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The Missing Three-Quarter



The Greek Interpreters of East Lansing

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Lunch at the University Club of Michigan State University

*This is appropriately a multiple-choice test, just like you'd get at Cambridge, right?
Circle the answer you think is correct*

1. The three-quarter's first name:
 - a. Geoffrey
 - b. Gordon
 - c. Godfrey
2. What Leslie Armstrong says he should be doing rather than speaking to Holmes:
 - a. Having his lunch
 - b. Writing his treatise
 - c. Riding his bicycle
3. A lasting impression made by a pencil:
 - a. "Is never found to be truly lasting, Watson."
 - b. "Has dissolved many a happy marriage."
 - c. "Smudges the message in every case."
4. The month and atmosphere at the opening of the story:
 - a. Snow-swirled January
 - b. Muddy March
 - c. Gloomy February

5. Watson worries that:
 - a. Holmes will become depressed
 - b. Holmes will give in to "the fiend"
 - c. Holmes will fall off his bicycle
6. Gentleman's game that might easily be played by Lord Mount-James:
 - a. Tennis
 - b. Billiards
 - c. Skeet shooting
7. Something we see in this story in Holmes that we rarely see in other tales:
 - a. A sardonic smirk
 - b. A great guffaw
 - c. A mischievous twinkle
8. Some unlikely coincidences in the story are:
 - a. The proximity of the inn, the bicycle shop and Leslie Armstrong's house
 - b. The well-bred dog belongs to Armstrong, the telegrapher is named Irene, and Watson once played Rugby
 - c. The porter knows Holmes, Overton is related to Lord Mount-James, Holmes and Watson are in time for the games.
9. The missing three-quarter writes with:
 - a. Hi left hand
 - b. A #2 pencil
 - c. A broad-pointed quill pen
10. The "noble miser" offers:
 - a. A fiver or even a tenner
 - b. A lift in his brougham
 - c. A stone unturned
11. The time the telegram was sent:
 - a. A little after four o'clock
 - b. A little after six o'clock
 - c. A little after eight o'clock
12. The missing three-quarter became passionately attached to:
 - a. His landlady's daughter
 - b. The porter's sister
 - c. Dr. Armstrong's maid

13. Holmes fills a syringe with:

- a. Cocaine
- b. Cumin
- c. Aniseed

14. Jeremy Dixon of Trinity College:

- a. Is on the Rugby team
- b. Has a bicycle he uses to race
- c. Owns a tracking dog named Pompey

15. "Could you not follow it?" asks Watson. Holmes' response is "Excellent Watson!

You are

- a. brilliant this evening."
- b. scintillating this evening."
- c. mortifying this evening."

16. Though Holmes has never heard of *this* Staunton, he knows of:

- a. One who is a forger
- b. One who is a burglar
- c. One who is a Great Scot

17. Holmes also knows of a Staunton:

- a. Whom he helped to hang
- b. Who sings in the London Opera
- c. Who works for the Bank of England

18. All but one of the following are on the Cambridge team:

- a. Morton
- b. Moorhouse
- c. Stevenson

19. The Cambridge team is staying at:

- a. Bentley's hotel
- b. Gray's Inn
- c. Bayswater's Bed and Breakfast

20. The missing three-quarter's wife dies:

- a. Of loneliness because he's away too much
- b. In childbirth
- c. Of consumption

Answers:

1. c. Godfrey
2. b. Writing his treatise
3. b. "Has dissolved many a happy marriage."
4. c. Gloomy February
5. b. Holmes will give in to "the fiend"
6. b. Billiards
7. c. A mischievous twinkle
8. a. The proximity of the Inn, the bicycle shop and Leslie Armstrong's house
9. c. A broad-pointed quill pen
10. a. A fiver or even a tenner
11. b. A little after six o'clock
12. a. His landlady's daughter
13. c. Aniseed
14. c. Owns a tracking dog named Pompey
15. b. scintillating this evening."
16. a. One who is a forger
17. a. Whom he helped to hang
18. a. Morton
19. a. Bentley's Hotel
20. c. Of consumption