

Classical Literacy Exam - Practice matching questions and answers

Reminders: 1) On the actual CLE exam no list is provided nor is one to be used; 2) One taking the Level III exam must know the Level II and Level I lists; one taking the Level II exam must know the Level I list; the Level I list already includes the Introductory List.

Introductory Level

Pegasus	Zeus	Spartacus	Romulus	Athena
Arachne	Ares	Hermes	Odysseus	Hades
Cronus	Theseus	Perseus	Nike	Tantalus
Orpheus	Cerberus	Charon	Atlas	Demeter
Hestia	Hector	Paris	Persephone	Poseidon

- _____ 1. The three-headed dog of the Underworld
_____ 2. The slayer of Medusa
_____ 3. The slayer of the Minotaur
_____ 4. Abducted Helen from Sparta
_____ 5. The goddess of the hearth
_____ 6. Athena turned her into a spider
_____ 7. The winged deity of victory
_____ 8. The ferryman over the river Styx
_____ 9. The daughter of Demeter and wife of Hades
_____ 10. Greek god of earthquakes, horses and the sea

Answers: 1-Cerberus; 2-Peseus; 3-Theseus; 4-Paris; 5-Hestia; 6-Arachne; 7-Nike; 8-Charon; 9-Persephone; 10-Poseidon.

Level I

fortuitous	omniscient	lapsus linguae	alter ego
aegis	ex officio	magnanimous	sedentary
sub rosa	status quo	sine qua non	persona non grata
mea culpa	patrician	alpha and omega	antebellum
e.g.	i.e.	post mortem	mores

- _____ 1. The customs of a society
_____ 2. All knowing
_____ 3. The existing state of affairs
_____ 4. Generous
_____ 5. Secretly
_____ 6. For the sake of an example
_____ 7. A slip of the tongue
_____ 8. Something necessary
_____ 9. Accidental
_____ 10. A shield made of goat hide – thus, means “protection”

Answers: 1-mores; 2-omniscient; 3-status quo; 4-magnanimous; 5-sub rosa; 6-e.g.; 7-lapsus linguae; 8-sine qua non; 9-fortuitous; 10-aegis.

Level II

augury	festina lente	cf.	saturnine	veritas
mercurial	ne plus ultra	non sequitur	onus probandi	errata
interregnum	sinecure	quorum	placebo	otiose
fiat	corpus delicti	ibid.	ca.	sui generis
in vitro	prima facie	corrigena	habeas corpus	per se

- _____ 1. A job without any responsibility
_____ 2. In the same place
_____ 3. Of its own kind
_____ 4. Something that does not follow logically
_____ 5. The burden of proof
_____ 6. Gloomy
_____ 7. Changeable
_____ 8. At first glance
_____ 9. An arbitrary command
_____ 10. Hurry slowly, a favorite saying of Augustus

Answers: 1-sinecure; 2-ibid.; 3-sui generis; 4-non sequitur; 5-onus probandi; 6-saturnine; 7-mercurial; 8-prima facie; 9-fiat; 10-festina lente.

Level III

Livy	Catullus	Alcibiades	Cicero	Maecenas
Marcus Aurelius	Euclid	Aeschylus	Sophocles	Euripides
Parmenides	Heraclitus	Zeno	Pythagoras	Pindar
Thales	Solon	Quintilian	Pericles	Martial
Vergil	Horace	Hesiod	Herodotus	Ovid

- _____ 1. The literary patron of Horace and Vergil
_____ 2. Famously said: Being is, not being is not.
_____ 3. Famously said: You can't put your foot in the same river twice.
_____ 4. Believed that all things were made up of numbers
_____ 5. Wrote the *Oresteia*
_____ 6. Emperor whose *Meditations* espouse stoic philosophy
_____ 7. Wrote *Antigone*, *Oedipus at Colonus*, and *Oedipus the King*
_____ 8. Most famous orator of ancient Rome
_____ 9. Poet who wrote with exquisite pain of his beloved Lesbia
_____ 10. Philosopher who believed that all things were made of water.

Answers: 1-Maecenas; 2- Parmenides; 3-Heraclitus; 4-Pythagoras; 5-Aeschylus; 6-Marcus Aurelius; 7-Sophocles; 8-Cicero; 9-Catullus; 10-Thales.