

2017 UVA Classics Day

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FINAL ROUND

1. **TOSSUP:** If there was one thing the Romans liked, it was keeping it in the family. Name this man who was the first non-Roman (he acquired Roman citizenship later in life) and the last non-member of the imperial family to be permitted to celebrate a triumph for approximately 515 years after his defeat of the Garamantes in 19 BC.

A: (Lucius Cornelius) Balbus the Younger

BONUS: Name this brilliant Eastern Roman military general who was permitted to celebrate the last Roman triumph ever in 534 for his victory over Gelimer and the Kingdom of the Vandals and Alans. A: Belisarius

BONUS: Name the battle in which Belisarius defeated Gelimer's forces and thus reconquered North Africa for Justinian. A: Battle of Tricamarum
2. **TOSSUP:** Please translate the following sentence from English to Latin: Since all the honey was absent, the bees invaded the forum.

A: **Omni melle absente, apes forum invadunt** (or any synonym for **invado**)

BONUS: Why would the following sentence not be rendered with an ablative absolute: After it stung the merchant, the bee soon afterwards died.

A: The subject of an ablative absolute cannot be the subject of the main clause

BONUS: Please translate that sentence without using an ablative absolute, using **pungo, pungere, pupugi** to mean sting.

A: **Cum mercatorem pupugisset, apis post mortua est/perivit/cecidit mox.**
3. **TOSSUP:** Which of the following does not belong, because of meaning: **Ulmus, Fraxinus, Quercus, Pagus?** A: **Pagus**

BONUS: How is **Pagus** translated into English? A: District/Clan

BONUS: How is **Fraxinus** translated into English? A: Ash Tree
4. **TOSSUP:** **Saevae memorem Iunonis ob iram.** Name this queen of Libya whom Hera, as punishment for having become one of her perennially philandering husband's many conquests, compelled to devour her own children as well caused to seem monstrous in appearance. A: Lamia

BONUS: Which ability did Zeus grant Lamia so that she could rest instead of constantly grieving over her slaughtered brood? A: Removing her eyes

BONUS: Which animal did Lamia allegedly resemble below her waist?
A: Serpent
5. **TOSSUP:** Owning a small farm in Nomentum, which author of Spanish origin was friends with Juvenal and wrote *Xenia, Aphoreta, Epigrammata*, and his first known work, *Liber Spectaculorum*? A: Martial

BONUS: Give another name for *Liber Spectaculorum*.
A: *Epigrammaton Liber/Liber de Spectaculis*

BONUS: What did the *Liber Spectaculorum* celebrate?
A: The opening of the Colosseum

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6. **TOSSUP:** Listen to the following passage, adapted from Tacitus' *Annales*, which I will read twice, and answer, in Latin, the question that follows:

Caesar transgressus flumen indicio perfugae cognoscit delectum ab Arminio locum pugnae; et convenisse alias nationes in silvam Herculi sacram ausurosque nocturnam castrorum oppugnationem.

Quaestio: Quid primum perfuga Caesari dixit?

A: Locum pugnae delecta est ab Arminio

BONUS: Ubi aliae nationes convenerunt?

A: In sacr silv Herculi

BONUS: The passage continues:

Habita indici fides et cernebantur ignes, suggestisque propius speculatores audiri fremitum equorum immensisque et inconditi agminis murmur attulere.

Quaestio: Quale agmen speculatores audivit?

A: Immensi et inconditi

7. **TOSSUP:** The Julio-Claudian dynasty, due to the wanton slaughter of so many of its scions, may be aptly compared to an ouroboros. Name this great-granddaughter of Augustus whose father was executed in 14 for his involvement in a conspiracy, whose mother was permanently exiled in 8 due to having allegedly committed adultery, whose three sons died due to the machinations of the imperial family, and whose grandson was executed during the reign of Nero. **A: Aemilia Lepida**

BONUS: Name this son of Aemilia Lepida who committed suicide on the wedding day of Claudius and Agrippina after having had his betrothal to Claudia Octavia broken off in addition to being stripped of his praetorian rank and expelled from the Senate due to having been accused by Agrippina of having an incestuous relationship with his sister, Junia Calvina. **A: Lucius Junius Silanus Torquatus**

BONUS: Name this son of Aemilia Lepida whose execution was ordered by Nero because of his manifest pride in being descended from Augustus.

A: Decimus Junius Silanus Torquatus

8. **TOSSUP:** What are two ways to say twofold in Latin?

A: Duplex, bifarius, binus, biplex, alterplex, du s

BONUS: What are three ways to say threefold in Latin?

A: Tipler, triformis, tergeminus, triplaris, trinitarius

BONUS: Now come up with twelve ways to say twelvefold in Latin. Just kidding! Please elaborate on the definition of **binus/a/um**, beyond the meaning of twofold.

A: It means two to each

9. **TOSSUP:** What native Carthaginian, called the "half-sized Menander" by Caesar, supposedly drowned during a voyage to Greece? **A: Terence**

BONUS: Name his play that had brought him first into fame and became his biggest commercial success. **A: Eunuchus**

BONUS: Which later author was also born in Carthage?

A: Tertullian

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10. **TOSSUP:** For eons, vampirism has held an enduring fascination for many peoples and cultures, and the Greeks were no exception. What is the collective name for the sisters of the Fates and the daughters of Nyx who all lusted for the blood of men who were wounded or dying on the battlefield and gnashed their teeth over them with their talons and fangs?

