

ANSWERS ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

1. The correct response is C.

Quest book #1: "Masonry is a fellowship of men of like minds in their search for Truth, each working to aid the other in his efforts to attain finite perfection within himself and in every phase of his personal environment." Sometime this is rephrased to simply state, "To take good men and make them better."

- A. It could be stated that Masonry is a philosophic system of morality, but it is by no means a simple system. The allegory and symbolism used to teach the principles of Masonry have filled volumes of books.
- B. True, Masonry does enjoy many social functions and this is good. The primary function is not social.
- C. If one were to study the philosophy of Scouting through its Oath and Laws, you would see that it too, is taking good young men and attempting to make them better. There might be justification for associating Scouting with Masonry, however a more suitable association would be DeMolay. DeMolay is an organization sponsored by Masons for young men.

2. The correct response is D.

Quest book #1: "The reason for such an impersonal term is that Masonry encircles the world, drawing no line between religions but uniting men of all faiths, so long as they believe in a Supreme Being."

3. The correct response is C. In the Jurisdiction of Minnesota one member of a Lodge voting negatively on a petition is sufficient for rejection.

4. The correct response is B.

5. The correct response is C.

6. The correct response is E.

7. The correct response is C.

8. False.

9. The correct response is B.

10. The correct response is D.

11. The correct response is D. There is no distinction between any of the three.

12. The correct response is A.

Quest book #3: "You have already discovered that Masonry's method of teaching is by symbolism and allegory. Now, a symbol is the visible sign of something invisible, like an idea; for instance, the figure 7 is a symbol of the mathematical idea."

- B. True, Masonry is based on Operative Craft, but that is not the reason for using symbols; it is the reason that those tools and implements were selected to teach the principles.
- C. There could be a strong argument for this being the correct response as symbols are supposed to be something easily understood.
- D. With today's society having more and more people in "non-trade, industrial" types of jobs, these instruments may not be that familiar to many men.

13. The correct response is D.

14. The correct response is B. No one Mason speaks for all of Masonry, The Grand Master for the time being in Minnesota speaks for Minnesota Masonry on matters of policy. When a Mason writes or speaks on Masonic topics he speaks as an individual Mason, and speaks only for himself. So when someone would quote a Mason as speaking for the Masonic Fraternity they are mistaken.

15. The correct response is D.

16. The correct response is E.

Entered Apprentice Lecture 1: "we as free and accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious propose of dividing our time. It being divided into twenty-four equal parts, is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day, which we are taught to divide into three equal parts, whereby we find eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother, eight hours for our usual avocations and eight for refreshment and sleep."

C. On the contrary, Masonry regards no man for his outward appearance or achievements. Masonry is interested in the "inner" part of man.

D. Accuracy is important and Masonry strives to teach each Mason to become more perfect.

The rough ashlar is chipped away leaving the perfect ashlar that is already within. We too, are to chip away at our imperfections to reveal the more perfect aspect of our character, but ... we do not measure and keep track of those aspects of human life. We accept each, as he is ... complete with his imperfections.

17. The correct response is B

Lecture of Entered Apprentice Degree 2, page 28, "Because in Operative Masonry, the first stone of a building is usually placed in the North East corner, I was therefore placed there to receive those first instructions upon which to build my future moral and Masonic edifice."

A. True the Master was about to present you with the working tools, but that is not the reason you were placed in the N.E., the symbolism of that of a first building stone was the main reason.

B. Masonry accepts all men as equals and does not put any in special places only to "work" their way up. The only one elevated, and for a short time is the Master of the lodge.

18. The correct response is D.

19. The correct response is A. "Because the lamb has in all ages has been an emblem of purity."

20. The correct response is C. Freemasonry uses tools and implements of architecture to implant upon the memory wise and serious truths.

21. The correct response is C.

22. The correct response is B.

23. The correct response is D.

24. The correct response is: Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

25. The correct response is B.

Cipher page 10, "The design of the Masonic institution is to make its votaries wiser, better and consequently happier."

26. The correct response is A.

27. The correct response is B. While there is no dress code in Minnesota Masonry there may possibly be a dress code in an individual Lodge, (especially for its officers,).

28. The correct response is B.

"The Masonic apron can be worn outside of the Lodge only under special circumstances. Examples of such occasions are: Masonic funerals and funeral processions; Grand Lodge ceremonies (cornerstone laying, Lodge chartering, etc.); Outdoor degree work (with Grand Lodge approval)."