

GRST 209 Fall 2014 Midterm 2
November 18, 2014

Multiple Choice - Choose the best answer
45 questions x 1 mark = 45 marks

- 1) This pair of brothers didn't hate each other:
 - a) Castor and Polydeuces
 - b) Atreus and Thyestes
 - c) Eteocles and Polynices
 - d) Pelias and Aeson
- 2) Theseus traveled to Crete in order to defeat the Minotaur housed in the:
 - a) Citadel of Pylos
 - b) Megaron of Minos
 - c) Palace of Nestor
 - d) Labyrinth
- 3) Medea's brother _____ died at the hands of his sister.
 - a) Adonis
 - b) Eurystheus
 - c) Jason
 - d) Apsyrtus
- 4) Athamas' intended sacrifice of _____ mirrors the biblical story of Abraham and Isaac:
 - a) Silenus
 - b) Aerope
 - c) Phrixus
 - d) Pelias
- 5) Jason was educated by the wise Centaur _____:
 - a) Asclepius
 - b) Nessus
 - c) Pholos
 - d) Chiron
- 6) Europa became infatuated with Zeus disguised as a:
 - a) Bull
 - b) Swan
 - c) Goose
 - d) Shower of gold
- 7) This individual is not one of the offspring of Zeus and Europa:
 - a) Minos
 - b) Cadmus
 - c) Rhadamanthys
 - d) Sarpedon
- 8) This famous craftsman was exiled from Athens for homicide and took up residence in the court of King Minos:
 - a) Agenor
 - b) Zethus
 - c) Calais
 - d) Daedalus
- 9) The parents of the Minotaur were a bull and:
 - a) Phaedra
 - b) Pasiphaë
 - c) Philomela
 - d) Procnê
- 10) This individual excavated the "Minoan" palace at Knossos:
 - a) Heinrich Schliemann
 - b) Sir Arthur Evans
 - c) Lord Elgin
 - d) Howard Carter

11) After the slaughter in Corinth, Medea's next stop is

_____.

- a) Colchis
- b) Thebes
- c) Athens
- d) Argos

12) Thebes is the principal city in this region of Greece whose name is loosely translated to "cow-raising place":

- a) Thessaly
- b) Peloponnese
- c) Ionia
- d) Boeotia

13) Thebes has how many foundation myths?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

14) These "sown men" were the mythical ancestors to the aristocratic families of Thebes:

- a) Sparti
- b) Scyrians
- c) Spartans
- d) Sumerians

15) Cadmus married this daughter of Ares and Aphrodite, famous for her cursed necklace:

- a) Hermionê
- b) Harmonia
- c) Hippolyta
- d) Hippodamia

16) What is the name of Oedipus' birth-father?

- a) Polybus
- b) Polydorus
- c) Linus
- d) Laius

17) Instead of being exposed as his father had wished, Oedipus was taken away and raised in another city.

What is the name of the city?

- a) Orchomenus
- b) Athens
- c) Elis
- d) Corinth

18) Name the blind prophet in Thebes who had lived both as a man and as a woman:

- a) Amphiaraüs
- b) Tiresias
- c) Creon
- d) Tydeus

19) Oedipus' name means:

- a) thunderer
- b) swollen-foot
- c) clever-one
- d) he who has been touched

20) The blood-pollution that caused the plague at Thebes is termed:

- a) *miaria*
- b) *myopia*
- c) *melancholia*
- d) *miasma*

21) Oedipus had a shrine at this location near Athens where he was worshipped as a hero:

- a) Argos
- b) Eleusis
- c) Colonus
- d) Dodona

22) _____ the daughter of Oedipus buried her brother against Creon's orders:

