Christmas competitions

The MRC Psych Part III examination

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In line with its commitment to continued postgraduate education, the Examinations' Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has secretly been producing the psychiatric equivalent of the Advanced Driving Test. A draft copy of the so-called MRC Psych Part III has fallen into our hands and is here reproduced. Please put True, False, or Don't know by the side of each question. Remember it is best not to guess as incorrect answers lose one point. The maximum score is therefore 100.

Potential candidates are invited to send their completed answers to either of the above named psychiatrists to arrive not later than 31 January 1993.

Tie-breaker

All entrants are asked to submit an alternative motto for the College.

Please write legibly.

1. The following have been in the Psychiatrists Chair:
(a) Ken Dodd
(b) Geoff Boycott
(c) Jimmy Connors
(d) Edwina Currie
(e) Jimmy Saville

2. The following statements are true:
(a) de Clérambault believed that the Queen of Norway wanted to marry him
(b) Daniel McNaughten only fired one shot at the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel
(c) Fregoli was an Italian neurologist who only changed to psychiatry late in his career
(d) Hartnup disease was first described by Klinefelter
(e) Freud had 6 children of whom the youngest was Anna

3. In the cut and thrust world of drug advertising the following images that have been used to sell drugs are correctly matched to their respective products:
(a) a puppet Thioridazine
(b) a monk tending a vegetable garden growing pills Lithium
(c) a puppet Thioridazine
(d) a dead patient Mianserin
(e) a puppet Maprotiline

4. The following are associated in some way with shock treatment:
(a) Richard O'Brien
(b) Sir Malcolm Sargent
(c) Ernest Hemingway
(d) Scarlatti
(e) Cerletti

5. The following people are matched with those drugs most associated with them:
(a) Sigmund Freud Opium
(b) Timothy Leary LSD
(c) Aldous Huxley Cocaine
(d) William Burroughs Cannabis
(e) Thomas de Quincey Ecstasy

6. The following people are associated with cadaver-faced psychiatrist Hannibal Lecter:
(a) Anthony Perkins
(b) Anthony Hopkins
(c) Thomas Harris
(d) Brian Cox
(e) Norman Tebbit

7. The following were patients of Freud:
(a) "Wolf Man"
(b) "Bat Man"
(c) "Rat Man"
(d) "Dora"
(e) "Little Willy"

8. The following films portray a psychiatrist:
(a) 'Equus'
(b) George Formby's 'Come on George'
(c) The Commitments
(d) 'Cabinet of Dr Caligari'
(e) Terry Gilliam's 'The Adventures of Baron Munchausen'

9. The following committed suicide:
(a) Virginia Woolf
(b) Albert Camus
(c) Sylvia Plath
(d) F. Scott Fitzgerald
(e) Gertrude Stein

10. The following quotes are correctly attributed:
(a) "I think for my part half the nation is mad – and the other not very sound". William Tuke
11. The following have been seen as diagnostic of mental illness:
(a) "Pink spot"
(b) "G Spot"
(c) Sexual attraction towards a member of one's own sex
(d) Methodism
(e) Accessory nipples
12. The following are relatives of Sigmund Freud:
(a) Lucien Freud
(b) Emma Freud
(c) Clement Freud
(d) Ernst Freud
(e) Martha Freud
13. The following are some of the Games People Play as outlined by Eric Berne:
(a) "Kick Me"
(b) "Now I've Got You, You Son of a Bitch"
(c) "Let Go of My Leg"
(d) "Let's Pull a Fast One on Joey"
(e) "Who is Joey, Anyway?"
14. The following phobias are correctly matched with the appropriate description:
(a) Nyctophobia – fear of cigarettes
(b) Kainophobia – fear of lightning
(c) Karaunophobia – fear of new things
(d) Kenophobia – fear of empty spaces
(e) Arachibutyrophobia – fear of peanut butter
15. Patients detained in an ordinary psychiatric hospital under the MHA (1983) may:
(a) vote in a local election
(b) have their incoming mail withheld
(c) have their outgoing mail withheld
(d) receive pocket money from the Secretary of State
(e) be married on hospital premises
16. The following were assessed by a psychiatrist after they were observed talking to their watch:
(a) Scott Tracey
(b) Virgil Tracey
(c) Lady Penelope
(d) Parker
(e) Brains
17. In 1992 Nirvana was associated with the following therapies:
(a) Electroconvulsive
(b) Monoamine oxidase inhibitor
(c) Lithium
(d) Gestalt
(e) Rational emotive
18. These artists are associated with the following songs:
(a) Primal Scream – Singing the Blues
(b) Manic Street Preachers – Suicide is Painless
(c) The Crazy World of Arthur Brown – Crazy For You
(d) The Cure – Mad World
(e) Madness – Madness
19. The following statements are true:
(a) Jung played regularly in a banjo quartet
(b) Janov spent 2 years as a child in India where he was close to death with meningitis
(c) Eysenck's autobiography is entitled Rebel With A Cause
(d) Winnicott appeared in Alfred Hitchcock's "North by North West"
(e) Bleuler possessed one of the largest butterfly and moth collections in Europe
20. Place the following people in rank order of "nearest" relative of a woman detained under the MHA (1983):
(a) illegitimate son
(b) father
(c) sister, aged 45
(d) brother, aged 30
(e) husband