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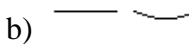

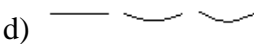
Classical Literature Test—All Levels

Select the best answer for the following questions:

1. What Greek playwright fought at the battle of Marathon?
a) Aeschylus b) Sophocles c) Euripides d) Aristophanes
2. What is Pindar's home town?
a) Athens b) Sparta c) Helicarnassus d) Thebes
3. The title of Cicero's *Philippicis* was borrowed from
a) Lysias b) Isocrates c) Demosthenes d) Aeschiines
4. Catullus 64 concerns the marriage of
a) Paris & Helen b) Pelius & Thetis c) Aeneas & Dido d) Priam & Hecuba
5. Ennius' work *Sabinae* is an example of which genre?
a) bucolic b) tragedy c) comedy d) *fabula praetexta*
6. What statement is false concerning Pythagoras?
a) he settled in Southern Italy b) he was a vegetarian
c) he believed in reincarnation d) he was born on the island of Naxos
7. Homer's *Illiad* takes place in the _____ year of the Trojan War.
a) first b) fifth c) ninth d) tenth
8. Which of the following statements is false concerning Cicero?
a) he made important contributions to the development of the Latin hexameter
b) he tried his hand at writing Greek tragedy in the original Greek meters
c) he wrote thousands of letters, a number of which have survived
d) he wrote a Roman comedy
9. Oedipus' father is:
a) Creon b) Cadmus c) Admetus d) Laius
10. The meter of Catullus' poem on the legend of Attis and the Great Mother Cybele is
a) elegiacs b) dochaics c) galliambics d) dactylic hexameter
11. For the *Eclogues*, Virgil is most indebted to
a) Theocritus b) Theophrastus c) Apollonius d) Callimachus
12. Aeneas' enemy is Turnus, king of the
a) Latins b) Arcadians c) Rutulians d) Etruscans

13. Horace's father was a
 a) freedman b) plebian c) equestrian d) patrician
14. The meter of Ovid's *Ars Amatoria and Remedium Amoris* is
 a) iambic pentameter b) limping iambs c) elegiacs d) dactylic hexameter
15. Livy writes about the rape of Lucretia in his history of Rome. Which author also tells the story?
 a) Tacitus b) Suetonius c) Pliny the Younger d) Ovid
16. In Book 6 of the *Aeneid*, Aeneas goes to Cumae to visit the Sibyl. Cumae is located near which modern city in Italy?
 a) Rome b) Milan c) Mantua d) Naples
17. Which work of Ovid's consists of a series of letters written by heroines to their husbands or lovers?
 a) *Amores* b) *Fasti* c) *Heroides* d) *Heroics*
18. In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Pallas' tapestry in her weaving contest with Arachne portrayed
 a) ordered universe formed out of matter b) defeat of the Titans by the Olympian gods
 c) the three judges of Hades d) the contest for Athens amongst the gods
19. Under which emperor did Livy live most of his life?
 a) Augustus b) Tiberius c) Caligula d) Claudius
20. Which one of these authors did not write at the same time as the other three?
 a) Lucretius b) Catullus c) Martial d) Caesar
21. Who is considered the father of satire?
 a) Juvenal b) Martial c) Ennius d) Lucilius
22. Seneca's *Apocolocyntosis* is a Menippean satire which is written in
 a) prose b) verse c) both a & b d) neither a nor b
23. Who wrote Book 8 of *Bellum Gallicum*?
 a) Caesar b) Hirtius c) Bibaculus d) Sallust
24. Which is not the title of an extant play by Terence?
 a) *Captivi* b) *Andria* c) *Phormio* d) *Eunuchus*
25. Which author tells of Caesar's visit to the remains of Alexander?
 a) Lucan b) Varro c) Suetonius d) Ennius
26. Most Homeric hymns fall under the category of
 a) *fabula praetexta* b) *prooemia* c) exoteric d) bucolic

