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**Mentors:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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.

**ROYAL ARCH DEGREE**

1. The earliest known printed reference to the Royal Arch is:
2. December 1717
3. March 23, 1720
4. June 1, 1731
5. January 1743
6. The first actual record of conferring the Royal Arch degree are recorded in the Minutes of the Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. What is the minimum number of candidates for the Royal Arch degree?
8. One
9. Two
10. Three
11. Four
12. The working tools of the Royal Arch Mason are the: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Upon first entering a Chapter of Royal Arch Masters the candidates are received:
14. On the Square
15. Under a Living Arch and over a triangle
16. On the Level
17. Under the pressure of the Chisel
18. What was the lesion of your first admission into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. A Chapter of Royal Arch Masters is erected to God and dedicated to:
20. Zerubbabel
21. Hiram, the Builder
22. Hiram, King of Tyre
23. Solomon, King of Israel
24. How many constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masters?
25. Three or more
26. Five or more
27. Seven or more
28. Nine or more
29. As like several degrees the Royal Arch degree is performed out of sequence. If the Royal Arch degree was performed in its proper sequence it would be after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree and before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree.
30. What is the battery of knocks for the Royal Arch degree?
31. Three
32. Four
33. Five
34. Six
35. Seven
36. What does the battery of the Royal Arch degree allude to?
37. List the four Veils in order with their color and sigil (symbol).

1st Veil:

2nd Veil:

3rd Veil:

4th Veil:

1. What are the hazards of the Long Journey and what do they allude to?
2. What is the meaning or the signet ring of Zerubbabel? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why is the High Priest elevated above (superior in rank) to the king?
4. The High Priest breast plate has 12 stones mounted on it. What do they allude to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the motto of a Royal Arch Mason? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. God revealed Himself to Moses as:
7. The all-powerful one
8. I am that I am
9. The eternal one
10. The Omni present one
11. The great and powerful OZ
12. The four principal tribes of Israel are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. What is the birth place of father Abraham?
14. Judea
15. Egypt
16. Mesopotamia
17. Samaria
18. What does the passing of the Veils allude to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
19. What is an ark?
20. A boat or a ship
21. A box or a chest
22. A small house or hut
23. A safe or protected place
24. All of the above
25. List three things that were contained within the substitute arc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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. The original meaning of the word “arch” as it applies the Royal Arch is obscure and may have more than one meaning. List and explain some (more than two) of these meanings and how they may relate to the Royal Arch as we know it.
2. Each of the four Veils has apparent meanings they also have hidden and or esoteric meanings. Identify each of the Veils and explain their meanings. (hint: pay attention to their passwords)
3. The Long Journey from Babylon to Jerusalem is an allegory of or symbolic of what?
4. Clearing away the rubbish and removing the ruins of the old Temple represent or alludes to what?
5. How does the Royal Arch degree complete the story started in the first three degrees of the Blue Lodge?
6. Identify one or more things that you think are a hidden meaning within this degree.
7. What is the thing within this degree that struck you the most?
8. Did you fine this exercise useful and or meaningful and why?
9. What can we do to improve or make this exercise better?