

The Forum Quiz

This Quiz is designed especially for FORUM readers — to please them but not to measure their intelligence. The questions should not be difficult for the average person. They cover both the light and the serious aspects of politics, science, sports, business, and the arts. Counting $2\frac{1}{2}$ points for each correct answer, Jane Froman, the radio singer, scored 70 on this Quiz. A young advertising executive scored $77\frac{1}{2}$; a businessman, $72\frac{1}{2}$. An editor also scored $72\frac{1}{2}$ and a twenty-one-year-old young lady 50 (fortunately, she's beautiful). Answers on p. ix of advertising section.

1. Please put down that glass of iced lemonade long enough to identify the author of a laughter-filled book which begins:
In the castle of Baron Thunder-tentronckh in Westphalia there lived a youth, endowed by Nature with the most gentle character. His face was quite honest and he was extremely simple-minded; and this was the reason, I think, that he was named. . . .
(a) *Tom Jones* (b) *Candide* (c) *Petrucchio*
2. After a Sunday dinner at your mother-in-law's you are strolling in the country, wondering why she always serves stewed chicken, when suddenly you come upon a moraine. "Well," you'll likely say:
(a) "I'm just wild about erosion."
(b) "That river has been on a rampage again."
(c) "Musta been a glacier 'round here."
(d) "I don't like to sit on hot lava."
3. The other day, while talking with an aviation-research worker, Colonel Lindbergh referred casually to the "slip stream." In plain language he meant:
(a) *the shaft of air created by the propeller*
(b) *the vacuum behind the plane's tail*
(c) *aerial "skidding" in a flat turn*
4. With all the war talk, there's intense interest in the control of the Bosphorus — which happens to be:
(a) *the narrow stretch of water between Italy and Greece*
(b) *the passageway between Sicily and Tunisia*
(c) *a strait between the Black Sea and Sea of Marmora*
5. If all these good ladies were to meet in the Stork Club on a Saturday night, one of them would find it hard talking shop with the others:
(a) *Dorothy Thompson* (b) *Maude Slye*
(c) *Jessica Dragonette* (d) *Martha Deane*
6. On a hot afternoon you stand transfixed before a picture in Chicago's Art Institute. You shout: "My, what chiaroscuro!" A plain person would have said:
(a) "I prefer nudes to landscapes any day."
(b) "Hmm — remarkable lights and shadows."
(c) "A balanced composition." (d) "My feet hurt."
7. Which of these is the third book in the Old Testament?
(a) *Exodus* (b) *Leviticus* (c) *Numbers* (d) *Deuteronomy*
8. Just one word is misspelled in this Hollywood epic:
I can't eat my fricassee for excitement — bad I not seen that strawberry birthmark on your sternum, I would not have kept you under surveillance and discovered that you were my long lost son.
9. Although an all-round player rather than a home-run hitter, the successor to Babe Ruth as the No. 1 player in the big leagues is generally agreed to be:
(a) *Lefty Gomez* (b) *Gabby Hartnett* (c) *Dizzy Dean*
(d) *Joe Medwick* (e) *Joe DiMaggio*
10. And the recently appointed No. 1 man in the U. S. Army, soon to take charge of our new defense program, is:
(a) *George C. Marshall* (b) *Douglas MacArthur*
(c) *Malin Craig*
11. Over the coffee in Lima, Peru, one hears many legends but none more entertaining than those of the famous actress whose nickname was:
(a) *Rosinante* (b) *La Periccoli* (c) *Argentinita*
12. One and only one untruth lies buried here. Please select the one false statement:
(a) *Samuel T. Coleridge was addicted to opium.*
(b) *Shelley wrote Childe Harold's Pilgrimage.*
(c) *Nietzsche, who talked of supermen, was a poor physical specimen himself.*
(d) *Amy Lowell wrote on Keats and smoked cigars.*
13. One of these contemporary authors, specializing in books on crime, gambling, and lapses of public virtue, is a descendant of a famous Methodist bishop:
(a) *Herbert Asbury* (b) *G. E. R. Gedye*
(c) *C. S. Forester*
14. And one of the interesting aspects of our naval defense program is the decision to:
(a) *build larger submarines* (b) *fortify New York*
(c) *construct more ships on the West Coast*
(d) *add a mosquito fleet of small torpedo boats*
15. Please identify the author of the current best seller from which the following is taken:
A column of smoke rose thin and straight from the cabin chimney. The smoke was blue where it left the red of the clay. It trailed into the blue of the April sky and was no longer blue but gray. The boy Jody, watched it, speculating.
(a) *Edna Ferber* (b) *Margery Sharp* (c) *Pearl Buck*
(d) *Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings*
16. The chief pressure group seeking larger WPA expenditures is none other than:
(a) *the Workers' Alliance* (b) *the C. I. O.*
(c) *the FDIC* (d) *the Relief Workers' Federation*
17. Granted that none of them should be showered with roses, the fact remains that among the international diplomats one is best qualified, on the basis of his long-term record, to wear the mantle of Judas Iscariot:
(a) *Franz von Papen* (b) *Achille Starace*
(c) *Konrad Henlein* (d) *Emil Hacha*
18. Father Flanagan is the very able, friendly priest identified with one of these institutions:
(a) *The Cradle* (b) *The Seeing Eye* (c) *Boys' Town*
19. Of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, dictated by Germany to Russia in 1918, it can be truthfully said that:
(a) *Russia lost $\frac{1}{3}$ of her population, farm lands*
(b) *Germany made few territorial demands*
(c) *unlike Versailles, it was a fair treaty*

