

# 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. Many FORUM readers find the Quiz a stimulating source of entertainment when friends drop in or at parties. Counting 2½ points for each correct answer, EZRA STONE, well-known radio actor, scored 70. A businessman scored 65, a housewife 77½. Answers on page IX of advertising section.

1. "My name is Joe Kallikak," says a stranger at a cocktail party. You ponder. Kallikak? Oh yes, that name is famous in:  
(a) geology (b) zoology (c) sociology
2. One and only one of these statements is true:  
(a) Rembrandt never painted landscapes.  
(b) Thomas Eakins loved to portray American sports.  
(c) Gilbert Stuart painted poor beads, good figures.
3. "The trouble with Lou Nova," says Aunt Clytemnestra, reading the sports pages, "is that he has no Sunday punch." What Auntie means is that:  
(a) he can't hit equally hard with both hands  
(b) he has no reserve strength (c) he trains on beer  
(d) he has no special, powerful punch
4. Speaking of sport, the man who won the national amateur golf championship was a young fellow named:  
(a) Ward (b) Chapman (c) Sickafoos (d) Snead
5. Which one of these remote regions is being explored and charted more than at any time in its history?  
(a) Wrangell Island (b) the Antarctic  
(c) Madagascar (d) Greenland (e) the Arctic
6. In what painting technique is an albuminous material, such as the white of an egg, used instead of oil?  
(a) gouache (b) tempera (c) pastel (d) charcoal
7. Hollywood's latest "find," William Shakespeare, is now a promising script writer for M. G. M. He wants to use this speech but can't recall which of his stage plays it is from. Can you help Will out?  
You lie, in faith; for you are call'd plain Kate,  
And bonny Kate, and sometimes Kate the curst;  
But, Kate, the prettiest Kate in Christendom!  
(a) A Comedy of Errors (b) The Taming of the Shrew  
(c) As You Like It (d) Romeo and Juliet
8. The "ivy league" football championship is anyone's guess this autumn, but perhaps you recall which colleges the league includes:  
(a) Dartmouth, Harvard, Cornell, etc.  
(b) Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, et al.  
(c) Washington, Oregon, S. California, etc.
9. Yes, Lewis Carroll wrote it, but what's its name?  
The sun was shining on the sea,  
Shining with all his might;  
He did his very best to make  
The billows smooth and bright —  
And this was odd, because it was  
The middle of the night.  
(a) The Walrus and the Carpenter  
(b) Jabberwocky  
(c) How Doth the Little (Crocodile)
10. Which one of these sentences is a palindrome?  
(a) Madam, I'm Adam. (b) I'll take vanilla.  
(c) You can always tell a Harvard man but you can't tell him much. (d) Who, me?
11. Are you positive Chaucer lived in the \_\_\_\_\_ century?  
(a) thirteenth (b) fourteenth (c) fifteenth
12. One of our foremost American artists today is \_\_\_\_\_, who paints regional life in rich reds, greens, and golds, and is employed by the University of Wisconsin:  
(a) Charles Burchfield (b) Thomas Benton  
(c) John Stuart Curry (d) John Sloan
13. If in a line drawing you saw a seal with a philosophical expression on his face and a dog asleep on the floor, you'd know it was by:  
(a) Garrett Price (b) Michelangelo  
(c) Denys Wortman (d) James Thurber
14. "Mr. Dali and his surrealism give me a pain," declares Uncle Arthur with some heat. "Why, there was an Italian doing the same thing four centuries ago named:  
(a) Piero de Cosimo (b) Titian (c) Paolo Veronese
15. And, speaking of art, was Peter Breughel, the Elder:  
(a) Flemish (b) Dutch (c) German (d) Swedish
16. Your precocious five-year-old son, Agamemnon, has been studying mythology. "I say, old boy," he inquires, "what's a centaur look like?" "Easy," you reply, "he is":  
(a) "half lion, half eagle" (b) "half man, half horse"  
(c) "a pint-sized phoenix"
17. Aunt Clytemnestra, athirst for culture, has taken up home decorating. She was surprised to learn that panoramic wallpaper was invented by:  
(a) the English (b) the French (c) the Italians
18. Canals have birthdays? Why, certainly. This year one of the world's greatest celebrated its twenty-fifth:  
(a) the Suez (b) the Kiel (c) the Welland (d) the Panama
19. One of the duller passengers paled with fright when the captain shouted, "We'll jettison all cargo!" but the ship's crew knew he meant to:  
(a) throw water in the hold (b) take to the boats  
(c) toss the cargo overboard (d) drink the ship's rum
20. If you wanted to find out the address, phone number, and the clubs of a person in New York or Chicago "society," the best place to look would be:  
(a) telephone Red Book (b) First Families  
(c) Who's Who in America (d) the Social Register
21. Don't breathe a word to anybody, but there's a misspelled word lurking here:  
The mere touch of thy epidermis, sweet Katherine, puts me into an emotional jam session — a disonance of love in

