

## Background to Church History

### Test

# THE ROMAN WORLD

## SECTION I: MATCHING

[3 points each, 30 points total]

- A. Best and Greatest
- B. Circle of lands
- C. Pious ones
- D. Common
- E. Roman Peace
- F. High Priest
- G. Plebeian representative
- H. Dispersion
- I. First citizen
- J. Separated ones

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Plebeian
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Tribune
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ *Princeps*
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ *Pontifex Maximus*
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ *Pax Romana*
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ *Orbis terrarum*
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ *Optimus Maximus*
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Perishaya
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Essenes
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ Diaspora

SECTION II: TRUE-FALSE

[2 points each, 30 points total]

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Hellenism supplied its conquered lands with new culture and philosophies.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Rome was a Republic at its founding.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Rome developed into a monarchy after the failure of the Republic.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ After the Punic Wars, Rome acquired Sicily, North Africa, and Spain.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Julius Caesar was named dictator for life by the Senate in 49 BC.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The death of Antony opened the door for Octavian to be declared emperor.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ During and after the reign of Augustus, a 400-year period of peace and prosperity befell the Roman world.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The Roman understanding of virtue was heavily influenced by Hellenistic philosophy.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Greece adopted its pagan religious practices from the Romans.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Prisoners of war provided the largest source of slaves for the empire.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Freed slaves could gain Roman citizenship.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The history of the Jews began with the covenant God made with Abraham.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ The Sadducees dominated the Sanhedrin during the time of Jesus.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ The Sadducees considered the Pentateuch to be inferior to the words of the prophets.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ The Diaspora began with the Assyrian Exile.

SECTION III: FILL IN THE BLANKS

[1 point per blank, 20 points total]

1. Jesus most likely would have spoken the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
2. The Roman World at the time of Jesus used these two chief languages: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Great conquered most of the known world in the fourth century BC.
4. Rome was founded by the brothers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In 27 BC, Octavian received the title of \_\_\_\_\_ from the Senate.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ cult was a fraternal organization open only to men that cultivated virtues important in the life of a soldier.
7. Moses' successor was \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Under Kings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the Jewish kingdom reached its zenith.
9. After Solomon's death, his kingdom was divided into two, commonly called \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ was an influential philosophical school in both Greece and Rome; it is characterized by freedom from passion.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ were one group of Jews that withdrew from the world into the desert in order to live a common life of prayer and asceticism.
12. The two main groups of Jewish religious leaders at the time of Jesus were the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ led the Jews out of captivity.
14. The chief Roman god was the sky-god \_\_\_\_\_ *Optimus Maximus*.

SECTION IV: SHORT ESSAY

[20 points]

How did the background to Church history show how the state was set for Christianity to spread the way it did? How did culture and its advancements make for a more hospitable climate for Christ's coming?