27. Which of Juvenal's *Saturae* begins with an account of a fish monger?
 a) I b) III c) IV d) VI
28. What literary term refers to a word being used literally and figuratively simultaneously?
 a) synchysis b) hendiadys c) litotes d) zeugma
29. What is the *Metamorphoses* of Apuleius more commonly called?
 a) *Cupid & Psyche* b) *The Myrmidons* c) *The Beastiary* d) *The Golden Ass*
30. Who established the first library at Rome?
 a) Augustus b) Julius Caesar c) Pollio d) Cicero
31. Which two literary figures and friends died only months apart in 8 BC?
 a) Livy & Sallust b) Tibullus & Virgil c) Horace & Ovid d) Both a and c
32. A single line of limping iambic may contain up to how many iambs?
 a) three b) four c) five d) six
33. Seneca's tragedy *Phaedra* is believed to be based primarily on a lost first version of
 a) *Hippolytus* b) *Philocetes* c) *Andromache* d) *Orestes*
34. Roman elegist Tibullus belonged to whose aristocratic circle?
 a) Augustus b) Strabo c) Messala d) Quintilian
35. Who translated the *Odyssey* into Saturnians?
 a) Livius Andronicus b) Quintus Ennius c) Virgilius Maro d) Horatius Flacco
36. According to Jerome, who, in his youth, wrote a work called *Symposium*?
 a) Lactantius b) Frontinus c) Lucretius d) St. Cyprian
37. Which genre did the Romans believe to be entirely Roman?
 a) satire b) lyric c) history d) epic
38. How many books of the *Aeneid* reflect the *Iliad*?
 a) 4 b) 6 c) 8 d) 12
39. Our phrase *e pluribus unum* in the motto of the United States may come from
 a) the *Aeneid* b) the *Metamorphoses*
 b) Virgil's description of salad d) Horace's description a rainbow
40. What often autobiographical poet also wrote of the marriage of Peleus and Thetis?
 a) Martial b) Tibullus c) Juvenal d) Catullus
41. Who wrote the fable of the country mouse and the city mouse?
 a) Horace b) Lucilius c) Syrus d) Phaedrus

42. Where would one find the most abundant source for perversions of the Roman emperors?
 a) *Historiae* b) *De Vita Caesarum* c) *Saturae* d) Martial's Epigrams
43. A trochee is marked like
 a)  b)  c)  d) 
44. In *Asinus Aureus*, what did Lucius the donkey have to eat to regain his human form?
 a) roses b) straw c) apples d) a snake
45. The full Latin name of Ovid is
 a) Publius Junius Ovidius b) Tiberius Cornelius Ovidio
 c) Titus Ovidius d) Publius Ovidius Naso
46. Which statement about the *Appendix Virgiliana* is true?
 a) it was Virgil's first publication b) the poems all date from first century BC
 c) Maecenas actually wrote most of it d) Virgil probably wrote none of it
47. The author of *Bellum Iugurthinum* is
 a) Sallust b) Tacitus c) Pliny d) Lucan
48. Which author was part of an invasion of Persia?
 a) Varro b) Augustine c) Horace d) Eutropius
49. Which of the following authors did not write about agriculture?
 a) Virgil b) Tacitus c) Cato d) Petronius
50. In Terence's comedy *Adelphoi*, which brother is correct?
 a) Micio b) Ctesiphon c) Demea d) non of the above

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51. Who was not an author of the Silver Age?
 a) Tacitus b) Horace c) Petronius d) Silius
52. In Plautus' *Miles Gloriosus*, which character can be labeled a parasite?
 a) Pyrgopolynices b) Sceledrus c) Palaestrio d) Artotrogus
53. What is the name for a break within the limits of a foot?
 a) caesura b) stop c) diaeresis d) bridge
54. Who flourished under the good emperors, taught Marcus Antoninus and made Latin archaic?
 a) Florus b) Nero c) Fronto d) Ammianus
55. Who is summoned to aid the writing of the *Aeneid*?
 a) Homer b) Ovid c) Octavian d) a muse