Sample Tossup: Who was **pontifex maximus** until 12 BC at which point Augustus took over that title?

(M. AEMILIUS) LEPIDUS

B1:   Who was Lepidus' immediate predecessor as **pontifex maximus**?   (C. IULIUS) CAESAR
B2:   In what year did this title transfer from Caesar to Lepidus?   44 BC

TU # 1:   What catastrophic event was survived by Megarus by listening to cranes, the inhabitants of Delphi
            by following wolves, and Deucalion & Pyrrha by building a massive ship?   THE GREAT FLOOD
B1:   On what mountain did Deucalion & Pyrrha land and pray to the local nymphs?
                                                                                          MOUNT PARNASSUS
B2:   Which Titaness instructed Deucalion and Pyrrha to repopulate the earth by throwing stones over
            their shoulders?   THEMIS

TU # 2:   Say in Latin "let's never compete for money".
                                                          PRŌ PECUNIĀ NUMQUAM CERTĒMUS / CONTENDĀMUS
B1:   Taking *mendāx, mendācis* to mean "liar", say in Latin "don't believe that liar."
                                                                      NOLĪ CREDERE ILLĪ MENDĀCĪ
B2:   Using *petō* say in Latin, the orator asked the citizens to listen.
                                                  ORATOR Ā CIVIBUS PETĪVIT / PETIĒBAT UT AUDĪRENT

TU # 3:   What English derivative of the verb "*eō*" means "happening without warning"?   SUDDEN
B1:   What derivative of the verb "*dō*" means "a meeting a certain time and place"?   RENDEZVOUS
B2:   What derivative of the verb "*cadō*" means "to deceive or influence by fraud"?   CHEAT

TU # 4:   A Roman disaster at Cape Passaro followed closely after what defeat in 249 B.C. when the sacred
            chickens were thrown overboard prior to the battle?   DREPANA
B1:   Which Roman admiral foolishly threw the sacred chickens overboard before battle?
                                                                              (P.) CLAUDIUS PULCHER
B2:   At what battle in 241 B.C. did Quintus Lutatius Catulus defeat the Carthaginian fleet and end the
            First Punic War?   AEGATES ISLANDS

TU # 5:   Listen carefully to the following passage, which I will read twice, and answer in English the
            questions that follow.
            *Duae amicae apud flūmen ad multam noctem ludēbant. Mox ubi difficīle erat vidēre terram, una
            puella in saxō lapsa est et nōvam tabellam in flūmen dēmīsit. Alia puella quaesīvit num amica esset
            sana, sed ea respōndit "modo servā meam tabellam!"*
            The question: *Ubi amicae ludēbant?*   *APUD FLŪMEN*
B1:   *Cur puella in saxō lapsa est?*   *DIFFICĪLE ERAT VIDERE TERRAM*
B2:   *Respondē Anglicē. Quid respōndit amica?*   "JUST SAVE MY TABLET / PHONE / ETC."

TU # 6:   Of the words *adulescens*, *ancilla*, *caupo*, *coquus*, and *discipulus*, which is described in the following sentence? *In fabulīs, a Plautō scriptīs, haec persona semper iuvenem puellam pulchram amat.*
                                                                                                        ADULESCENS
B1:   Of adulescens, ancilla, caupo, coquus, and discipulus, which is described in this sentence? Haec persona variōs cibōs in culinā parat.   *COQUUS*
B2:   Of adulescens, ancilla, caupo, coquus, and discipulus, which is described in this sentence? Haec persona locum dormiendī offert.   CAUPO

TU # 7:   What son of Daunus and Venilia began a war with Aeneas after they were both promised marriage to a princess of Latium?   TURNUS
B1:   Name this princess of Latium.   LAVINIA
B2:   Name the parents of Lavinia, the king and queen of Latium.   LATINUS & AMATA

TU # 8:   What four letter ending is added to first declension feminine nouns such as *filia* and *dea* to form the dative and ablative plural?   *-ĀBUS*
B1.   Make the phrase *sapiens dea pulchra* ablative plural.   *SAPIENTIBUS DEĀBUS PULCHRĪS*
B2.   Change *sapientibus deābus pulchrīs* to the singular.   *SAPIENTĪ DEĀ PULCHRĀ*

TU # 9:   Who in ancient Rome was considered *suī iuris*, and held chief position in a Roman household?
                                                                                                        PATERFAMILIAS
B1:   What three-word Latin phrase refers to all those under the authority of the *paterfamilias*?
                                                                                                ALIENO IURI SUBIECTI
B2:   What is the Latin term for the adoption of one *paterfamilias* by another *paterfamilias*?
                                                                                                        ADROGATIO

TU # 10:   Which city's legendary foundations were laid when King Ogygus settled the Ectenes in the Cithaeronian range before he was overthrown by Cadmus and his Phoenician invaders?   THEBES
B1:   What name was given to the men who sprang from the ground on the spot where Cadmus sowed the teeth of a serpent he killed during the foundation of his city?   SPARTOI
B2:   Which of the Spartoi married Cadmus' daughter Agave and produced a son named Pentheus?
                                                                                                        ECHION

