

Pastor D's Legendary Christmas I.Q. Test

Read and answer each question in the order it appears. When choices are given, read them carefully and select the best one. Put a "T" or "F" in the blank on all True or False questions.

- _____ 1. As long as Christmas has been celebrated, it has been on December 25th.
(True or False)
- _____ 2. Joseph was from:
A. Bethlehem
B. Jerusalem
C. Nazareth
D. Egypt
E. Minnesota
F. None of the above.
- _____ 3. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
A. Camel
B. Donkey
C. Walked
D. Volkswagen
E. Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey
F. Who knows?
- _____ 4. Mary and Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant.
(True or False)
- _____ 5. Mary and Joseph were married when Jesus was born.
(True or False)
- _____ 6. Mary was a virgin when she delivered Jesus.
(True or False)
- _____ 7. What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
A. "There is no room in the inn."
B. "I have a stable you can use."
C. "Come back after the Christmas rush and I should have some vacancies."
D. Both A and B
E. None of the above
- _____ 8. Jesus was delivered in a:
A. Stable
B. Manger
C. Cave
D. Barn
E. Unknown

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- _____ 9. A "manger" is a:
- A. Stable for domestic animals.
 - B. Wooden hay storage bin.
 - C. Feeding trough.
 - D. Barn.
- _____ 10. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?
- A. Cows, sheep, goats.
 - B. Cows, donkeys, sheep.
 - C. Sheep and goats only.
 - D. Miscellaneous barnyard animals.
 - E. Lions, tigers, elephants.
 - F. None of the above.
- _____ 11. Who saw the "star in the east"?
- A. Shepherds
 - B. Mary and Joseph
 - C. Three Kings
 - D. Both A and C
 - E. None of the above.
- _____ 12. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
- A. One
 - B. Three
 - C. A "Multitude"
 - D. None of the above.
- _____ 13. What "sign" did the angels tell the shepherds to look for?
- A. "This way to baby Jesus."
 - B. A star over Bethlehem.
 - C. A baby that doesn't cry.
 - D. A house with a Christmas tree.
 - E. A baby in a stable.
 - F. None of the above.
- _____ 14. What did the angels sing?
- A. "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come"
 - B. "Alleluia"
 - C. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"
 - D. "Glory to God in the Highest, etc."
 - E. "Glory to the Newborn King"
 - F. "My Sweet Lord"
- _____ 15. What is a "Heavenly Host"?
- A. The angel at the gate of Heaven.
 - B. The angel who invites people to Heaven.
 - C. The angel who serves drinks in Heaven.
 - D. An angel choir.
 - E. An angel army.
 - F. None of the above.

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- _____ 16. There was snow that first Christmas:
- A. Only in Bethlehem.
 - B. All over Israel.
 - C. Nowhere in Israel.
 - D. Somewhere in Israel.
 - E. Mary and Joseph only “dreamed” of a white Christmas.
- _____ 17. The baby Jesus cried:
- A. When the doctor slapped him on his behind.
 - B. When the little drummer boy started banging on his drum.
 - C. Just like other babies cry.
 - D. He never cried.
- _____ 18. What is “frankincense”?
- A. A precious metal.
 - B. A precious fabric.
 - C. A precious incense.
 - D. An eastern monster story.
 - E. None of the above.
- _____ 19. What is “myrrh”?
- A. An easily shaped metal.
 - B. A spice used for burying people.
 - C. A drink.
 - D. After-shave lotion.
 - E. None of the above.
- _____ 20. How many wise men came to see Jesus? (Write in the correct number.)
- _____ 21. What does “wise men” refer to?
- A. Men of the educated class.
 - B. They were eastern Kings.
 - C. They were astrologers.
 - D. They were smart enough to follow the star.
 - E. They were “sages”.
- _____ 22. The wise men found Jesus in a:
- A. Manger
 - B. Stable
 - C. House
 - D. Holiday Inn
 - E. Good Mood
- _____ 23. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem:
- A. To inform Herod about Jesus.
 - B. To find out where Jesus was.
 - C. To ask about the star that they saw.
 - D. For gas.
 - E. To buy presents for Jesus.

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- _____ 24. What happened right after Joseph and Mary found out that Mary was pregnant with Jesus?
- A. They got married.
 - B. Joseph wanted to break the engagement.
 - C. Mary left town for three months.
 - D. An angel told them to go to Bethlehem.
 - E. Both A and D
 - F. Both B and C
- _____ 25. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
- A. An angel.
 - B. Mary's mother.
 - C. Herod.
 - D. Caesar Augustus.
 - E. Alexander the Great.
 - F. No one told them to.
- _____ 26. Joseph took the baby Jesus to Egypt:
- A. To show him the pyramids.
 - B. To teach him the wisdom of the pharaohs.
 - C. To put him in a basket in the reeds by the river.
 - D. Because he dreamed about it.
 - E. To be taxed.
 - F. Joseph did not take Jesus to Egypt.
 - G. None of the above.
- _____ 27. Where do we find the Christmas story in order to check up on all these tricky questions?
- A. Matthew
 - B. Mark
 - C. Luke
 - D. John
 - E. All of the above
 - F. Only A and B
 - G. Only A and C
 - H. Only X, Y and Z
 - I. Aesop's Fables
- _____ 28. I think that this test was:
- A. Super
 - B. Great
 - C. Fantastic
 - D. All of the above.

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Answers:

1. False, the church didn't settle on a date until the 4th century
2. A, check Luke 2:3-4
3. F, the Bible doesn't say.
4. False, check Matthew 1:18
5. False Check Luke 2:5
6. True! Matthew 1:25
7. E, There was no innkeeper, see Luke 2:7
8. E, the Bible doesn't say, see Luke 2:7
9. C.
10. F, the Bible doesn't say.
11. E, they were called Magi, probably from Persia or Babylon
12. A, see Luke 2:9, however, an army of angels showed up and gave praise
13. F, "You will find a baby wrapped in (swaddling) cloths and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12)
14. D, check Luke 2:14
15. E, an angelic army
16. D, Mount Hermon in the north could have been snow covered.
17. C, The Son of God became a real human being, and human babies cry
18. C, aromatic resin from special trees used for incense with offerings
19. B, a burial spice, an aromatic resin from certain bushes, see John 19:39 for burial of Jesus
20. No one knows how many there were. Tradition holds three because of the three gifts.
21. C, astrologers who had no Bible, so they looked to the stars to understand the world.
22. C, check Matthew 2:11. It took them many months to travel from the East. By the time they arrived Jesus may have been as old as two, since Herod had all the baby boys under two killed in accordance with the time he'd learned from the Magi. (Matthew 2:16).
23. B, check Matthew 2:1-2, the star didn't lead them again until after they left Jerusalem
24. F, The birth accounts are found in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2.
25. D, Caesar commanded people to return to their ancestral homes to be counted in a census.
26. D, an angel told him in a dream, check Matthew 2:13
27. G, Matthew and Luke
28. !!!

Grading.

If you missed more than 10, then you're a Christmas FAN.

If you missed 5-9, then you're a Christmas STUDENT.

If you missed 3-5, then you're a Christmas HISTORIAN.

If you missed 1-2, then you're a Christmas LEGEND.

If you missed 0, then you're a Christmas GURU.