**BASIS DC Certamen Syllabus**

**N.B.** – **Novice Level** questions will cover basics. In finals, questions will be a bit more challenging, going into more depth.

**Intermediated Level** questionswill be broader in scope and for history and myth will tend to move from elements that require greater depth of knowledge to more surface level material.

**Language**

**Novice Level Grammar Syllabus**

**VERBS (Active Voice only in Preliminary Rounds – Passive may be included in finals)**

* Present Tense
  + all conjugations + *sum, esse* (*possum* and *other compounds*)
* Imperfect Tense
  + all conjugations + *sum, esse* (*possum* and *other compounds*)
* Future Tense
  + 1st & 2nd conjugations (finals may include 3rd & 4th) + *sum, esse* (*possum* and *other compounds*)
* Perfect Tense (pluperfect and future perfect may be included in finals)
  + all conjugations + *sum, esse*
* Imperative Mood
  + all conjugations in singular & plural, including abrupt imperatives
  + negative imperatives
* Identification and translation of all principal parts
* Interrogative sentences with *–ne, nōnne, num, quis, quid, cur, ubi, quot, quandō,* & *quōmodō*

**NOUNS**

* Nominative Case
  + 1st, 2nd, & 3rd declensions, singular & plural
  + subject
  + predicate
* Genitive Case
  + 1st, 2nd, & 3rd declensions, singular & plural
  + Possessive
  + description
* Dative Case
  + 1st, 2nd, & 3rd declensions, singular & plural
  + indirect object
* Accusative
  + 1st, 2nd, & 3rd declensions, singular & plural
  + direct object
  + place to which
  + duration of time
  + prepositional phrases
* Ablative
  + 1st, 2nd & 3rd declensions, singular & plural
  + place from which and place where
  + accompaniment, means, & manner
  + time when
  + prepositional phrases
* Vocative
  + 1st, 2nd, & 3rd declensions, singular & plural

**ADJECTIVES & ADVERBS**

* 1st & 2nd declension adjectives
* Adverbs from 1st & 2nd declension adjectives

**PRONOUNS**

* *ego, tū, nōs, vōs –*all cases EXCEPT genitive

**OTHER**

* basic animals
* basic body parts
* Mottoes and abbreviations

**Intermediate Grammar Syllabus**

**(ALL TOPICS COVERED IN THE SYLLABI FOR LEVELS I AND I ADVANCED ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE LEVEL II SYLLABUS)**

**VERBS**

* all tenses, active and passive indicative
  + all conjugations + irregular verbs & their compounds (*sum, eō, ferō, volō*)
* imperative mood
  + all conjugations in singular & plural –active voice only
  + negative imperatives
* infinitives
  + active and passive of present and perfect
  + future active
  + uses:  complementary, subjective, objective subject of impersonal verbs, indirect statement
* participles
  + present active, perfect passive, and future active
* **Finals only – deponent verbs, gerundive form, gerunds, and present and imperfect subjunctive**

**NOUNS**

* all declensions
* Genitive Case
  + partitive
  + w/special adjectives
  + objective
* Dative Case
  + with special verbs and adjectives
  + possession
* Accusative
  + duration of time and extent of space
  + subject of infinitive in indirect statement
  + double accusative
* Ablative
  + time expressions
  + agent
  + comparison
  + degree of difference
  + absolute
* Vocative
  + 1st, 2nd, & 3rd declensions, singular & plural

**ADJECTIVES & ADVERBS**

* all declensions
* formation of adverbs from adjectives
* comparative and superlative (including use of *quam* with each)
* cardinal and ordinal numbers

**PRONOUNS**

* complete paradigms and usage of
  + personal pronouns
  + demonstrative pronouns/adjectives *hic,* *ille*, & *is*
  + relative pronoun
  + reflexive pronoun
  + Interrogatives

**Advanced Level Grammar Syllabus**

**(ALL TOPICS COVERED IN THE SYLLABI FOR LEVELS I, I ADVANCED and II ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE UPPER LEVEL SYLLABUS)**

