

## 2008 NJCL Roman History Test

1. In December of 218 BC at the Trebia River, Hannibal virtually destroyed a Roman army led by
  - A. Cn. Cornelius Scipio
  - B. Ti. Sempronius Longus
  - C. App. Claudius Pulcher
  - D. M. Atilius Regulus
2. “The gods are with you”, “Remember Rome!”, “Curiatii forever!” These are some of the words shouted out by two opposing armies as six of their comrades, three from each side, prepared to fight during the reign of
  - A. Servius Tullius
  - B. Tarquinius Superbus
  - C. Ancus Marcius
  - D. Tullus Hostilius
3. The struggle between the Romans and the Carthaginians over the control of what city triggered the First Punic War?
  - A. Saguntum
  - B. Capua
  - C. Messana
  - D. Tarentum
4. Who was assassinated by a group of senators at the foot of the statue of Pompey the Great?
  - A. Julius Caesar
  - B. Cassius
  - C. Marius
  - D. Sulla
5. Who was forced to divorce his first wife (a daughter of Marcus Agrippa and his first wife Attica) in order to marry his step-father’s daughter in 12 BC?
  - A. Marcellus
  - B. Tiberius
  - C. Drusus
  - D. Germanicus
6. Who, with his face and hands painted red like the statue of Jupiter, rode in a four-horse chariot through the streets of Rome to celebrate his triumph over Veii in 396 BC?
  - A. Camillus
  - B. Coriolanus
  - C. Hortensius
  - D. Scipio Barbatus
7. Berenice, a Jewish princess, was a mistress of the emperor
  - A. Titus
  - B. Nerva
  - C. Septimius Severus
  - D. Macrinus
8. On the day after the Battle of Saxa Rubra (about 10 miles north of Rome), a soldier carried the head of Maxentius on a spear in the forefront of the triumphal procession of which emperor?
  - A. Diocletian
  - B. Galerius
  - C. Julian
  - D. Constantine
9. Marius was elected **cōnsul** for all of the following years EXCEPT
  - A. 107 BC
  - B. 105 BC
  - C. 101 BC
  - D. 86 BC
10. After the Praetorians lynched their own Prefect, Sextus Tigidius Perennis, in AD 185, which emperor promoted his freedman servant Marcus Aurelius Cleander to be the next Praetorian Prefect?
  - A. Marcus Aurelius
  - B. Trajan
  - C. Commodus
  - D. Hadrian
11. Which emperor built an enormous temple to Sol Invictus in Rome and styled himself as the vice-regent of this Illyrian sun god, featuring on coins and inscriptions the title **Dominus et deus nātus**?
  - A. Macrinus
  - B. Caracalla
  - C. Aurelian
  - D. Elagabalus
12. Which king of Rome is said to have constructed the **Rēgia** near the Forum, the Temple of Vesta, and other temples?
  - A. Tarquinius Priscus
  - B. Ancus Marcius
  - C. Servius Tullius
  - D. Numa Pompilius
13. Which of Rome’s enemies, having been stunned by a roof tile thrown on his head by an old woman, was then killed in the narrow streets of the city of Argos in 272 BC?
  - A. Pyrrhus
  - B. Hamilcar Barca
  - C. Hannibal
  - D. Gellius Egnatius
14. Who in 133 BC introduced before the **cōncilium plēbis** an agrarian bill that was designed to break up the large estates created out of public land and to divide them among landless Roman citizens?
  - A. Marcus Octavius
  - B. Gaius Flaminius
  - C. Tiberius Gracchus
  - D. Gaius Gracchus
15. Who provoked Rome to wage war against him when Italian businessmen were killed during the siege of Cirta?
  - A. Masinissa
  - B. Jugurtha
  - C. Micipsa
  - D. Adherbal
16. The law which gave Julius Caesar the governorship of Cisalpine Gaul and Illyricum for a term of five years as of March 1st of 59 BC was sponsored by the tribune:
  - A. Manilius
  - B. Papirius
  - C. Rubrius
  - D. Vatinius

17. Tiberius was about to campaign against which king of the Marcomanni in AD 6 when a revolt in Pannonia required his undivided attention?  