TU # 11:   Which of the Five Good Emperors built an 80-mile long will in Britain from the Firth of Solway to the Tyne River?   HADRIAN
B1:   Which of these emperors extended the Roman border by building a turf-wall 75 miles north from the Firth of Forth to the Firth of Clyde?   ANTONIUS PIUS
B2:   What governor of Britain defeated the Scots who overran the Antonine wall in 184 A.D., only for it to be abandoned shortly after?   ULPIUS MARCELLUS

TU # 12:   Translate this three-word quotation from Seneca into English: *errāre humanum est*.
                                                                        TO ERR / TO MAKE MISTAKES IS HUMAN
B1:   Translate this three-word quotation from Cicero: *cum tacent, clamant*.
                                                        WHEN THEY ARE SILENT, THEY ARE SHOUTING
B2:   Translate this three-word quotation from Descartes: *cogitō ergo sum*.
                                                                        I THINK THEREFORE I AM

TU # 13:   From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English words "squat" and "reaction"?
AGŌ – TO DO.

B1:   What derivative of the Latin adjective meaning "right" describes someone who is cable of using both hands with equal skill?
AMBIDEXTROUS

B2:   From what two Latin words do we derive the English word "duel"?
DUO & BELLUM

TU # 14:   Fearing that his horses would not have enough to eat, who chose to lead a force of Zeleians to Troy on foot, and became the best of the Trojan archers after Paris?
PANDARUS

B1:   Pandarus broke a truce with the Greeks by shooting which Greek chieftain
MENELAUS

B2:   Which Greek killed Pandarus during his rampage on the battlefield?
DIOMEDES

TU #15:   Give the comparative and superlative forms of the adjective "*altus*".
ALTIOR & ALTISSIMUS

B1:   Give the comparative and superlative forms of "*acer*".
ACRIOR & ACERRIMUS

B2:   Give the comparative and superlative forms of "*humilis*".
HUMILIOR & HUMILLIMUS

TU # 16:   Who became king of Rome after his wife ran over the body of Servius Tullius?
TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

B1:   What daughter of Servius Tullius helped Tarquinius with this deed?
TULLIA

B2:   What name was given to the road where this event occurred?
VIA SCELERATA

TU # 17:   *Quid Anglicē significat "opus"?*
WORK

B1:   *Quid Anglicē significat "onus"?*
BURDEN

B2:   *Quid Anglicē significat "otium"?*
LEISURE

TU # 18:   What object won Acontius the hand of Cydippe, helped Hippomenes overcome Atalanta, and caused a disturbance at the wedding of Peleus & Thetis among three goddesses claiming to be "the fairest"?
(GOLDEN) APPLES

B1:   Which goddess threw the apple at the wedding because she was not invited?
ERIS

B2:   Into what did Aphrodite change Hippomenes and Atalanta when they failed to honor her?
LIONS

TU # 19:   What tribe first rose in rebellion against the Romans during a conflict with the Turdetani in 197 B.C., and caused havoc all throughout the Iberian Peninsula before their final fortress at Numantia was starved into submission?
CELTIBERIANS

B1:   What pro-praetor in 179 B.C. defeated the Celtiberians and concluded a treaty which required them to pay an annual tribute to Rome?
TIBERIUS SEMPRONIUS GRACCHUS / SPURIUS POSTUMIUS

B2:   The imminent siege of Numantia was set in motion in 137 B.C. when Sempronius' son Tiberius was sent to save which consul's entrapped army?
(HOSTILIUS) MANCINUS

TU # 20:   Translate into English: *diē natālī uxor sperat sē florēs acceptūram esse.*
ON HER BIRTHDAY THE WIFE HOPES THAT SHE WILL RECEIVE FLOWERS

B1:   Translate into English: *fama erat regem apud flūmen natum esse.*
THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT THE KING HAD BEEN BORN NEAR THE RIVER

B2:   Translate into English: *poeta credit carmina sua in aeternum lectum īrī.*
THE POET BELIEVES THAT HIS POEMS / SONGS WILL BE READ FOREVER

EXTRA QUESTIONS

LANGUAGE

TU: Which state's Latin motto encourages you to look around if you seek a pleasant peninsula?
                                                                                                    MICHIGAN
B1:   Which state has the Latin motto "*crescite et multiplicaminī*"?   MARYLAND
B2:   Which state has the Latin motto "*esse quam vidērī*"?   NORTH CAROLINA

MYTHOLOGY

TU: What animals devoured Abderus while Heracles was away, symbolized the immense wealth of
        Erichthonius, warned Achilles of his imminent death, and were a main attribute of Poseidon?
                                                                                                    HORSES
B1:   What Bistonian king was the rightful owner of the horses that devoured Abderus?   DIOMEDES
B2:   How many fine mares did Erichthonius own?   THREE THOUSAND

HISTORY / CULTURE

TU: Although the consuls Aulus Hirtius and Vibius Pansa perished, where on April 21st, 43 B.C. did
        Octavian and the senatorial forces defeat Marcus Antonius?   MUTINA
B1:   Whose army had Marcus Antonius besieged at Mutina?   DECIMUS BRUTUS
B2:   Who was invited to join Octavian and Antony as the third member of the Second Triumvirate shortly
        after the battle of Mutina?   (AEMILIUS) LEPIDUS