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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.

**PAST MASTER DEGREE**

1. A virtual Past Master is afforded all the rights and privileges of a duly elected Master of a Lodge. True / False
2. The Royal Arch Degree was originally conferred by the:
3. Blue Lodge
4. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
5. Grand Lodge
6. General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
7. Why was the virtual Past Master degree created? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Where did the Past Master’s degree originate?
9. The Ancients
10. The Moderns
11. The Scottish
12. Lost in the fog of time
13. In England and Canada you are required to be a Past Master to take the degrees of the Royal Arch. True / False
14. What group originally required that a Past Master only would be allowed to receive the Royal Arch Degree?
15. The Scottish
16. The French
17. The Ancients
18. The Moderns
19. In what year was the General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons organized?
20. 1779
21. 1789
22. 1799
23. 1809
24. Masonry emerged from its operative form into the speculative form in the
25. 16th Century
26. 17th Century
27. 18th Century
28. 19th Century
29. What are the three fundamental masonic symbols of the Past Master’s Degree?
30. Square, gavel, By laws
31. Masters Hat, White gloves, Cane
32. Square, gavel, Volume of Sacred Law (holy Bible)
33. Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed potatoes
34. What is the working tool of a Past Master?
35. Square
36. Compass
37. Level
38. Gavel
39. To whom is the Lodge of Past Master erected and dedicated to?
40. God and Hiram Abiff
41. God and the Holy St John
42. God and King Solomon
43. God and Zerubbabel
44. The qualities a Past Master should exhibit are:
45. Responsible Leadership
46. Moderation
47. Decorum
48. Justice
49. All the Above
50. In a Lodge of Past Masters the Bible is opened to what chapter?
51. Psalm 23
52. Ecclesiastes 12
53. Amos 7
54. Genesis 2
55. In a Lodge of Past Masters the Senior Warden is tried by the?
56. Square
57. Compass
58. Level
59. Gavel
60. How many constitute a Lodge of Past Masters?
61. Three
62. Four
63. Five
64. Six
65. The virtual Past Master degree may be designated an *American* degree because? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
66. What is the battery of knocks for the Past Master Degree?
67. Three
68. Four
69. Five
70. Six
71. The name of the Grip of a Past Master means?
72. Builder
73. Stone cutter
74. Stone-squarer
75. Master Mason
76. Who were the Giblim?
77. Metalworker
78. Woodworkers
79. Stone-squarers
80. Drink-makers
81. King Solomon’s throne is referred to as the:
82. Throne of the East
83. Great Throne
84. Chair of the East
85. Oriental Chair
86. Who is covered in the Past Master Degree?
87. The Worshipful Master
88. The Candidate
89. Everyone Present
90. Both A and B
91. The working tool of a Master is an emblem of?
92. Power
93. Authority
94. Dignity
95. Leadership
96. Some Masonic researcher’s suggest that this degree promotes?
97. New Testament, Torah, and the Koran
98. God, Lodge, Chapter
99. Earth, Wind, Fire
100. Self, Man, God
101. To truly become a Master of the Craft one must first master:
102. The ritual
103. The work
104. The cipher
105. One self
106. The Great Light in Freemasonry will guide you to all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, direct your path to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and point out to you the whole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a man.

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. What are the principal lessons of the Past Master degree?
2. What does the phrase “passing the chairs” mean with in the York Rite?
3. The Royal Arch Degree anciently required that one must be a Master of a lodge in order to become a candidate. Why did this become a problem?
4. Identify one or more things that you think are a hidden meaning within this degree.
5. What is the thing within this degree that struck you the most?
6. Did you fine this exercise useful and or meaningful and why?
7. What can we do to improve or make this exercise better?