- a) Ismenê
- b) Meropê
- c) Antigônê
- d) Antiopê

- 23) *Medea* was written by this tragedian:
- Aeschylus
 - Euripides
 - Aristophanes
 - Sophocles
- 24) Who are the two principal sources for the story of the voyage of the Argo?
- Apollonius of Rhodes, Euripides
 - Homer, Apollonius of Rhodes
 - Hesiod, Apollonius of Rhodes
 - Apollonius of Rhodes, Sophocles
- 25) Why is Phineus being tormented by the Harpies?
- He belittled Hera.
 - He offended Zeus by bringing the dead back to life.
 - He offended Zeus by being too forthcoming in his prophecies.
 - He refused to tell Zeus who would replace him.
- 26) How did Myrtilus sabotage Oenomaüs' chariot?
- He detached the reins to the horses.
 - He sawed the spokes of the wheels so they broke during the race.
 - He undermined the chariot floor so that Oenomaüs fell through.
 - He replaced the bronze linchpins with wax ones.
- 27) The *Oresteia* by _____ is the trilogy of plays about the murder of Agamemnon after his return from the Trojan War and the ensuing revenge.
- Sophocles
 - Euripides
 - Aeschylus
 - Homer
- 28) Who was the author (came up with the idea) of the "Oath of Tyndareüs?"
- Philoctetes
 - Odysseus
 - Menelaüs
 - Agamemnon
- 29) Pelops, the son of Tantalus, was missing one of his _____.
- hands
 - legs
 - eyes
 - shoulders
- 30) Before he was killed, Atreus had two sons: _____ and _____ who would come to rule Mycenae and Sparta respectively.
- Castor; Polydeuces
 - Odysseus; Palamedes
 - Agamemnon; Menelaüs
 - Agamemnon; Achilles
- 31) Hector is the Trojan who kills _____, Achilles' friend, and strips off his armor.
- Ajax
 - Pylades
 - Calchas
 - Patroclus
- 32) _____ was **not** one of the goddesses in the competition before Paris for the apple marked "To the Fairest" that was rolled into the wedding of Peleus and Thetis.
- Aphrodite
 - Hera
 - Athena
 - Artemis

33) Achilles refuses to fight in the Trojan War because of a quarrel with Agamemnon over who gets to keep:

- a) Paris
- b) Hector's armour
- c) Briseïs
- d) Helen

34) This daughter of Agamemnon was sacrificed to Artemis thus allowing the Greek expedition to set sail for Troy:

- a) Iolê
- b) Iphicles
- c) Iphigenia
- d) Iarbas

35) _____, the son of Hector, is torn from his mother's arms and thrown off the walls of Troy.

- a) Pyrrhus
- b) Astyanax
- c) Ascanius
- d) Aegisthus

36) This hero received the armour of Achilles:

- a) Ajax
- b) Neoptolemus
- c) Odysseus
- d) Agamemnon

37) After the fall of Troy, a daughter of Priam is sacrificed to the ghost of Achilles. What is her name?

- a) Polyxena
- b) Hecabê
- c) Cassandra
- d) Andromachê

38) King Priam meets his end at the hands of whom?

- a) Odysseus
- b) Ajax
- c) Neoptolemus
- d) Oileus

39) Who was the most notable Trojan escapee from the sack of Troy?

- a) Astyanax
- b) Anchises
- c) Aeneas
- d) Ascanius

40) Who opposed bringing the Trojan Horse into Troy?

- a) Laocoön
- b) Odysseus
- c) Sinis
- d) Lycaon

41) The god _____ causes Minos' wife to desire the bull.

- a) Apollo
- b) Hermes
- c) Poseidon
- d) Zeus

42) _____ betrays Minos by helping Theseus escape from Crete after killing the Minotaur.

- a) Thetis
- b) Ariadne
- c) Procne
- d) Terpsichore

43) The oracle at Delphi instructed Cadmus to give up the search for his sister _____ and to follow a cow with special markings to where he would found a city.

- a) Io
- b) Europa
- c) Libya
- d) Memphis

44) _____ is the port city in Thessaly, Jason's hometown, from which the voyage of the Argo began.

- a) Iolcus
- b) Epidaurus
- c) Thessaloniki
- d) Arcadia

45) Medea was the granddaughter of

_____.

- a) Arctus
- b) Numerus
- c) Aegeus
- d) Helius

Part 2: Written answer (Please answer this question in provided answer booklet)

Choose 1 of the 3 questions to answer.

1x15 marks = 15 Marks

1. The conflict at Troy emanates in part from a complex tangle of family quarrels, incest, and curses that take place in the Peloponnesus. Summarize these tales from the Chariot Race of Pelops to the Banquet of Thyestes involving Pelops' sons to the Judgment of Paris down to the ultimate ramifications of the oath of Tyndareus.

2. "A central theme of heroic myth is the contrast and hostility between the natural world and the cultural world of humans (i.e. civilization)." What evidence is there in Greek myth to support this statement? You may include any of the myths we've covered from those of the *Theogony* to those found in the *Oresteia*.

3. The *Oresteia* is a trilogy of plays based on the *nostos* (return) of Agamemnon. Summarize briefly each of the three plays.