INTERMEDIATE READING COMPREHENSION

MS3, HS2

*Ludī*/Scram 2019

**Read the following passages and choose the best answer to each question. Numbers at the left refer to lines.**

**I.** **A Hero in Britain (*Suburānī,* cap. 8)**

1. *ubi ego et Aucissa erāmus minōrēs, hiems frīgidissima*

2. *erat. Aucissa cum amīcā ad flūmen congelātum cucurrit.*

3. *Aucissa dīxit, ‘ecce, super flūmen ambulāre possum!’ longē*

4. *super glaciem prōcessit. subitō fragōrem audīvērunt. in*

5. *glaciē erat rīma, et Aucissa repente in aquam frīgidam*

6. *cecidit. amīca et Aucissa perterritae exclāmābant.*

7. *mīles Rōmānus puellās audīvit et ad flūmen cucurrit.*

8. *Aucissam in aquā cōnspexit. statim arma dēposuit. amīca et*

9. *mīles super glaciem lentē prōcessērunt. ‘adsum, puella!’*

10. *mīles clāmāvit. ad Aucissam veniēbat, sed Aucissa natāre*

11. *nōn poterat, et sub glaciem ēvānuit. mīles in aquam saluit...*

1. This story took place when the girls were... (line 1)

a. older b. younger c. playing d. upset

2. The best translation of *congelātum* (line 2) is...

a. polluted b. muddy c. dried up d. frozen

3. What happened (line 4)? There was a...

a. shout b. bark c. crack d. hiss

4. What happened next (lines 5-6)?

a. Aucissa fell into the water.

b. The friend left.

c. Aucissa ran away.

d. The friend fell into the water.

5. What did the soldier do with his weapons (line 8)?

a. put them on c. left them alone

b. threw them down d. attacked the girls

6. What is the best translation of *natāre* (line 10)?

a. to help b. to hear c. to swim d. to see

7. What did Aucissa do (line 11)? She...

a. ran b. cried c. disappeared d. laughed

8. What did the soldier do (line 11)? He...

a. yelled for help c. chased the friend

b. ran away d. jumped into the water

**II. A Hero in Britain (*Suburānī,* Chap. 8) - continued**

11. *mīles in aquam saluit*

12. *et quoque ēvānuit. silentium erat. tandem Aucissa et mīles*

13. *appāruērunt. mīles eam ex aquā in glaciem pepulit. nunc*

14. *Aucissa in glaciē iacēbat et amīca mīlitem ex aquā trahere*

15. *temptābat. sed mīles erat nimium gravis, puella nōn*

16. *valida, glaciēs nōn firma.*

9. Why was there silence (line 12)?

a. The soldier was staring at the friend.

b. Both soldier and girl had disappeared.

c. The friend stopped yelling.

d. Aucissa was in shock.

10.When the soldier reappeared, what did he do (line 13)?

a. called to the friend

b. jumped out of the water

c. pushed Aucissa out of the water

d. pulled the friend into the water

11.What did the friend try to do (line 15)?

a. go for help

b. drown the soldier

c. escape

d. pull the soldier out of the water

12.The implication at the end (lines 15-16) is that the soldier

a. married Aucissa c. died

b. escaped d. left with the friend

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1. **Cicero tells the tale of a magic ring (adapted)**

1. *ōlim* ***pastor*** *Gyges, ubi terra magnā tempestāte aperta*

2. *erat, descendit in illum* ***hiātum*** *et magnum equum*

3. *vidēbat, in cūius* ***latere*** *porta erat; Gyges portam*

4. *aperuit et corpus hominis mortuī vīdit, quī* ***anulum***

5. *aureum in digitō habēbat. anulum rapuit atque ipse*

6. ***induit****. tum in* *cōncilium pastōrum vēnit. ibi, ubi*

7. *gemmam ēius anulī ad palmam converterat, pastor ā*

8. *nullō vidēbātur.*

*anulus:* ring *induō:* put on *pastor:* shepherd

*hiātus:* gap *latus:* side

13.At the beginning of the story, the weather had been…

a. mild b. great c. stormy d. hot

14.Gyges went into the hole and saw a (2)…

a. great sight b. horse c. cavalry d. gap

15.The *cūius* (3) refers back to…

a. *pastor*(1) b. *terra*(1) c. *hiātum*(2) d. *equum*(2)

16.The *porta* (3) is a…

a. door b. harbor c. basket d. bottle of wine

17.What did Gyges do with the *porta* (3-4)?

1. stared at it c. ignored it

b. opened it d. closed it

18.What did he find inside the *equum*(4)?

a. a camp b. a head c. a dead body d. a group of men

19.How is the ring he found there described(4-5)?

a. awesome b. cheap c. silver d. gold

20.The *ipse*(5) refers to…

a. *Gyges*(1) b. *equum*(2)c. *corpus*(3)d. *anulum*(4)

1. Next (6) Gyges went into a

a. meeting b. party c. plan d. pasture

1. What did he do with the ring there (6-7)?
2. He took out the gemstone.
3. He handed it over to someone.
4. He turned the stone into his palm.
5. He hid it in a palm tree.
6. When he moved the ring, he became (7-8)…

a. blind b. omniscient c. invisible d. visible

**IV. Cicero tells the tale of a magic ring (adapted)—continued**

9. *ipse, tamen, omnia vidēbat. is rursus vidēbātur, ubi*

10. *anulum inverterat. itaque hōc anulō rēgem patriae*

11. *occidit, et nēmō potuit eum vidēre. sic dēnique rēx*

12. *Lydiae factus est.*

1. When Gyres was in this altered state, he was also (9)…

a. blind b. dumb c. deaf d. all-seeing

1. What did he do with the help of the ring (8-9)?
2. left the country c. founded a new country
3. killed the king d. helped the king
4. The best translation of the last sentence (11-12) is…
5. Thus at last the king of Lydia did these things.
6. Thus at last he made a visit to the king of Lydia.
7. Thus at last the Lydians made him the king.
8. Thus at last he became the king of Lydia.
9. ***quis sum?***
10. *occīdī patrem et mātrem in matrimonium dūxī. meī līberī sunt quoque meī frātrēs sorōrēsque.*

a. Perseus b. Jason c. Oedipus d. Atreus

1. *pugnāvī Trōiae sed ibi mortuus sum. mea uxor erat Andromachē et infāns meus erat Astyanax.*

a. Hector b. Achilles c. Odysseus d. Paris

29.*habeō nōvem capita et venēnum est in sanguine meō. Herculēs mē vīcit.*

a. Chimaera b.Hydra c. Cerberus d. Pegasus

30.*nōs trēs sorōrēs vītās hominum in manibus nostrīs habēmus. ūna ē nōbīs texit; ūna tenet; ūna fīlum vītae secat. sumus Parcae.*

a. Graces b. Naiads c. Furies d. Fates

***fīnis est! grātulātiōnēs!***

ANSWERS FOR READING COMP. INTERMEDIATE

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1. B
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. C
8. D
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. C
13. C
14. B
15. D
16. A
17. B
18. C
19. D
20. A
21. A
22. C
23. C
24. D
25. B
26. D
27. C
28. A
29. B
30. D