A. Cunobelinus      B. Armenius      C. Burebistas      D. Maroboduus
18. Which of the Emperors of AD 69 was unpopular because of his severity and meanness?  
A. Galba      B. Otho      C. Vitellius      D. Vespasian
19. Which of the Flavian emperors shortened communications along the Rhine-Danube frontier by annexing the triangle of land called the **Agrī Decumātēs**?  
A. Domitian      B. Titus      C. Vespasian      D. Nerva
20. Who in AD 202 stayed in Rome long enough to distribute donatives and **congīāria**; celebrate the wedding of his son to Plautianus' daughter, Fulvia Plautilla; and celebrate the tenth anniversary of his accession before returning to his hometown of Lepcis Magna?  
A. Caracalla      B. Geta      C. Septimius Severus      D. Macrinus
21. The mother of Alexander Severus was  
A. Julia Mamaea      B. Julia Maesa      C. Julia Soaemias      D. Julia Domna
22. Which Roman emperor, after his ascension to the throne in AD 361, decreed an end to Imperial financial support for Christian churches and rescinded privileges previously granted to the Christian clergy?  
A. Decius      B. Julian      C. Valens      D. Jovian
23. Which of the Five Good Emperors was chosen to rule by the Senate?  
A. Hadrian      B. Nerva      C. Marcus Aurelius      D. Antoninus Pius
24. Who ordered his slave Philocrates to kill him when he realized that he could not outrun Opimius and his Roman soldiers in 121 BC?  
A. Fulvius Flaccus      B. Gaius Gracchus      C. Fabius Maximus      D. Scipio Nasica
25. Who was accused by Cicero of being a seducer and drunkard in Rome and in Baiae, as well as committing incest with her brother Publius?  
A. Scribonia      B. Hortensia      C. Fulvia      D. Clodia
26. Where did Hasrubal literally "lose his head"?  
A. Metaurus River      B. Baecula      C. Ilipa      D. Ticinus River
27. The Battles of Cape Ecnomus, Drepana, and Aegates Islands took place during the  
A. 1<sup>st</sup> Punic War      B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samnite War      C. 1<sup>st</sup> Illyrian War      D. Great Latin War
28. The consul Aemilius Paullus lost his life in 216 BC at the Battle of  
A. Lake Trasimene      B. Ticinus      C. Trebia      D. Cannae
29. How many secessions of the plebs are said to have occurred between 494 and 287 BC?  
A. 3      B. 4      C. 5      D. 6
30. Which foreign king is said to have banned the use of iron weapons after he captured the city of Rome *circa* 508 BC?  
A. Mamilius Octavius      B. Hiero      C. Lars Porsenna      D. Aristodemus
31. What Dacian city was captured by Trajan with the help of the Libyan Moor Lusius Quietus?  
A. Artaxata      B. Trapezus      C. Ctesiphon      D. Sarmizegethusa
32. What coastal town, a base for Volscian pirates, was captured during the Great Latin War by Gaius Maenius, the consul of 338 BC?  
A. Antium      B. Paestum      C. Circeii      D. Sinuessa
33. According to Roman historians, what hill did Ancus Marcius annex during his reign?  
A. Viminal      B. Fagutal      C. Oppius      D. Janiculum
34. Minucius Rufus served as the **magister equitum** under which dictator, who was appointed by the people after the disaster at Lake Trasimene?  
A. Terentius Varro      C. Scipio the future Africanus  
B. Fabius Maximus Cunctator      D. Manlius Vulso
35. In AD 270, the emperor Aurelian had to deal with a serious uprising of the mint workers led by the mint-master  
A. Iulius Gallus      B. Aurelius Victor      C. Felicissimus      D. Ausonius

36. Which of the following was NOT a member of the Second Triumvirate?  
 A. Cicero                      B. Marc Antony                      C. Lepidus                      D. Octavian
37. The rape of which woman led to the expulsion of Tarquinius Superbus and his family?  
 A. Verginia                      B. Cloelia                      C. Tullia                      D. Lucretia
38. Who rallied his troops at the cost of his own life at the Battle of Sentinum?  
 A. Fabricius                      B. Decius Mus                      C. Spurius Maelius                      D. Fabius Rullianus
