

GREEK CULTURE AND HISTORY: Georgia Junior Classical League 2014

FILL in the first four blocks of the SCANTRON SHEET with YOUR OWN four-digit code and the next four blocks with the code for THIS EXAM – 1016. FILL IN COMPLETELY the space on the answer sheet corresponding to the correct answer for each question (do not write on the exam itself).

1. What was the name of Xerxes' general?
A: Mardonas B: Darius C: Tissaphernes D: Pharnabazus
2. At what battle did the Thebans defeat the Spartans?
A: Cunaxa B: Potidea C: Leuctra D: Mycele
3. What is the process by which villages and regions formed a polis?
A: *metropolis* B: *sarkasmos* C: *stasis* D: *synoikismos*
4. Who was the first actor?
A: Aeschylus B: Thespis C: Menander D: Plautus
5. What did the oracle tell the Athenians to put their trust in?
A: "the wine dark sea" B: "strength and honor" C: "the undying Gods" D: "wooden walls"
6. What area of Greece was Sparta located in?
A: Boetia B: Attica C: The Peloponnese D: Ionia
7. Who invaded Greece in 280 BCE?
A: Gauls under Brennus B: Persians under Darius C: Romans under Sulla D: Germans under Arminius
8. Where did Alexander the Great die?
A: Babylon B: Alexandria C: Paliputra D: Pella
9. Which friend of Hadrian's was a patron of art and literature?
A: Antinoos B: Herodes Atticus C: Dio Chysostom D: Plotinus
10. What were Athens' most important warships called?
A: Longships B: Triremes C: Penteconters D: Liburnians
11. What date was fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks?
A: 476 CE B: 1204 CE C: 1453 CE D: 1832 CE
12. What was the name of Alexander's horse?
A: Hephæstion B: Chiron C: Brego D: Bucephalus
13. What is the traditional date of the First Olympiad?
A: 753 BCE B: 490 BCE C: 621 BCE D: 776 BCE
14. Who was the founder of the Persian Empire?
A: Cyrus B: Nabonidas C: Ashurbanipal D: Darius
15. Which of Alexander's generals ruled Egypt?
A: Antigonus B: Seleucus C: Ptolemy D: Antipater
16. Who was Achilles' father?
A: Zeus B: Creon C: Nestor D: Peleus
17. How was Socrates executed?
A: Drinking poison hemlock B: Hanging C: Decapitation D: Burning at the stake
18. What meter are the Homeric epics composed in?
A: Dactylic hexameter B: Sapphic strophe C: Elegiac couplets D: Aeolic choriamb
19. In Hesiod's *Works and Days*, what follows the Silver Age?
A: Iron Age B: Golden Age C: Bronze Age D: Stone Age
20. What king did Demosthenes write speeches against?
A: Pisistraus of Athens B: Philip of Macedon C: Xerxes of Persia D: Sulla of Rome
21. What creation of Odysseus was used by Penelope to verify his identity?
A: His bow and arrow B: His ornate lockbox C: His golden harp D: His wooden bed
22. Which philosopher said one could not step in the same river twice?
A: Anaximander B: Protagoras C: Heraclitus D: Parminides
23. What style of comedy did Aristophanes write in?
A: New Comedy B: Old Comedy C: Neoteric D: Paleoteric
24. What is the opening section of Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War*?
A: Prologue B: Parade C: Proem D: Archaeology

25. Who was said to be the father of history?
 A: Herodotus B: Thucydides C: Polybius D: Diodorus
26. Which of the Nine Lyric Poets was from the island of Lesbos?
 A: Sappho B: Alcaeus C: Tyrtaeus D: Pindar
27. Which Hellenistic philosophical school taught that pleasure and absence of pain are the greatest good?
 A: Stoic B: Epicurean C: Peripatetic D: Academic
28. Aristophanes' *Frogs* depicts a contest between which two playwrights?
 A: Menander and Sophocles B: Agathon and Phrynicus C: Euripides and Aeschylus D: Aristophanes and Seneca
29. What is the name of the massive Byzantine compilation of knowledge?
 A: *Lexicon* B: *Encyclopedia* C: *Encomienda* D: *Suda*
30. A "hagiography" is a genre of biography concerning whom?
 A: Sages B: Poets C: Saints D: Artists
31. What area of Athens was used for popular assemblies?
 A: Pnyx B: Acropolis C: Syntagma D: Lyceum
32. What was the Spartan council of Elders?
 A: Ekklesia B: Boule C: Triakonta tyrannoi D: Gerousia
33. Much of Greece was politically organized in the *polis*. What was Thessaly organized into?
 A: Satrap B: Nome C: Civitas D: Ethnos
34. What is the name for one of the ten elected Athenian military leaders?
 A: Polymarch B: Basileus C: Strategos D: Ephor
35. What was the word for a Mycenaean king, which survived as an archaic term?
 A: Shahishan B: Wanax C: Imperator D: Lugal
36. What was the primary unit of Greek currency?
 A: Mina B: Sesterce C: Daric D: Drachma
37. What was the name of the woman's quarters of an Athenian house?
 A: Gymnasion B: Andron C: Gynaeceum D: Zenana
38. Who were the non citizen permanent citizens of Athens?
 A: Helots B: Perioikoi C: Xenoï D: Metics
39. What product was Attica famous for?
 A: Grain B: Wine C: Cheese D: Olive oil
40. The mines of Laurion produced what?
 A: Tin B: Silver C: Gold D: Iron
41. Where was the greatest palace of Minoan Crete?
 A: Knossos B: Gournia C: Zakros D: Thera
42. What were the mound tombs of the Myceneans?
 A: Tiryns B: Tholos C: Stelae D: Cist
43. Who was the excavator of Troy?
 A: Heinrich Schliemann B: Arthur Evans C: Spyridon Marinatos D: Harriet Boyd-Hawes
44. What was the method used for constructing bronze statues?
 A: Double Mold B: Cold forging C: Beaten D: Lost Wax
45. What are the Egyptian-like statues of Archaic Greece called?
 A: Agalmata B: Diadala C: Kouroi D: Xoana
46. What was the Oracle at Delphi called?
 A: Sybill B: Khresmos C: Pythia D: Dodona
47. What were the great secret ceremonies to Demeter?
 A: Panathanaea B: Eleusinian Mysteries C: Dionysia D: Olympia
48. What were the healing shrines to the god Asclepius called?
 A: Salubrium B: Hospiteon C: Nymphaeon D: Asclepion
49. What was the term for a Greek sacred precinct?
 A: Temenos B: Templum C: Atar D: Hageon
50. Which Christian hermit was a leader of the Egyptian Desert Fathers?
 A: St. Paul B: St. Simon the Stylite C: St. Anthony D: St. John Chysostom

Greek Culture 2014 Answer Key

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