

These are a series of games and brain-teasers drawn from the legacy of Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation. The style and the content resemble University Challenge and Mastermind but there's also a light-hearted touch more akin to a Pub Quiz. No beer though, but a chance to pit your wits on topics such as classical mythology, ancient history, Latin and Greek usage in law, medicine, natural sciences, performing arts, philosophy and many more. You can also choose your own specialist subject. You may even get a smattering in the basics of a classical education whether you've long forgotten or never ever had them. Test yourself with these examples to get a flavour of the challenges that beckon you:

- 1. Murder** (a) Which Latin name is associated with Laertes and Ophelia's father whom Hamlet described as a 'tedious old fool' and killed unintentionally in Shakespeare's play? (b) Which radioactive substance was used intentionally to kill Alexander Litvinenko the former KGB officer in London in 2006? (*only the final letter of (a) and (b) is different*) (c) which Latin term was used by the murderer Hannibal Lecter in *Silence of the Lambs* meaning that if he agreed to help identify a serial killer he'd expect some favours in return?
- 2. Psychology** (a) the protagonist of which tragedy by Sophocles is eponymous with a theory formulated by Sigmund Freud? (b) why is the Latin phrase 'lapsus linguae' commonly associated with Freud?
- 3. Politics** (a) from which two Latin words comes the expression for Britain's decision to leave the EU? (b) replace the words underlined by Latin gerunds or gerundives: "The plan of action of Leave and Remain in 2016 was to offer the electorate a vote on the single issue about EU membership. The way of operating by both campaigns was criticised for failure to present facts rather than biased or misleading information. The prospect of a 'hard' or no deal with the EU is seen by some Remainers as utterly horrifying."
- 4. Flowers** which families of flowers are etymologically related through Latin and Greek to:  
(a) wolves (b) dolphins (c) swords (d) hypodermic needles?
- 5. Religion** (a) the name of which concept, derived from the Latin for 'flesh', can be formed by joining the word for a 'strap attached to the bridle of a horse' to the name of a flower also known as 'clove pink'? (b) What is the Latin term in Augustine Christian theology for 'happy fault', the concept whereby the sin of Adam is viewed as fortunate because it brought about the blessing of the Redemption?
- 6. TV Sitcoms** (a) the name of which character in the 1970's sitcom *Fawlty Towers* comes from the Greek for 'prophetess'? (b) which 1990's sitcom had as the words to its opening theme: 'ecce homo qui est faba'?
- 7. Astrology & Geography** which Latin words connect these two clues? : (a) ailing crustacean makes sideways move to 23 degrees north (b) horny goat heads down from 23 degrees south towards the Horn
- 8. Pop & Classical music** (a) Which legendary pop groups of the 1970s had Latin names meaning: (i) 'the previous state of affairs' (ii) 'king of the desert lizards' and (iii) 'origin' (from the Latin Vulgate)? (b) which composer was christened with the Greek middle name 'Theophilus' meaning 'loved by God'? What's the Latin form of the name by which he, the 1979 play and the 1984 film are better known?
- 9. Ballroom Dancing** What's the name of the Latin ballroom dance which has a 'silvery touch'?

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