39. Where did Marius, with the help of Lutatius Catulus, defeat the Cimbri?  
 A. Vercellae                      B. Aquae Sextiae                      C. Arausio                      D. Suessa Arunca
40. What battle ended Rome's war against Antiochus III in 190 BC?  
 A. Apamea                      B. Cynoscephalae                      C. Pydna                      D. Magnesia ad Sipylum
41. Which tribune secured Pompey's command against Mithridates, king of Pontus?  
 A. A. Gabinius                      B. C. Manilius                      C. P. Clodius Pulcher                      D. Sulpicius Rufus
42. Whose marriage brought together the families of Augustus, Agrippa, and Marc Antony?  
 A. Agrippina the Elder & Germanicus                      C. Ahenobarbus & Antonia the Elder  
 B. Drusus & Antonia the Younger                      D. Caligula & Junia Claudilla
43. This man, the first barbarian who wore the imperial purple and the first emperor never to set foot in Rome, was said by spurious eyewitness accounts to have been 8'6" in height.  
 A. Tacitus                      B. Florianus                      C. Maximinus Thrax                      D. Philip the Arab
44. The brutal stabbing & murder of what Roman led to the outbreak of the Social War?  
 A. L. Iulius Caesar                      B. M. Livius Drusus                      C. Fulvius Flaccus                      D. Saturninus
45. Which of the following was NOT one of the husbands of Fulvia?  
 A. Marc Antony                      B. Scribonius Curio                      C. P. Clodius                      D. Pomponius Atticus
46. Who bequeathed the kingdom and treasury of Pergamum to the Romans in 133 BC?  
 A. Tigranes I                      B. Orodes II                      C. Attalus III                      D. Nicomedes IV
47. How many days in 55 BC did Caesar's men require to build their first bridge over the Rhine?  
 A. 10 days                      B. 20 days                      C. 30 days                      D. 40 days
48. The attempted rape of which Roman maiden resulted in the downfall of the **Decemvirī**?  
 A. Lucretia                      B. Tarquinia                      C. Caecilia Metella                      D. Verginia
49. The gladiators Crixus, Castus, Gannicus, and Oenomaus were members of whose slave revolt?  
 A. Aristonicus'                      B. Cleon's                      C. Spartacus'                      D. Athenion's
50. Which Roman emperor in AD 381 renounced the title **pontifex maximus**, removed the Altar of Victory from the senate house at Rome, and confiscated the endowments of the Vestal Virgins and ancient priestly colleges?  
 A. Gratian                      B. Numerian                      C. Valens                      D. Magnus Maximus
51. Which of the emperors of AD 69 was the only Roman emperor NOT given the title of "Augustus"?  
 A. Galba                      B. Otho                      C. Vitellius                      D. Vespasian
52. Which of the following ladies betrayed the citadel to the Sabines?  
 A. Volumnia                      B. Tarpeia                      C. Veturia                      D. Cloelia
53. In 185 BC, who condemned around 7,000 slave shepherds to death after quelling an uprising in Apulia?  
 A. L. Postumius Tempsanus                      C. L. Aemilius Paullus  
 B. C. Licinius Crassus                      D. T. Quinctius Flaminius
54. Accompanied by drums, cymbals, and anthems sung by Syrian women, which Roman emperor often performed religious rites in front of a conical black stone which he had brought from Emesa?  
 A. Elagabalus                      B. Macrinus                      C. Caracalla                      D. Geta
55. Who became king of Greater & Lesser Numidia because of the aid he gave to Scipio the future Africanus at the Battle of Campi Magni?  
 A. Micipsa                      B. Syphax                      C. Jugurtha                      D. Massinissa
56. Which Roman emperor popped a blood vessel and died after being upset by an insolent Quadian emissary?  
 A. Theodosius                      B. Valens                      C. Gratian                      D. Valentinian

57. This father of Numerian was supposedly killed by a bolt of lightning; however, it is far more likely that he fell victim to foul play at the hands of the Praetorian Prefect Aper.  