A: Keres

BONUS: Name this legendary bird which was believed to be partial to human blood and flesh. A: Strix

BONUS: Name the daughter of Mormo and Hecate who drank blood from the bodies of and devoured the flesh of sleeping young men whom she had seduced?

A: Empusa

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11. **TOSSUP:** The Romans, what with their curse tablets and all, were certainly a baleful people. Name the brother-in-law of Hadrian who was executed, despite being a nonagenarian, along with his grandson in order to remove the complications posed for Hadrian's succession posed by their presences, and died cursing Hadrian with the following words: "May he long for death but be unable to die."

A: (Lucius Julius Ursus) Servianus

BONUS: Name Servianus's grandson who may have been executed for planning a coup against Hadrian in 137 CE after his displacement as Hadrian's heir by Lucius Aelius, who was adopted by Hadrian in 136. ANS: Gnaeus Pedanius Fuscus Salinator

BONUS: Servianus's malediction was indeed fulfilled, for Hadrian died slowly and agonizingly. Name at least one of the causes of Hadrian's death.

A: Dropsy, tuberculosis, heart failure, coronary artery disease

12. **TOSSUP:** Being in the finals of this certamen is certainly commendable! Which author penned the quote "**nunc est Bibendum, nunc pede libero pulsanda tellus**" to celebrate the victory at the Battle of Actium? A: Horace

BONUS: From whom did Horace receive his Sabine farm? A: Maecenas

BONUS: Which author penned the quote "**in vin veritas, in aqua sanitas**" in his *Naturalis Historia*? A: Pliny the Elder

13. **TOSSUP:** Please translate the following sentence from Latin into English: **Maxim s mellis cumul s adglomerat s, Caesar obsides ab apibus ill s accepit.**

A: With the greatest mounds of honey having been received, Caesar received his hostages from those bees.

BONUS: Now this continuation of the epic tale: **Eheu, aliquae apes catae insidias Caesari paraverant!** A: Alas, some tricky bees had prepared a trap for Caesar!

BONUS: And now, the thrilling conclusion: **Apes istae conspiratoribus imperaverunt ut Caesarem vices ter pungerent!**

A: Those bees ordered the conspirators to sting Caesar twenty three times!

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14. **TOSSUP:** Which of the following, if any, is not derived from the same latin root as the others: haughty, oboe, alternate, altar, enhance A: Alternate
BONUS: From what adjective with what meaning are the other words all derived?
A: **Altus** – high
BONUS: What other derivative of **altus** means “to hold someone or something in very high regard?” A: Exalt
15. **TOSSUP:** Name the boy who was beheaded by his mother and had his flesh served to his unwitting father out of revenge for his father’s wanton rape of his sister-in-law.
A: Itys
BONUS: Which birds were Tereus, Philomela, and Procne transformed into, respectively, after the attempted murder of the sisters by Tereus?
ANS: Hoopoe, nightingale, and swallow (the last two may be switched)
BONUS: What did Tereus do to Philomela after he raped her?
ANS: Cut her tongue out
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16. **TOSSUP:** Name the author known for writing a biography of Alexander the Great.
A: (Quintus) Curtius (Rufus)
BONUS: Name the author known for writing a cookbook of Roman delicacies, which allowed modern day anthropologists to learn more about Roman culinary and palate.
A: Apicius
BONUS: Name the author from the 1st century AD who wrote *Astronomica*, a 5-book poem on Astrology. A: Manilius
17. **TOSSUP:** This hapless Roman emperor got the closest he would ever to drinking the nectar of the gods when, according to Lactantius, he was forced to imbibe molten gold after being used as a human footstool as a captive. A: Valerian
BONUS: Name the battle in which the Sassanid forces defeated the Roman forces of Valerian and took him prisoner in 260 CE, making this defeat a particularly ignominious one for the Romans. A: Battle of Edessa
BONUS: Name the shahanshah of the Sassanian Empire who, in an alternative version of Valerian's death, allegedly had Valerian flayed alive, skinned him, and made a trophy of him by having his skin stuffed with straw. A: Shapur I
18. **TOSSUP:** From which son of Circe and Odysseus did the **gens Mamilia**, of which Octavius Mamilius, the son-in-law of Lucius Tarquinius Superbus, and **princeps** of Tusculum, was a scion, boast descent? A: Telegonus
BONUS: Into which creature did Circe turn Picus, the first king of Latium, after her advances were repulsed by him? A: Woodpecker
BONUS: Which nymph did jealous Circe transform into a monster with twelve feet, six necks and heads, all containing three rows of sharp teeth, and a fish’s tail because of the love which they both had for Glaucus? A: Scylla

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19. **TOSSUP:** Identify the case and use of **apis** in the following sentence: **Multum mel extortum apibus!**
A: Dative of Separation
BONUS: Now identify the use of the accusative in the following sentence: **Herbam mella sapient.**
A: Cognate accusative
BONUS: Now identify this anomalous use of the genitive in this address from Vergil's Aeneid: **O praestans animi iuvenis...**
A: Genitive of Respect

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20. **TOSSUP:** For the verb **praeter o**, give the 3rd person singular future active imperative.
A: **Praeter to**
BONUS: Keeping all else the same, change that form to the plural.
A: **Praetereunto**
BONUS: Change that form to the 2nd person. A: **Praeter tote**

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