

2008 LOUISIANA STATE JCL CONVENTION

Mythology Test – All Levels

Choose the best answer to each question.

1. According to *Bulfinch's Mythology*, what did Jupiter do to punish mankind for accepting Prometheus' gift of fire?
 - a) He set loose the plague across the globe.
 - b) He filled the oceans with salt water so that man could not quench his thirst.
 - c) He released the contents of Pandora's Box.
 - d) He created woman.
2. While chasing Daphne, Apollo cried out "I suffer a malady that no balm can cure." What was his malady?
 - a) Love
 - b) Fear
 - c) Sorrow
 - d) Paper Cuts
3. Who is the hunter described in these lines from Moore's *Legendary Ballads*: "A hunter once in a grove reclined, / To shun the noon's bright eye, / And oft he wooed the wandering wind / To cool his brow with its sigh"?
 - a) Acteon
 - b) Orion
 - c) Cephalus
 - d) Cadmus
4. As is common in mythology, Psyche did not heed divine advice and opened the box in which Proserpine stowed her beauty before leaving the underworld. What did she find when she looked inside?
 - a) Old Age
 - b) An Early Death
 - c) Cupid's Arrows
 - d) Unending Sleep
5. What was the name given to the child of Cupid and Psyche?
 - a) Penitence
 - b) Passion
 - c) Pleasure
 - d) Pain
6. Cadmus was commanded by his father Agenor to seek his sister who had been taken. Who was his sister and who took her away?
 - a) Europa/Jupiter
 - b) Proserpine/Hades
 - c) Helen/Paris
 - d) Lavinia/Aeneas
7. I betrayed my father Nisus to Minos when I liberated a tuft of purple hair from his aged head. Who am I?
 - a) Callisto
 - b) Calypso
 - c) Scylla
 - d) Scythia
8. Once an Arcadian nymph, I now roam the skies as *Ursa Maior*. Who am I?
 - a) Callisto
 - b) Calypso
 - c) Scylla
 - d) Scythia
9. I promised my lover immortality and youth, but after seven years with me he left anyway. Who am I?
 - a) Callisto
 - b) Calypso
 - c) Scylla
 - d) Scythia

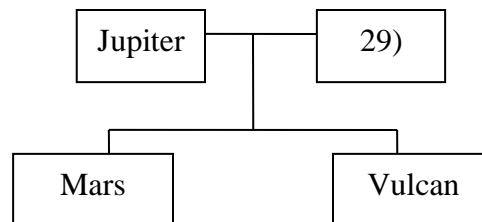
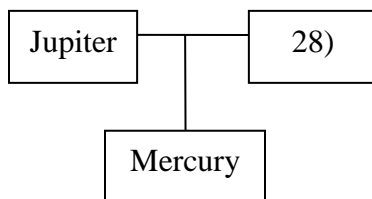
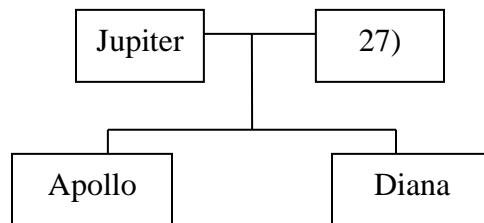
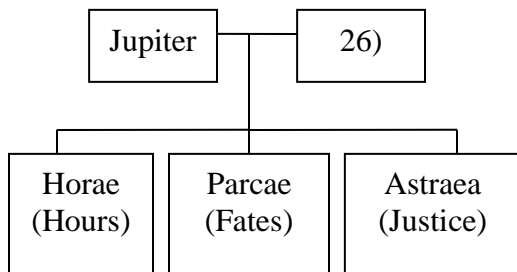
10. Bob enjoyed Latin so much that he chose to travel to Italy and see the sights he had read about. His hotel was so old that it did not have an elevator, yet he was on the sixth floor. He struggled to the top of the stairs, but as he neared his room his luggage fell back down the stairs. He had to go down, retrieve his suitcase and again climb the stairs. Due to his extensive knowledge of classics, of what mythological character was Bob reminded?
a) Ixion b) Sisyphus c) Tantalus d) Orpheus
11. Once he finally reached his room, Bob looked in the mirror and said, "I sure am good looking." When he heard his voice echo back in the small room he was reminded of what mythological character?
a) Nausithous b) Neoptolemus c) Nessus d) Narcissus
12. Bob decided to rent a Moped, but in the jubilation of his ride he swallowed a fly. When he later noticed a headache, he laughed aloud to remember this deity born fully armored from their father's head after he had swallowed his wife in the form of a fly.
a) Minerva b) Mars c) Vulcan d) Venus
13. In the story told by Vertumnus to Pomona, Anaxarete was...
a) washed away by the water of her tears.
b) borne into Olympus as reward for her generosity.
c) given the wings of a seagull as she searched for her lost love.
d) turned to stone to match her heart.
14. Who/What are Auster, Eurus and Boreas?
a) Winds b) Seas c) Mountains d) Kings
15. According to Book One of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, with what did Jupiter destroy wicked mankind?
a) Thunderbolts b) The Titans c) A Flood d) b and c are correct
16. For what crime did the crow lose its place of honor at Pallas' side in Book Two?
a) cutting in line b) being a tattle tale c) stealing a sacrifice d) mocking Athena
17. Juno tricked _____ into asking Jove to show her his true glory in Book Three; she died.
a) Saturnia b) Capella c) Semele d) Aurora
18. Who is described in these lines from Book Four: "The serpent's teeth, those seeds of magic power? / If it is he the jealous gods avenge, / With wrath so surely aimed, I pray that I / May be a snake and stretch along the ground"?
a) Orpheus b) Pyramus c) Cadmus d) Laocoön
19. In Book Eight, who killed the Caledonian Boar?
a) Meleagar b) Atalanta c) Cupid d) Pelops

