

Themed Wednesday:

Quiz 50:

or should that be **Quiz L ?**

Rome & the Romans.

Well that was probably a bit harder than some recent Quizzes although the suggestion it should have been easy for U3A members as so many of them were there at the time is just a scurrilous rumour!

The Answers appear below:

1. Who according to tradition were the original founders of Rome? **Romulus & Remus..**
2. Who was the first Roman Emperor (beginning his reign in 27 B.C?) **Augustus.....**
3. On which river does Rome stand? **Tiber.....**
4. What did the Romans call Scotland? **Caledonia.....**
5. According to Roman mythology who was King of the Gods? **Jupiter.....**
6. And what was the name of his wife? **Juno.....**
7. Which Emperor completed the Colosseum in Rome? **Titus.....**
8. Under which Emperor did Christianity become the main religion of the Roman Empire?. **Constantine..**
9. According to tradition when was Rome founded? **753 B.C.....**
10. Which Emperor split the Roman Empire into two parts, the west based in Rome, and the Eastern Empire in Constantinople? **.Diocletian.....**

Now a few questions closer to home.....

11. If you were in the settlement the Romans knew as Deva where would you be? ...**Chester.....**
12. And which Roman Road originally ran from Dover to Wroxeter? **...Watling Street.**
13. Who led the **first** Roman invasion of Britain? **Julius Caesar.....**
14. What year did the Romans begin their final conquest of Britain? **43 A.D.....**
15. And where was the original Roman Capital of Britain? **Camulodonum aka Colchester**
16. And what date is commonly held to be the date when they finally left Britain? ...**410 A.D.....**
17. A revolt against the Romans in AD 60 resulted in three recently founded Roman cities being burnt to the ground. Which ones? **London Colchester St Albans.....**
18. And who led this rebellion? **Boudicca (formerly known as Bodicea!!).....**
19. About how long was the Roman Empire in control of much of Britain? **400 years approx..**
20. What was the name of the turf and wood wall that stretched 39 miles from the Firth of Forth to the Firth of Clyde in Scotland? **...Antonine Wall.....**

21. Which ancient Roman road linked the modern places of Gloucester to Cirencester and Silchester?
...**Ermin Way**...(sometimes called **Ermine Street**).....

Name the modern British places that were given the following Roman names:

22. Aquae Sulis	Bath
23. Eboracum	York
24. Ratae Corieltavorum	Leicester
25. Verulamium (also spelt Verulanium)	St Albans
26. Durobrivae	Cambridge

And now back to some more general questions:

27. The ancient city of Rome was built on how many hills?	7
28. Julius Caesar was killed on the Ides of March: exactly what date in March is this?...	15th
29. Name the naval battle between Octavian and the combined forces of Antony & Cleopatra?	Actium
30. The Romans ate glis glis as a delicacy. What exactly is this?	(Edible) Dormouse ...
31. Which important road connected Rome to Brindisi in southern Italy?	Appian Way
32. The word gladiator comes from the Latin word Gladius: what does this mean? ...	Sword
33. Which Roman General, politician and rival of Pompey defeated the slave revolt led by Spartacus?	... Crassus
34. Which Roman Emperor made his horse a Consul?	... Caligula
35. And can you name the horse?	... Incitatus
36. Composed of 360 soldiers what name was given to the standard tactical unit of a Roman Legion?	... A Cohort
37. Which four letters translating to “the Roman Senate and People” appear on currency, documents, monuments and Roman Legion insignia?	... SPQR
38. Caligula was the nickname of one of Rome’s Emperors. The name refers to a little pair of ...what?	... Boots
39. Who is the Roman God of War?	... Mars
40. Who did Rome fight the Punic Wars against?	... Carthage
41. The Great Fire of Rome broke out in 64 AD. Who was Emperor at the time?	Nero
42. It is largely believed the bishop of Milan was the first to use the phrase “when in Rome do as the Romans do” in the 4 th century AD. To what was he referring?	Fasting on a Sunday

43. Which Roman city was destroyed by a volcanic explosion in AD 79? **Pompei.....**
44. Virgil wrote an Epic Poem about the founding of the Roman Empire: what was it called? **The Aeneid.....**
45. The pilum was an important weapon used by Roman Legionnaires: what type of weapon was it? **A 7 foot long spear/javelin.**
46. Taking advantage of a weakened Empire which Roman tribe sacked Rome in 410 A.D?... **Visigoths**
47. In Roman numerals what does the letter **D** represent? **.....500.....**
48. What year is known as the Year of the Five Emperors? **.....193 A.D.....**
49. Who is commonly recognised as the last (though illegitimate) Western Roman Emperor?.... **Romulus Augustus**
50. What were the household guards - below?- of the Roman Emperor called? **Praetorian Guards...**



“The Question Master’s Answer is final...or else!”

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