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This exercise is not a test of your memory. It is an exercise to help you seek out more Light and to improve your skills, knowledge and understanding of hidden mysteries within the degrees and orders of York Rite Masonry.

Answers to nearly all of the questions can be found in the quest books and the manual/ritual book. Other answers can be found on the web or within other Masonic and York Rite resources. You should also use your mentor, Brothers and Companions to find or develop your answers.

**Note:** If you do not agree with a “Provided Answer” feel free to provide your own answer along with evidence and sources information supporting your answer.

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE**

1. The Most Excellent Master degree is probably the last of the four degrees to come into the Chapter series. Who is believed to be its author?
2. John Merriweather Hopkins
3. Thomas Smith Webb
4. Hiram Mark Lodge
5. Solomon Jones Smith
6. The exact date Most Excellent Master Degree was first conferred is not known but it is believed to have come into the Chapter system between:
7. 1776 and 1786
8. 1791 and 1797
9. 1801 and 1807
10. 1811 and 1821
11. Why was the Most Excellent Master degree incorporated into the capitulars system? \_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What are the working tools of the Most Excellent Master Degree?
2. Square and Compass
3. Level and Plum
4. Chisel and Mallet
5. None, the Temple is finished
6. Upon first entering a lodge or Most Excellent Masters the candidate is received on the:
7. Square
8. Keystone
9. Level
10. Chisel
11. As a candidate how many times did you circumambulate the lodge of Most Excellent Master?
12. Three times
13. Five times
14. Six times
15. Nine times
16. What does the number of circumambulations allude to in the Most Excellent Master degree? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. What is considered the greatest symbol within the Most Excellent Master degree?
18. Hiram, the Builder
19. The Temple
20. The Lodge
21. The Arc of the Covenant
22. One of the principal lesson of Most Excellent Master degree is to?
23. Dedicate yourself to the Craft
24. Dedicate the fruits of your labor to God
25. Dedicate the fruits of your labor to your fellow man
26. Dedicate yourself to perfection of one self
27. Both B and C
28. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters is erected to God and dedicated to:
29. Adoniram
30. Hiram, the Builder
31. Hiram, King of Tyre
32. Solomon, King of Israel
33. In a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters the Bible is opened to what chapter?
34. Psalms 23
35. Ecclesiastes 12
36. Amos 7
37. Genesis 2
38. In a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters the Senior Warden is tried by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
39. How many constitute a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters?
40. Two or more
41. Three or more
42. Five or more
43. Seven or more
44. As like several degrees the Most Excellent Master degree is performed out of sequence. If the Most Excellent Master degree was performed in its proper sequence it would be after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree and before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree.
45. Why is the Junior Warden’s chair in the South draped in black? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
46. What is the setting of the Most Excellent Master degree?
47. The Temple
48. The Lodge
49. The court yard
50. The quarry
51. What are the two most important events in this degree?
52. The destruction of the Temple-Slavery of the people
53. The destruction of the Temple-loss of the Arc of the Covenant
54. The completion of the Temple-laying of the Cornerstone
55. The completion of the Temple-the dedication of the Temple

1. What does the term “for that distant Country mean?
2. Ethiopia
3. Egypt
4. Death
5. Iowa
6. What is finished during the Most Excellent Master degree and how is it completed?
7. The foundation was laid and the Temple was built on Mount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
8. The Temple was dedicated to the service of the one Living and True God on the Jewish Feast of:
9. Passover
10. Tabernacles
11. Pentecost
12. Atonement
13. King Solomon chose this feast for a very good reason, what was it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. What is the battery of knocks for the Most Excellent Master degree?
15. Three
16. Four
17. Five
18. Six
19. Why was King David was forbidden to build the Temple and by who? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. The grip of a Most Excellent Master has a name but it is also called the covering grip, why? \_\_\_\_

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Each of the holy vessels and sacred items placed within the Temple and the Sanctum Sanctorum at the dedication carry a lesson and or teach us something! What is the message of each item?

1. The censer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The shew-bread: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The light of the candlesticks: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The ark: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. The Temple and the ark with in the Holy of Holies shows us that:
6. God is all powerful
7. God is eternal
8. God is present among us
9. God is all knowing
10. One of the greatest duties of a Most Excellent Master is to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The following are the short answer essay questions. These questions don’t have a “correct” or single answers. It all about what it means to you as a man and a Mason. You may write your answer on this page or use an attached sheet.

1. Why was the Most Excellent Master degree created and by whom?
2. List and explain three or more thing the number of knocks within the battery of Most Excellent Master degree allude to or symbolizes.
3. The *Keystone* is an essential part of this degree with a great deal of symbolism attached to it. Identify and explain at least three of these symbolic means.
4. There are several important lessons within this degree. Name some (two or more) of the lessons. Which in your mind is the most important?
5. Identify one or more things that you think are a hidden meaning within this degree.
6. What is the thing within this degree that struck you the most?
7. Did you fine this exercise useful and or meaningful and why?
8. What can we do to improve or make this exercise better?