20. Juno bribed Ilithya to delay the birth of this hero for seven days in Book 9.
 a) Aeneas b) Odysseus c) Jason d) Hercules
21. Which George Bernard Shaw drama is named for a character in Book Ten who attempted to create his own perfect woman from stone?
 a) *Candida* b) *Pygmalion* c) *The Six of Calais* d) *Man and Superman*
22. Circe turned Picus into a _____ in Book Fourteen for not returning her affection.
 a) woodpecker b) finch c) parrot d) osprey
23. When a plague ravaged Rome in Book Fifteen, this serpentine son of Apollo gave them aid.
 a) Phaethon b) Python c) Aesculepius d) Cadmus
24. "I sing of arms and a man." Who is singing and who is the "man" in this famous first line?
 a) Homer/Ulysses b) Homer/Achilles c) Ovid/Hercules d) Virgil/Aeneas
25. What do Circe, Medea and Calypso have in common?
 a) they are sisters b) they sought the same man as a husband
 c) they were all changed into animals d) they are all witches

For Questions 26-29, fill in the family tree using the choices given below:

- a) Juno b) Latona c) Themis d) Maia

The Children of Jupiter



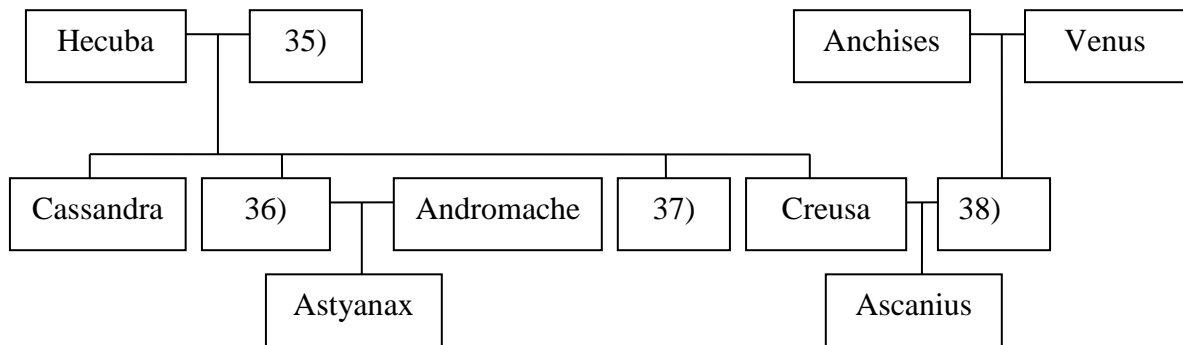
30. Which Greek/Roman name pair is correct?
 a) Jupiter/Zeus b) Pluto/Dis c) Artemis/Diana d) Demeter/Ceres

