

2008 GJCL Latin Reading Comprehension: Level I

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33. **Prōserpina**

In Siciliā quondam Prōserpina, filia Cereris, in lūcō flōrēs carpēbat. Subitō Plūtōnis currus ad lūcum celeriter appropinquat. Deus pulchram deam videt atque statim diligit. Nec ūlla mora est. Iam Prōserpina captiva in currū terribilis deī per agrōs lacūsque volat. Nēquiquam dea perterrita mātrem et comitēs clāmat. Mox Plūtōn scēptrum in altum fontem condit et viam in Tartara aperit.

Intereā Cerēs filiam per multōs diēs noctisque quaesiverat sed nōn reppererat. Dēnique fessa dea omnem spem dēposuit. Valdē irāta frūgēs omnibus terris negābat. Ubique dira inopia erat.

34. **Prōserpina. — Concluded**

Sed flūmen Alphēus, dum subter Siciliam fluit, Prōserpinam viderat, et nunc tandem Cererī tōtam rem nārāvit. Inde dea ad Iovem vēnit, et ab eō auxilium orāvit. Pater et hominum et deōrum precēs Cereris benignē audivit. Tum sic respondit: "Prōserpina repetet terram, sed certā lēge, si nullum cibum contigit."

At infēlix Prōserpina, dum per hortum errat, Pūniceum pōmum gustāverat. Iterum Cerēs omnem spem dēposuit. Tum Iuppiter, plēnus misericordiae, annum inter Plūtōnem et Cererem dividit. Quā rē posteā Prōserpina cum mātrem sex mēnsis, cum coniuge totidem mēnsis semper manēbat.

1. Cerēs, -eris, f., *Ceres*, goddess of agriculture. lūcus, -i, m., *grove*.
2. carpō, -ere, -psi, -ptus, *pick*. Plūtōn, -ōnis, m., *Pluto*, brother of Jupiter and Neptune, and king of the Lower World. currus, -ūs, m., *chariot, car*. 4. dī-ligō, -ere, -lēxī, -lēctus, [legō], *love*. 7. con-dō, -ere, -didī, -ditus, *bury, plunge*. Tartara, -ōrum, n., *Tartarus*, the Lower World. aperiō, -ire, -erui, -ertus, *open*.

9. reperiō, -ire, repperi, repertus, *find*. spē, spei, f., 5th decl., *hope*.
10. (frūx), frūgis, f., *fruit (of the field)*; pl., *fruits, grains*, etc.

1. Alphēus, -i, m., *Alpheus*, god of the river Alpheus in Arcadia in southern Greece. The Greeks and Romans believed that every river had its god, dwelling in the river bed. In its course the river Alpheus in some places flows underground. Now in Sicily there was a famous spring bubbling up from under the ground, in whose depths dwelt the nymph Arethusa. The Greeks imagined that the river Alpheus flowed underground all the way to Sicily and emerged in the Arethusan spring. Hence arose the beautiful story of Alpheus and Arethusa.
2. rēs, rei, f., 5th decl., *thing*; here, *story*. 4. prex, precis, f., *prayer*.
6. con-tingō, -ere, -tigi, -tāctus, [tango], *touch*. 7. in-fēlix, -icis, *unhappy, unfortunate*. 7. Pūniceus, -a, -um, *Punic, reddish*, (the Phoenicians manufactured a reddish purple dye); Pūniceum pōmum = *pomegranate*, an Asiatic fruit something like an orange in size and color. When opened, one sees a most inviting array of pearly seeds, but is usually disappointed in eating them, for they are nothing but water with a slightly acid flavor. 8. gustō, -āre, *taste*. 9. miseri-cordia, -ae, f., [cor, *heart*], *pity*. 10. quā rē, (*from which thing*), *therefore*. 11. mēnsis, -is, m., *month*. tot-idem, indecl. num. adj., *the same number of*.

1. What is Proserpina doing in (33 [section]. 1-2 [lines])?
 - a. traveling
 - b. hiding
 - c. playing with friends
 - d. picking flowers
2. What is the subject of the sentence in (33 [section]. 2-3 [lines])?
 - a. Plūtōnis
 - b. subitō
 - c. currus
 - d. lūcum
3. What tense is videt (33. 3)?
 - a. present
 - b. imperfect
 - c. present subjunctive
 - d. pluperfect
4. What case is terribilis (33.5)?
 - a. ablative
 - b. genitive
 - c. dative
 - d. nominative
5. What is the best translation for nēquīquam (33.5)?
 - a. in vain
 - b. several
 - c. successfully
 - d. no one
6. With what instrument did Pluto reach the underworld (33.6-7)?
 - a. a Tartara
 - b. a fons
 - c. a Mox
 - d. a scēptrum
7. What case is noctīs (33. 8)?
 - a. Ablative
 - b. Accusative
 - c. Dative
 - d. Genitive
8. What tense is quaesīverat (33.8)?
 - a. Pluperfect
 - b. present
 - c. imperfect
 - d. future perfect
9. What part of speech is fessa (33. 9)?
 - a. noun
 - b. adjective
 - c. adverb
 - d. interjection
10. What is the emotional state of Cerēs (33.10-11)?
 - a. angry
 - b. resigned
 - c. delighted
 - d. calm
11. Are dīra inopia accusative or nominative (33.11)?
 - a. accusative
 - b. nominative
12. How would you best translate subter (34 [section]. 1 [line])?
 - a. over
 - b. in between
 - c. under
 - d. through
13. What tense is vīderat (34.2)?
 - a. present
 - b. pluperfect
 - c. imperfect
 - d. perfect
14. What tense is nārrāvit (34.2)?
 - a. perfect
 - b. pluperfect
 - c. present
 - d. future perfect
15. Who is the pater et hominum et deorum (34. 3-4)?
 - a. Alphēus
 - b. Cerēs
 - c. Iovis
 - d. Plūtōn
16. What part of speech is benignē (34.4)
 - a. adverb
 - b. noun
 - c. pronoun
 - d. verb
17. What tense is repetet (34.5)?
 - a. present
 - b. perfect
 - c. future
 - d. pluperfect
18. What is it Proserpina must have not done to return to the upper earth (34.5-6)?
 - a. touched food
 - b. sought to escape
 - c. violated the laws of the underworld
 - d. told her husband she was unhappy
19. What is Iuppiter full of in 34.9?
 - a. wrath
 - b. sadness
 - c. hopelessness
 - d. pity
20. What is the first principal part of dēposuit (34.8)?
 - a. dēpōsō
 - b. dēpōsiō
 - c. dēpōnō
 - d. dēpōniō
21. What is the best way to translate inter (34.9)?
 - a. between
 - b. together with
 - c. apart from
 - d. at long last
22. Why are Plūtōnem and Cererem accusative in 34.9-10?
 - a. direct objects
 - b. place to which
 - c. inter takes the accusative
 - d. Trick question: Plūtōnem and Cererem are *not* accusatives.
23. What is the subject of the last sentence (34. 10-11)?
 - a. Sex mēnsīs
 - b. coniuge
 - c. Prōserpina
 - d. Quā rē
24. For how long does Proserpina live with her husband each year (34.10-11)?
 - a. 12 months
 - b. 6 months
 - c. 8 months
 - d. 4 months
25. What tense is manēbat (34.11)?
 - a. future perfect
 - b. present subjunctive
 - c. present
 - d. imperfect