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## 2013 NHCA Poetry Examination

Time Allowed: 1 hour. Fourteen (14) points possible.

Place the correct letter in the space to the left of the number.

### Passage 1. The Walls of Rome (Ovid, *Fasti* 4.835–48)

Delighted by the augury, the citizens planted foundations and a new wall grew in no time at all. “Speedy” (as Romulus used to call him) kept them at it. Romulus said “Celer, these must be your concern:	835	vomer, vomeris, m.: “plowshare” audeo, audere, ausus sum: “to dare” transire: “to cross” dede neci: “render unto death,” that is, “kill”
neve quis aut muros aut factam vomere fossam transeat; audentem talia dede neci.”	840	contemnere: “to think little of” tutus, -a, -um: “safe,” “protected” transileo: “jump over” rutrum, rutri, n.: “shovel”
quod Remus ignorans humiles contemnere muros coepit, et “his populus” dicere “tutus erit?” nec mora, transiluit: rutro Celer occupat ausum; ille premit duram sanguinulentus humum.	845	introrsus = <i>in pectore</i> oborior: “well up” devoro (1): “swallow” claudeo, claudere: “close, shut in” exemplaque fortia servat: “and he wanted to set an example of bravery”
haec ubi rex didicit, lacrimas introrsus obortas devorat et clausum pectore vulnus habet. flere palam non vult exempla fortia servat, ‘sic’ que ‘meos muros transeat hostis’ ait.		

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Celer’s main job was (lines 839–40) to?

- a) ensure the first houses were built well   b) prevent someone from crossing the walls and ditch  
c) make sure that the fields were well tilled   d) stop the soldiers from killing each other in anger

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. This best paraphrases Remus’ opinion of the Rome’s walls:

- a) ‘how puny—will these protect the city?’   b) ‘how mighty these walls! No enemy can mount them!’  
c) ‘the walls are small, but our courage is great’   d) ‘I shall build better walls in Alba Longa’

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. *rutro* in line 843 is what case and grammatical function?

- a) dative/possession   b) dative/indirect object   c) ablative/agent   d) ablative/means

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Remus fell upon the earth *sanguinulentus*, which means

- a) dead   b) bloody   c) hurt   d) angrily

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The phrase *haec ubi rex didicit* is best translated:

- a) when the king had said this   b) since that was reported to the king   c) when the king learned this  
d) although the law had been broken

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which of the following best describes Romulus reacts to his brother’s death?

- a) he wept uncontrollably and could not eat   b) he was sad, but held it inside  
c) he wept and criticized Celer for his actions   d) he felt no pain, and ate dinner without a tear

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. In *sic meos muros transeat hostis*, what is the grammatical function of the subjunctive?

- a) purpose clause   b) result clause   c) jussive   d) relative clause of purpose

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. The point of the last line is:

- a) enemies will never invade Rome unpunished   b) guests should enter Rome only with caution  
c) guests must wait outside of the walls until being invited in   d) Rome’s enemies will never enter Rome

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**Passage 2. The Death of Priam (Vergil, *Aeneid* 2.544–553).**

After witnessing the death of his son Polites at the hands of Pyrrhus, Priam (*senior*) makes a stand. Note that Pyrrhus is also called Neoptolemus.

sic fatus senior telumque imbelles sine ictu coniecit, rauco quod protinus aere repulsum, et summo clipei nequiquam umbone pependit. cui Pyrrhus: 'referes ergo haec et nuntius ibis Pelidae genitori. illi mea tristia facta degeneremque Neoptoleum narrare memento. nunc morere.' hoc dicens altaria ad ipsa trementem traxit et in multo lapsantem sanguine nati, implicuitque comam laeua, dextraque coruscum extulit ac lateri capulo tenus abdidit ensem.	545      550	imbellis, -e: "weak" coniecit: < <i>iacio</i> raucus, -a, -um: "hoarse, grating" umbo, umbonis: boss (of a shield) Pelidae genitori: reference is to Achilles, the son of Peleus degener: "base" (literally "inferior to one's father") trementem: refers to Priam implicio: "grasp" coruscus: "glinting, flashing" tenus: prep. + abl. (which precedes word) "as far as" capulus: "hilt"
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\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of the following is NOT true about the spear Priam threw at Pyrrhus?  
a) it wounded Pyrrhus lightly b) it hit the target but left no wound c) it made a harsh sound when it hit  
d) it stuck in the boss of Pyrrhus' shield

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is the tense of *referes*?  
a) present b) imperfect c) perfect d) future

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. What is Priam to tell Achilles in the underworld?  
a) Pyrrhus' horrible actions b) that Achilles' son was vile and unworthy of him  
c) both a and b d) neither a or b

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Translate *nunc morere*:  
a) 'now die' b) 'wait a moment' c) 'now advise me' d) 'now go'

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. *trementem* and *lapsantem* are:  
a) present active infinitives b) present active participles c) present passive infinitives  
d) perfect active participles

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. This is the first principal part of *traxit*:  
a) tracto b) trado c) traho d) traxo

TIE BREAKER: Translate the last four lines from this passage (line 550, *hoc dicens*, to the end):

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