31. Which one of the following did Aeneas not see in the underworld?
 a) Creusa b) Dido c) Anchises d) Julius Caesar
32. What creature is Ovid describing in the following statement: “Most beings spring from other individuals; but there is a certain kind which reproduces itself.”?
 a) Basilisk b) Phoenix c) Minotaur d) Hydra
33. Which one of these names does not belong in the following list?
 a) Diana b) Minerva c) Ceres d) Hestia
34. While in Italy, Bob saw the movie *From Justin to Kelly*. Hoping to forget the whole ordeal he remembered a story from the *Odyssey* and sought the fruit of this flower...
 a) Orchid b) Lotus c) Passion Flower d) Sunflower

For Questions 35-38, fill in the family tree using the choices given below:

- a) Aeneas b) Priam c) Hector d) Paris

The Royal House of Troy



39. Which mythological maiden is described in the following poem by Garrick: “_____ once, as poets tell, / A goddess at her art defied, / And soon the daring mortal fell / The hapless victim of her pride.”?
 a) Ariadne b) Arachne c) Andromeda d) Andromache
40. Though turned to stone, I still weep having lost my fourteen children because of my prideful mocking of Latona. Who am I?
 a) Dido b) Psyche c) Niobe d) None of the above
41. Using the Aegis of Minerva and the winged shoes of Mercury I slew Medusa. Who am I?
 a) Perseus b) Theseus c) Oedipus d) Bellerophon
42. Using the winged horse that sprung from Medusa’s form, I slew the chimera. Who am I?
 a) Perseus b) Theseus c) Oedipus d) Bellerophon

43. I saved the princess Andromeda from the sea monster intent on eating her. Who am I?
 a) Perseus b) Theseus c) Oedipus d) Bellerophon
44. In my inebriation, I attempted violence against Hippodamia and started the battle between the Lapiths and Centaurs. Who am I?
 a) Charon b) Chiron c) Cheron d) Eurytion
45. I gained infamy for killing my brother, my children and my father-in-law before having to flee to Asia. Who am I?
 a) Megaera b) Maia c) Metanira d) Medea
46. I was turned to a cricket after Aurora asked Zeus to grant me immortality, but forgot to ask for eternal youth. Who am I?
 a) Tithonus b) Memnon c) Titus d) Jiminy
47. I was a queen and mother to nineteen children before being metamorphosed into a dog and throwing myself into the sea. Who am I?
 a) Niobe b) Hecuba c) Hippolyta d) Helle
48. I am the only daughter of Menelaus and Helen. I was married to the son of Achilles until I married his assassin Orestes. Who am I?
 a) Luna b) Bellatrix c) Fleur d) Hermione
49. I am the son of Alcmena. After leaving the Argonauts I had a few more labors. Who am I?
 a) Achilles b) Jason c) Hercules d) Aeson
50. I am a nymph of the oceans and streams. What am I?
 a) Ocyad b) Naiad c) Oread d) Dryad

Tie Breakers:

For Questions 51 through 55, choose the answer choice that is incorrect.

51. Virgin Goddesses:
 a) Minerva b) Diana c) Venus d) Vesta
52. Muses:
 a) Calliope b) Melpomene c) Mnemosyne d) Terpsichore
53. Was once Stone:
 a) Medusa b) Niobe c) Atlas d) Galatea
54. Has a throne on Olympus:
 a) Bacchus b) Ceres c) Diana d) Vesta
55. Not born by conventional means:
 a) Minerva b) Vulcan c) Bacchus d) Clytemnestra