 A. Carinus                      B. Carus                      C. Tacitus                      D. Postumus
58. Who, after a three month siege in 64 BC, sacked Jerusalem but spared the Temple?  
 A. Lucullus                      B. Sulla                      C. Pompey                      D. Metellus Pius
59. Which Roman king added a hundred members to the Senate who were called **minōrēs gentēs**?  
 A. Tullus Hostilius              B. Ancus Marcius              C. Tarquinius Priscus              D. Numa Pompilius
60. The British queen of the Brigantes who made a treaty with the Roman emperor Claudius was  
 A. Boudicca                      B. Cartimandua              C. Tascia                      D. Verania
61. Which foreign queen attacked Cornelius Gallus & led a revolt in Africa from 25-22 BC?  
 A. Boudicca                      B. Zenobia                      C. Cleopatra                      D. Candace
62. Who marched on Rome with his troops in 88 BC and prevailed on the senate to declare a group of twelve, including the tribune Sulpicius Rufus, as enemies of the state?  
 A. Sulla                      B. Aemilius Scaurus              C. Metellus Pius                      D. Marius
63. Who led the mob that clubbed Tiberius Gracchus and 300 of his followers to death?  
 A. Petilius Cerialis              B. Scipio Nasica              C. Marcus Octavius              D. Pompeius Strabo
64. Opimius was the first to be granted  
 A. **ōvātiō**    B. **senātūs cōsultum ultimum**              C. **spolia opima**                      D. **supplicātiō**
65. The mistress of Commodus who may have been a Christian was  
 A. Berenice                      B. Marcia                      C. Lucilla                      D. Sulpicia
66. Who, after he relieved a grain shortage out of his own pocket, was killed by Servilius Ahala because he was suspected of wanting to be a tyrant?  
 A. Titus Larcus                      B. Minucius Augurinus              C. Spurius Maelius                      D. Valerius Publicola
67. The **Vicus Scelerātus** received its name from the atrocious act of  
 A. Arruns                      B. Tullus Hostilius              C. Clodia                      D. Tullia
68. The old senator Marcus Papirius lost his cool after his beard was pulled by a  
 A. Hun                      B. Visigoth                      C. Vandal                      D. Senonian Gaul
69. Who built the first **basilica** in the **Forum Rōmānum**?  
 A. Aemilius Paullus              B. Appius Claudius              C. M. Porcius Cato                      D. C. Iulius Caesar
70. To what island did Augustus banish his daughter Julia?  
 A. Sardinia                      B. Corsica                      C. Pandateria                      D. Pontia
71. What son of a Vandal had risen to the supreme military command as **magister ūtriusque militiae** when Theodosius marched west against Arbogast?  
 A. Chosroes                      B. Gaiseric                      C. Rufinus                      D. Stilicho
72. Duilius showcased his **corvī** at the Battle of  
 A. Mylae                      B. Drepana                      C. Panormus                      D. Aegates Islands
73. The prosecution of Verres by Cicero was initiated because of  
 A. Verres' mismanagement of Sicily  
 B. Verres' close relationship with Marius  
 C. the discovery of evidence against Verres by the Allobroges  
 D. Verres' illegal condemnation of many to death under Sulla
74. Who was sent by the Senate to suppress a rebellion of disposed farmers near Faesulae in 78 BC but instead used the opportunity to raise an even bigger rebellion?  
 A. Sertorius                      B. Aemilius Lepidus              C. Lucullus                      D. Pompey
75. What young Roman champion in 348 BC defeated his Gallic opponent with the help of a raven which alighted on his adversary's helmet?  
 A. Manlius Torquatus              B. Valerius Corvus              C. Gaius Maenius                      D. Porcius Laeca
76. With the help of the Rhodian admiral Eudamus, the Roman admiral Aemilius Regillus was able to defeat whose fleet at the Battle of Myonessus?  
 A. Perseus                      B. Pyrrhus                      C. Polyxenidas                      D. Prusias

77. The **prōcōnsul** of Macedonia who claimed the **spolia opima** in 27 BC, which had previously only been award to three other Romans, was  
