braggart soldier in that play? *PYRGOPOLYNICES*