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20. Please pick out the wrongly spelled word:

Nicholas Murray Butler, your Olympian railery is familiar enough at pedagogical powwows, but what we should like to know is this: Don't those 33 bonorary degrees, the 18 clubs you belong to, and the 15 books you've written sometimes rest a little heavily on your spirit? Would a chaise longue help?

21. The popular novel, *Grapes of Wrath*, was written by:

(a) J. P. Marquand
(b) Ernest Hemingway
(c) Erskine Caldwell
(d) John Steinbeck

22. On the whole, Italian painting has been principally inspired by themes concerned with:

(a) classic mythology (b) religion
(c) everyday life

23. Few people know the actual reason why oysters are not served in the summer months — those without "r" in them. It is because:

(a) the oysters refuse to co-operate
(b) the little fellows hide in the sand
(c) even the oysters are not without romance; they fall in love, mate, and have babies.
(d) of habit and custom — no real reason

24. The skipper favored to win the Anglo-American yacht races in British waters this summer is:

(a) Gerard Lambert (b) T. O. M. Sopwith
(c) Harold Vanderbilt (d) Bob Bartlett

25. Speaking of Mr. Lambert, his fortune — more than enough to buy a flock of yachts — has come in large measure from a well-known drug product called:

(a) Rem (b) Lydia Pinkham (c) Listerine (d) Vicks

26. One hears the word "canard" often enough. Please define it:

(a) a French word for duck (b) a fabricated story
(c) a funny but true report (d) political evasiveness
(e) a sugar lump dipped in brandy

27. And, just to brush up on history, which one of these peoples once ruled Peru, and was conquered by Pizarro?

(a) the Mayans (b) the Incas (c) the Aztecs

28. He is 6' 4" tall, weighs 290 pounds; his wife weighs 95. As a tenor at the "Met," he rarely if ever "swings" his arias and he makes Flagstad seem smaller of figure when warbling Wagner with him. His name:

(a) Martinelli (b) Werrenrath (c) Vallee (d) Pinza
(e) Melchoir

29. Most economists would agree that the clearest indication of business' lack of confidence in the future may be found in:

(a) the absence of new financing (b) cotton prices
(c) government-bond quotations (d) chain-store sales

30. The evidence seems to be that was the first American film which told a story:

(a) *The Great Train Robbery* (b) *The Birth of a Nation*

(c) *The New York Hat* (d) *Quo Vadis*
(e) *Tillie's Punctured Romance*

31. Remember who it was who said, "Ah, take the Cash, and let the Credit go"?

(a) Omar Khayyam (b) Secretary Morgenthau
(c) Plutarch (d) Will Rogers

32. Now that transatlantic air service has commenced, it is interesting to recall who made the first nonstop flight across the ocean, just 30 years ago:

(a) C. A. Lindbergh
(b) Alcock & Brown (c) Byrd
(d) naval seaplane NC4
(e) Chamberlin & Levine

33. He was a keen student of folk music, an officer in the Russian navy, composer of a colorful opera of the sea (*Sadko*) and one dealing with the

Arabian Nights queen (*Scheherazade*). His music is distinguished by rhythmic force and vivid orchestral color. His name is:

(a) Igor Stravinski (b) Rimski-Korsakov
(c) Leopold Stokowski (d) Peter Tchaikovsky

34. The aviation term "ceiling zero" means:

(a) The fog is lifting.
(b) The overcast is close to the earth.
(c) The load is too heavy to gain altitude.

