

SAMPLE Round 2 questions

1. At the end of the *Odyssey*, Odysseus returns to his home in Ithaca disguised as what?

ANSWER: Stranger

2. There was something a bit odd about Scylla. What was it?

ANSWER: She was half-woman half dog heads

3. The Romans honoured Hercules because he killed an evil giant. What was the name of this giant?

ANSWER: Cacus

4. Thetis commissioned Hephaestus to make armour and weapons for her son, Achilles. Which other goddess mother commissioned armour and weapons for her semi-divine son?

ANSWER: Venus/Aeneas

5. Who, when told that the Persian arrows would blot out the sun, said "We'll fight in the shade!"

ANSWER: Dienekes

6. Who said "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's"?

ANSWER: Jesus

7. What was the name of the Romans' chief priest?

ANSWER: Pontifex Maximus

8. Who was Demeter's daughter?

ANSWER: Persephone

9. Name one member of the first triumvirate.

ANSWER: Caesar, Pompey, or Crassus

10. Who called himself the gadfly of the Athenian state?

ANSWER: Socrates

11. Who were "the 300" at the battle of Thermopylae?

ANSWER: Spartans

12. Who is the enemy featured on Trajan's column?

ANSWER: Dacians

13. Spell "Diocletian" correctly

14. Spell "Boeotia" correctly

15. What is a gerousia?

ANSWER: Council of Elders

16. What is an aedile?

ANSWER: a Roman magistrate

17. What was the Panathenaia?

ANSWER: A festival in honour of Athena

18. In what month did the Roman festival of Saturnalia occur?

ANSWER: December

19. What is a peplos?

ANSWER: a woman's dress

20. Who was allowed to wear a toga?

ANSWER: Roman citizens

21. How much is a tetradrachm worth in relation to a drachma?

ANSWER: four times as much

22. A Roman denarius was made of what kind of metal?

ANSWER: silver

23. Pompeii was a multi-ethnic town. Name one group, other than Romans, who once lived there.

ANSWER: Greeks or Samnites

24. Which Roman emperor had a special fondness for Athens and built monuments there?

ANSWER: Hadrian

25. Who was Aeneas' second wife?

ANSWER: Lavinia

26. Who was Socrates' wife?

ANSWER: Xanthippe

27. On which island was the famous Colossos (one of the Seven Wonders) situated?

ANSWER: Rhodes

28. Which famous landmark runs between the Solway Firth and the Tyne Firth?

ANSWER: Hadrian's wall

29. What is a trireme?

ANSWER: a ship with three banks of oars

30. What is a quadriga?

ANSWER: a four-horse chariot

31. Which Roman emperor wrote the *Meditations*?

ANSWER: Marcus Aurelius

32. Name one Greek author, other than Plato, who wrote about Socrates?

ANSWER: Aristophanes or Xenophon or Aristotle