LATIN 101/102 PLACEMENT EXAM **KEY**

**Section I: Nouns 28 points or higher: Latin 102 27 points or lower: Latin 101**

**A.** Decline the following noun-adjective pair and provide English translations for each pair of forms, paying close attention to case and number: **liber clārus. (20 points)**

**liber, librī m. "book"**

**clārus, clāra, clārum "famous"**

Singular Translation

Nom liber clarus the famous book

Gen libri clari of the famous book

Dat libro claro to/for the famous book

Acc librum clarum the famous book (as a direct object)

Abl libro claro by/with/in/on/from the famous book

Plural Translation

Nom libri clari the famous books

Gen librorum clarorum of the famous books

Dat libris claris to/for the famous books

Acc libros claros the famous books (as a direct object)

Abl libris claris by/with/in/on/from the famous books

**B.** Identify the following nouns by providing their gender, case, and number. Give all possible options. (15 points)

Gender Case Number

1. **bello** (2) neuter dative singular

ablative singular

2. **incolae** (3) masculine nominative plural

genitive singular

dative singular

3. **agrōrum** masculine genitive plural

**Section II: Verbs 35 points or higher: Latin 102 34 points or lower: Latin 101**

**A.** Conjugate the following verb in the **future passive indicative**:(6 points)

**habeō, habēre, habuī, habitus**

Singular Plural

1st habēbor habēbimur

2nd habēberis habēbiminī

3rd habēbitur habēbuntur

**B.** Identify the following verbs (person, number, tense, voice, and mood) and provide their meanings; if subjunctive, just provide the general meaning of the verb. (36 points)

1. **sīmus**  5. **facerēs**

1st person plural 2nd person singular

present active subjunctive imperfect active subjunctive

to be to make/do

2. **legitur** 6. **tenēbantur**

3rd person singular 3rd person plural

present passive indicative imperfect passive indicative

he/she/it is chosen/read they were being held/occupied

3. **pugnāverātis**

2nd person plural

pluperfect passive indicative

you all had been fighting

4. **ponitus esset**

3rd person singular

pluperfect passive subjunctive

to put/place

**Section III: Translations 35 points or higher: Latin 102 34 points or lower: Latin 101**

**A.** **Latin to English.** Translate the following short passage from Latin literature, using the glosses provided. Make your best guess at any vocabulary you do not know. (50 points)

**Sallust, *Bellum Catilinae* 3**

Sallust begins his text, *The Catilinarian Conspiracy*, by reflecting on the benefits of writing vs. action.

Pulchrum est bene facere reī pūblicae, etiam bene dīcere haud absurdum est; vel pāce vel bellō clārum fierī licet; et quī fēcēre et quī facta aliōrum scrīpsēre, multī laudantur. Ac mihi quidem, tametsī haudquāquam pār glōria sequitur scrīptōrem et āctōrem rērum, tamen in prīmīs arduum vidētur rēs gestās scrībere.

It is a beautiful thing to do well for the republic, and indeed to speak well is hardly disagreeable; it is permitted to become famous either through peace or through war; many are praised, both those who have done things and those who have written about the deeds of others. And for me at least, although a glory that is by no means equal follows the writer and the agent of things, it nevertheless seems especially difficult to write history.

**VOCABULARY**

Line 1

haud (adv.) **hardly**

absurdus, -a, -um **disagreeable, objectionable**

Line 2

fiō, fierī, factus sum **to become** (fieri is translated as a present infinitive)

fēcēre = fēcērunt

scrīpsēre = scrīpsērunt

Line 3

tametsī (adv.) **although**

haudquāquam (adv.) **by no means**

pār, paris **equal**

Line 4

āctor, āctōris m. **doer, agent** (i.e., person who performs an action)

in prīmīs = **especially** (literally: among the first)

arduus, -a, -um **difficult**

rēs gestae = **history**

**B. English to Latin.** Translate the following English sentence into Latin, using the vocabulary provided. (10 points)

**7 points or higher: Latin 102 6 points or lower: Latin 101**

1. The table was filled with both good food and water by the sailors.

mēnsa et cibō bonō et aquā ā nautīs explēta est.

**VOCABULARY**

mēnsa, -ae f. **table**

expleō, explēre, explēvī, explētum **to fill**

bonus, -a, -um **good**

cibus, -ī m. **food**

aqua, -ae f. **water**

nauta, -ae m. **sailor**