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which the wood winds and brass make the music of the soul.  
In short, you mow me down!

22. Who wrote the American epic, *John Brown's Body*?  
(a) William Rose Benét (b) Carl Sandburg  
(c) Vachel Lindsay (d) Stephen Vincent Benét
23. Yes, he was a great Victorian novelist, widely criticized and widely praised, but in his later years he turned to his first love, poetry:  
(a) George Eliot (b) George Moore  
(c) W. M. Thackeray (d) Thomas Hardy
24. Which of these men might logically have written:  
I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;  
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away  
(And wait to watch the water clear, I may);  
I sha'n't be gone long — you come too.  
(a) Robert Frost (b) Aldous Huxley  
(c) Archibald MacLeish
25. And, in mythology, which one of these muscle-bound gentlemen holds the world on his shoulders?  
(a) Jove (b) Hercules (c) Atlas  
(d) Bernarr Macfadden
26. Think twice before selecting the largest ocean:  
(a) Pacific (b) Atlantic (c) Indian (d) Arctic
27. And now for a bit of chaff on etiquette. Which statement is correct?  
(a) *Dunking is proper when away from home.*  
(b) *Fishbones should be chewed up and swallowed.*  
(c) *Pinching the hostess is always good fun.*  
(d) *Leapfrog should be discouraged at faculty teas.*
28. "Millions for defense but not one cent for tribute" is a well-known dictum by the eminent:  
(a) Charles C. Pinckney (b) Stephen Decatur  
(c) Commodore Perry (d) Rutherford B. Hayes
29. Who won the National League baseball championship?  
(a) Pittsburgh Pirates (b) Brooklyn Dodgers  
(c) Chicago Cubs (d) Cincinnati Reds
30. And, speaking of sport, what newspaper publisher, who controls the wire services to most race tracks, has been indicted for income-tax evasion?  
(a) W. R. Hearst (b) M. L. Annenberg  
(c) Harry Chandler
31. In constitutional law, our Bill of Rights provides:  
(a) *the right to meet, speak, and worship freely*  
(b) *organization, structure of the federal government*  
(c) *the rights of Americans abroad*
32. Even the office boy nowadays speaks casually of mother fixations and wish fulfillment, and it's all because of the work done by the great psychologist:  
(a) Carl Jung (b) Alfred Alder (c) Sigmund Freud
33. What American merchant built London's biggest store?  
(a) Gordon Selfridge (b) Edward A. Filene  
(c) Adam Gimbel (d) John Wanamaker
34. The opera's plot goes like this: An old gypsy woman steals one of a Spanish count's two sons, and is executed for the crime. The gypsy's daughter brings the boy up ignorant of his birth. He and his noble brother go gaga over the same girl, and one, unknowingly, has the other executed. Thus the old gypsy has a posthumous revenge, and the curtain goes down with a sigh of relief from everybody:  
(a) *Il Trovatore* (b) *Don Giovanni*  
(c) *La Traviata*
35. "On my way home from the cocktail party," says Cousin Arthur, "I saw a rainbow, even though it was night." You'd properly reply:  
(a) *"Very interesting, Arthur, and quite possible."*  
(b) *"You're the only man in history who has."*
36. "It's all Greek to me" was first said by:  
(a) Keats, on first looking into Chapman's Homer  
(b) Shakespeare, in *Julius Caesar*  
(c) Augustus, on returning from the wars
37. And what poet might have written this letter?  
I wish you could infuse a little confidence of human nature into my heart. I cannot muster any — the world is too brutal for me — I am glad there is such a thing as the grave — I am sure I shall never have any rest until I get there. At any rate I will indulge myself by never seeing any more Dilke or Brown or any of their Friends. I wish I was either in your arms full of faith or that a Thunder Bolt would strike me.  
(a) William Blake (b) Samuel T. Coleridge  
(c) John Keats
38. "I wonder if we will ever have polyandry in this country," ponders precocious five-year-old Agamemnon. "Possibly," you reply, "it already exists in":  
(a) Tibet (b) Hindustan (c) Borneo (d) Iraq
39. This one's easy — for women. Just define the difference between a wimple and a snood:  
(a) *One's usually a net, t'other an appendage.*  
(b) *A wimple is worn formally, the snood, informally.*  
(c) *The wimple has oomph, the snood has chic.*
40. "I love siblings," says your wife, who went to Bryn Mawr and loves strange words. If she had gone to Northwestern, she'd have said:  
(a) *"Children of the same parents are so adorable."*  
(b) *"It's not mere child's prattle to me."*  
(c) *"Such kisses, darling — so ethereal, yet full of dynamite!"*