**VERBS**

* all tenses, active and passive subjunctive
  + all conjugations + irregular verbs & their compounds (*sum, eō, ferō, volō*)
  + uses (purpose clauses, Indirect Command, result, *Cum* clause, conditionals, Indirect Question, Relative Clause of Characteristic, Fearing, Hindering, Doubting, Proviso, Anticipatory,…)
* infinitives
  + all
  + uses:  complementary, subjective, objective subject of impersonal verbs, indirect statement
* participles
  + all tenses and voices
  + uses (Ablative Absolute, Gerundive of Purpose, Periphrastics)
* Gerunds
* Impersonal Verbs

**NOUNS**

* all declensions
* Genitive Case
  + special verbs
  + *causa/gratia*
  + crime/charge
* Dative Case
  + separation
  + direction
  + agent
  + Double Dative
* Accusative
  + any
* Ablative
  + Absolute
  + Source, Origin
  + Price
  + Respect
  + any

**ADJECTIVES & ADVERBS**

* Adverbial and distributive numerals

**PRONOUNS**

* complete paradigms and usage of
  + *aliquis*
  + *quidam, idem*

**MYTHOLOGY**

* 12 Olympian and associated myths (e.g. Athena & Arachne)
* Creation Myth and Titans
* Heroes: Heracles, Perseus, Theseus, Jason, Odysseus, Bellerophon
* Trojan War: Golden Apple, Helen, Paris, Agamemnon, Achilles, Hector, Priam, Hecuba, Patroclus, Ajax, etc…
* Basic travels of Odyessus and characters and events in the **Odyssey**
* Adventures of Aeneas and characters and events in the **Aeneid**
* Groups: Fates, Gorgons, Muses, Cyclops, Furies etc…
* Underworld: Rivers, sinners (Sisyphus, Tantalus, Danaids, Ixion, etc..)
* Couples: Pyramus & Thisbe, Orpheus & Eurydice, Deucalion & Pyrrha, Pygmalion & Galetaea, Bauchis & Philemon, Hiero & Leander, Ceyx & Alcyone
* City cycles (myth of Thebes and Athens , House of Atreus) \***MORE FOR THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL**

**CULTURE**

* Rooms of the house
* Roman names
* Clothing
* Cursus Honorum (offices plus tribune, dictator, and censor)
* Meals: cena, prandium, ientaculum, basic foods
* 7 Hills: Palatine, Capitoline, Aventine, etc..
* Geography: Apennines, Tiber, Latium, Compania, Mare Nostrum, Pompeii, Vesuvius, Via Appia, Gallia,

Brittania, Hispania, Helvetia, forum, major cities (Lutetia, Londinium, Vindobona, etc…)

* Baths: thermae, balneae, caldarium, tepidarium, frigidarium, hypocaustum, apodyterium, etc..
* Entertainment: Circus Maximus (parts of the Circus) , Colosseum for gladiatorial events (types of gladiators)
* **\*INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ADD: Army and soilder’s basic equipment, weddings, funerals**

**HISTORY**

* Periods: Monarchy, Republic, Empire
* Monarchy: Romulus, Numa, Tullius Hostilus, Ancus Marcius, Tarquinius Priscus, Tarquinius Superbus,
* Early Republic Heroes: Lucretia, Brutus, Collatinus, Mucius Scaevola, Horatius, Cincinnatus, Coelia, Camillus, Verginia, Laws of the 12 Tables, Appius Claudius
* Punic Wars: Carthage, Aegates Islands, Mylae, Hamilcar Barca, Scipio Africanus, Hannibal, Sicily, Zama, Cannae, Lake Trasimene, Archimedes, Cato the Elder, Scipio Aemelianus, Marcellus, Quintus Fabius Maximus Cunctator
* Later Republic: Marius, Sulla, Caesar, Cicero, Pompey, Spartacus, 1st & 2nd triumvirates, Marc Antony, Cleopatra, Octavian, Brutus & Cassius, Zela, Pharsalus, Actium
* Empire: Augustus, Caligula, Nero, Vespasian, Titus, Hadrian, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, Diocletian, Constantine, 5 Julio-Claudians, 5 Good Emperors
* **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ADD (This list is a good start but some questions may fall beyond this. Additionally, there will be one Caesar specific question each round. In general, there will be a few more later Republic and Empire questions on the Intermediate Level than on the Novice Level.**
* **UPPER LEVEL: There will not be any set syllabus for myth, culture, history, or literature questions. It is likely that one question per round will be set aside for rhetoric/poetic devices.**