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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 source information supporting your answer.

**SELECT MASTER DEGREE**

1. What was the purpose of the Secret Vault?
2. A depository for King Solomon’s crown jewels
3. A depository for important documents
4. A depository for the Arc and the other sacred treasures
5. A depository for wealth of Israel
6. How did you gain entrance to the Secret Vault?
7. By a hidden door in the Holy of Holies
8. By way of King Solomon’s most retired apartments
9. Through a tunnel under the Temple
10. Through a hidden door behind the Alter
11. How was the Secret Vault divided?
12. Into three separate chambers
13. Into five arches of apartments
14. Into seven chambers
15. Into nine arches or apartments
16. Where was the Secret Vault located?
17. Under King Solomon’s most retired apartments
18. Under the sanctum sanctorum of the Temple
19. Under the main part of the Temple
20. Under the stables
21. What do the nine arches symbolize?
22. Master Hiram identifies one thing (during his talk with Adoniram) that would be placed in the Secret Vault. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
23. List three or more items that were deposited within the Secret Vault by the order of King Solomon?
24. What year was the deposit made? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
25. As like several degrees the Select Master degree is performed out of sequence. If the Royal Master degree was performed in its proper sequence it would be after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree and before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree.
26. How many were employed in the construction of the Secret Vault?
27. 20
28. 25
29. 27
30. 29
31. Why is that number important?
32. Who does the Select Master Candidate represent?
33. Ahishar
34. Adoniram
35. Zerubbabel
36. Zabud
37. What are the regular hours of the Select Master?
38. 9 am to 5 pm
39. 9 pm to midnight
40. 10 pm to 2 am
41. 6 am to 4 pm
42. How many compose a council of Select Masters?
43. 3 or more
44. 5 or more
45. 7 or more
46. 9 or more
47. What is the battery of the Select Master degree?
48. three
49. five
50. seven
51. nine
52. What does that number allude to?
53. What is the lesson of the Select Master degree?
54. Patience and fortitude
55. Dedication and hard work
56. Take credit for no work but your own
57. Devotion and zeal
58. Loyalty and faithfulness
59. What is the meaning of the term “Ish Sodi”?
60. What was Ahishar’s fate? He was:
61. Executed
62. Exiled
63. Expelled from the Select Masters
64. Whipped
65. Why was that Ahishar’s fate?

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 was on the sides and top of the substitute arc?
2. The symbols of the Cryptic Council are the sword, the trowel and the broken triangle. Explain why they are the symbols of the Cryptic Council and what they allude to.
3. Identify one or more things that you think are a hidden meaning within this degree.
4. What is the thing within this degree that struck you the most?
5. Did you find this exercise useful and or meaningful and why?
6. What can we do to improve or make this exercise better?