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# America and the War

## *Three Points of View*

### **I—Keeping Our Friends from Defeat**

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**W**OULD THAT the United States could remain neutral in this war without seriously jeopardizing her future security. My serious thought on that important subject has made me most doubtful of the possibility.

As I see it, the effects of the neutrality laws passed by the Congress for the splendid purpose of keeping this country out of all wars will be, in the particular case of the present war in Europe, harmful to the vital interests of the nation and very probably fatal to the future security of the Americas.

My opinions are solely my own and do not reflect those of the service in which I have served for forty-eight years.

I believe that the operation of these neutrality laws will disregard many most vital factors involved in that issue for us. The laws do not take into account the well-recognized sympathy of our people toward Great Britain and France in this great struggle nor their almost openly expressed hope that those nations will succeed in remaining in possession of the seas. We must not close our eyes to the fact that these so-called neutrality laws greatly weaken the war power of the two nations, Great Britain and France, who all along have kept the Americas safe from the would-be aggressive actions of the dictators.

We are perfectly aware that Great Britain and France urgently need our war munitions and, while commanding the seas, could obtain them from us under the rules of international law if it were not for our specific laws forbidding their sale. Hitler's Germany, on the

other hand, being able to obtain all needed supplies from Soviet Russia, will not require them from the United States, even if she could obtain them, which she could not. Therefore, the operation of the neutrality laws, in virtually denying our war supplies only to those belligerents who are in a position to transport them overseas, enormously increases the chances of a Hitler victory.

In consequence, the effect of our neutrality laws actually makes our attitude an unneutral one toward Great Britain and France and might be said to make us unwittingly an ally of Hitler.

Our war fleet today is concentrated in the Pacific Ocean, while the Atlantic, where are our largest cities and the greater part of our industrial activities, is left open to attack by sea. Has that fact any significance? Yes, because the United States has been putting its trust in the sea power of Great Britain to give us the security in the Atlantic Ocean that our *one-ocean* navy finds itself unable to give. Yet, in spite of that advantage, we pass and put into effect neutrality laws that may, by weakening British and French war power, bring a defeat to this power on the seas, thus depriving the United States of her former security in the Atlantic.

Let me remind the reader that a Hitler victory on the seas will bring Germany's sea frontiers to our Atlantic coast line. Does any American doubt that Hitler, if he could, would seize the Panama Canal and our West Indies islands and, besides, enforce political