35. And the Davis Cup matches interest everyone who likes:

(a) golf (b) yachting (c) tennis (d) hockey
(e) Chinese checkers

36. Only one of these groups of musical instruments is made up solely from the percussion family:

(a) xylophone, cymbals, castanets
(b) tuba, trombone, trumpet
(c) piccolo, oboe, clarinet, bassoon

37. One of these large denominations recently convened and joyfully gathered its three divisions into one unified body. Recall which one it was?

(a) Presbyterians (b) Baptists (c) Methodists
(d) Republicans (e) Episcopalians

38. Particularly in the summer, it's nice to know that the gaits of a three-gaited saddle horse are:

(a) at rest, walk, trot (b) trot, post, gallop
(c) walk, trot, canter

39. There's one false statement here, buried among several truths. Please pick the incorrect sentence:

(a) Martini cocktails are made of ordinary gin and French vermouth.
(b) The oldest champagne is the best.
(c) A drink known as the "Micky Finn" will quiet the most belligerent guest.
(d) Vodka is seldom used in "long" drinks.

40. Only one of these statements is true:

(a) In winter, lakes freeze from the top down.
(b) 220 is the top score in a bowling game.
(c) Mein Kampf is to be the basis of a movie.
(d) Gertrude Stein is an honorary Rotarian.
(e) Their bats reflect women's subconscious frustrations.



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The News Abroad

No War Coming

by **VERNON BARTLETT**

THE BRITISH LION was recently described by an American newspaper as "the Lion of least resistance."

In so far as the Lion is represented by the present British Government, this criticism is most unfair. The resistance shown by Mr. Chamberlain to the only possible policy which can get the British Empire out of its present difficulties — namely, an alliance with Russia — has been as stubborn as that of the proverbial mule.

For this stubbornness there are, I think, two reasons.

The one is the dislike of anything to do with communism. The number of excuses that have been made and circulated by Conservatives during recent weeks for the failure to reach an agreement with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is quite fantastic. Their prejudice and distrust have closed their ears to the fairly obvious argument that only a war could bring communism to Great Britain; and an impatient French diplomat summed up their attitude well when he remarked that the English and the Russians were behaving like two people who were in the gravest danger but who would not discuss methods of getting out of danger because they had never been properly introduced. That sense of class which induced hundreds of thousands of upper-middle-class Englishmen to support General Franco, despite all the evidence they had of his close connection with Germany and Italy, has become very obvious again, and one begins to realize why left wingers are so convinced that Mr. Chamberlain is at heart a fascist.

But, quite apart from this prejudice against Russia because Russians are or are alleged to be communists, there has been another reason for the delay. Mr. Chamberlain was, I believed, convinced that, once he signed on the dotted line with Stalin, it would be much more difficult for him to discuss peace with Germany — should Germany show any desire for peace. "Appeasement" is not dead — which is a pity.

But the hope of lasting peace is not dead either — which is a blessing. Sooner or later Germany may want to discuss it on level terms, and it is important that there should be no obstacles in the way of this.

Nevertheless, for the time being it is vastly more important that an Anglo-Russo-French treaty of mutual assistance should help to bring about those conditions in which peace discussions would be possible.

I, for one, see no reason for war.

Germany hitherto has made rapid progress toward European hegemony because she has been able to take great risks. The rearmament of other powers and the fear which is helping to bring them together combine to make those risks more and more inadvisable. But that may mean only that Herr Hitler will work more slowly. Despite the tremendous hardships that his people have to face and the undoubted fact that German workers are beginning to display their discontent by sabotage, there is no particular reason to believe that Nazi Germany cannot get her own way.

There is now a sufficiently well-organized "peace front" to make conquest dangerous. But in most cases conquest would be of very little use to the Nazis.

It is far better for them that Denmark, for example, instead of being a German province, should be outside their economic system but so tied up by commercial treaties, signed under the threat of invasion, that the Danes work as much for the Germans as for themselves. There is no such prejudice in the democracies against buying Danish goods as there is against buying German goods.

The Poles, the Yugoslavs, the Hungarians, and others may yet be induced to work for Germany in much the same relationship as that in which the African Negro works for England or France. One can indeed envisage a German empire covering the greater part of the European Continent. Only those very few countries who have not been driven by exchange difficulties into barter agreements with