 A. C. Aelius Gallus  
 B. M. Licinius Crassus  
 C. Cn. Domitius Ahenobarbus  
 D. P. Sulpicius Quirinius
78. Who improvised Rome's first private fire brigade in 26 BC and later caused a stir by demanding a consulship?  
 A. Egnatius Rufus  
 B. Valerius Agrippa  
 C. Augustus  
 D. Sempronius Longus
79. When Nero got tired of Agrippina the Younger's nagging, what did he do to her?  
 A. decapitated her and displayed her head with her mouth open in the Forum as a warning to all nags  
 B. exiled Agrippina the Younger to an island at the Bay of Baiae  
 C. had her executed by Anicetus, the admiral of the Misenum fleet  
 D. sent Agrippina the Younger as an envoy to Syria
80. The last emperor of the Western Roman Empire was  
 A. Romulus Augustulus  
 B. Diocletian  
 C. Constantine  
 D. Theodosius II
81. The Numidian prince Tacfarinas led a revolt from AD 17-24 that was finally crushed by  
 A. Cestius Flaccus  
 B. Cornelius Dolabella  
 C. Iulius Severus  
 D. Marcius Turbo
82. The annexation of Nabataean Arabia occurred during the reign of  
 A. Claudius  
 B. Galba  
 C. Trajan  
 D. Septimius Severus
83. What Mauretanian by birth became the first to reach the imperial throne without prior membership in the senate?  
 A. Trajan  
 B. Claudius  
 C. Macrinus  
 D. Commodus
84. The tribunes of the **plēbs** and the **aedilēs** ceased to be appointed during the reign of which emperor, who had the distinguished jurist Domitius Ulpianus serve as his praetorian prefect?  
 A. Alexander Severus  
 B. Caligula  
 C. Nerva  
 D. Caracalla
85. The father-in-law of Gordian III who also served as his praetorian prefect was  
 A. Aurelius Aemilianus  
 B. Messius  
 C. Attianus  
 D. Timestheus
86. Which emperor, having defeated the Goths at Naissus in AD 268, crushed the rebellion of the cavalry general Aureolus near Mediolanum?  
 A. Gallienus  
 B. Postumus  
 C. Valerian  
 D. Decius
87. The talented military strategist who was the real power behind the throne of Valentinian III for about twenty years was  
 A. Boniface  
 B. Maximus  
 C. Ricimer  
 D. Aetius
88. After a siege of six months, Masada fell to the Roman legions commanded by  
 A. Julius Severus  
 B. Titus  
 C. Lusius Quietus  
 D. Flavius Silva
89. What demagogue and supporter of Marius was pelted to death by the tiles from the roof of the **Cūria**?  
 A. Sulpicius Rufus  
 B. Fulvius Flaccus  
 C. Saturninus  
 D. Cinna
90. On the banks of what rivulet was a detached corps drawn from the **gēns Fābia** and its clients cut down to the last man in 479 BC?  
 A. Allia  
 B. Cremera  
 C. Eridanus  
 D. Trebia
91. Germanicus, the adopted heir of Tiberius, died in AD 19 in  
 A. Rome  
 B. Lycia  
 C. Cappodocia  
 D. Antioch
92. What bishop of Milan refused to include Theodosius in the Sacrament until he made a public confession for the massacre at Thessalonica?  
 A. Ambrose  
 B. Jerome  
 C. Leo  
 D. Augustine
93. Which emperor, chosen against his will by the Senate because he was in his seventies, surprised everyone by defeating the Goths and the Alani in Asia Minor?  
 A. Tacitus  
 B. Nerva  
 C. Florianus  
 D. Balbinus
94. In AD 251, Decius was defeated at Abrittus by the king of the Goths named  
 A. Ataulf  
 B. Boniface  
 C. Cniva  
 D. Bleda

95. The construction of Hadrian's Wall was overseen by this Roman governor of Britain  
A. Calpurnius Agricola    B. Lollius Urbicus    C. Suetonius Paulinus    D. Platorius Nepos
96. The husband of Faustina the Younger was  
A. Lucius Verus    B. Marcus Aurelius    C. Antoninus Pius    D. Commodus
97. Xanthippus was the Spartan mercenary whose training of the Carthaginians enabled them to defeat and capture  
A. Duillius    B. Manlius    C. Regulus    D. Sertorius
98. The Roman who was prevented from marching on Rome by his mother Veturia and his wife Volumnia was  
A. Coriolanus    B. Minucius    C. Sempronius    D. Attius
99. The Roman who was nicknamed "Scaevola" because he stuck his right hand into the fire in defiance of the Etruscans was  
A. Arruns    B. Mucius    C. Manlius    D. Spurius
100. Which anniversary of the founding of Rome was celebrated by Antoninus Pius?  
A. 800<sup>th</sup>    B. 900<sup>th</sup>    C. 1,000<sup>th</sup>    D. 100<sup>th</sup>