

DEPARTMENT OF THE CLASSICS
Ph.D. History of Latin Literature Examination

ID database
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On the exam you will be asked to identify 12 of 25 items. A full response will not only provide a description of each item (who, what, when, etc.), but will also discuss it in terms of its importance in the context of understanding Latin literature and history more generally.

Please note that the following list of possible IDs is definitive. Exam questions will be limited to this list.

Authors

Accius
Ammianus Marcellinus
Apuleius
Augustine
Augustus
Aulus Gellius
Ausonius
Caecilius Statius
Caesar
Calpurnius Siculus
Calvus
Cassiodorus
Cato the Elder
Catullus
Cicero
Cinna
Claudian
Columella
Cornelia mater Gracchorum
Curtius Rufus
Donatus
Ennius
Gallus
Horace
Isidore
Jerome
Juvenal
Laberius
Livius Andronicus
Livy
Lucan

Lucilius
Lucretius
Macrobius
Maecenas
Manilius
Martial
Naevius
Nemesianus
Nepos
Nonius Marcellus
Ovid
Pacuvius
Perpetua
Persius
Petronius
Phaedrus
Plautus
Pliny the Elder
Pliny the Younger
Propertius
Publilius Syrus
Quintilian
Sallust
Seneca
Servius
Sidonius Apollinaris
Silius Italicus
Statius
Suetonius
Sulpicia
Tacitus
Terence
Tertullian
Valerius Flaccus
Valerius Maximus
Velleius Paterculus
Virgil
Vitruvius

Texts

Anthologia Latina

Appendix Virgiliana

Biblia Sacra Vulgata (Vulgate)

Carmen arvale

Carmen saliare
Codex Justinianus and Digest
Commentariolum petitionis
Corpus Grammaticorum Latinorum
Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum
defixiones
Duenos inscription
fibula Praenestina
The Fragments of the Roman Historians (FRHist)
Gallus papyrus
Historia Augusta
Panegyrici Latini
Passio Sanctarum Perpetuae et Felicitatis
Res Gestae (Monumentum Ancyranum)
Rhetorica ad Herennium
Senatus consultum de bacchanalibus
Senatus consultum de Cn. Pisone patre
tabulae Iguvinae
tabulae Vindolandenses
Twelve Tables

Literary History

annalists and *Annales Maximi*
cento
commentarii
contaminatio
controversia and *suasoria*
declamations
eclogae
ekphrasis
epic
epyllion
fabula Atellana
fabula palliata
fabula praetexta
fabula togata
fasti
Fescennine verses
gromatici (agrimensores)
inconcinnitas
laudatio funebris
Laudatio Turiae
locus amoenus
locus communis

Love elegy
lyric poetry
Menippean satire
Mime
neoteric poets
paraklausithyron
priapeia
propemptikon
recitatio
recusatio
satire
sententia
tria genera dicendi

Meter and Prosody

choliambus (scazon)
clausulae
dactylic hexameter
elegiac couplet
hendecasyllabics
iambic and trochaic meters
sapphics and alcaics
Saturnians

History

Actium
Antonine Dynasty
Augustan Settlements
Cleopatra
contio
Crisis of the Third Century
cursus honorum
First Triumvirate
Flavian Dynasty
Gaius Gracchus
Julio-Claudian Dynasty
leges de vi
Marius
Mithridatic Wars
Pharsalus
plebiscitum
Pompey
Punic Wars
Pyrrhus

quaestiones perpetuae

Samnite Wars

Scipio Aemilianus

Scipio Africanus

Second Triumvirate

Severan Dynasty

Social War

Struggle of the Orders

Sulla

Tetrarchy

Tiberius Gracchus

Treaty of Brundisium