



Adventure II -- The Sign of Four

Compilation of quizzes from the Diogenes Club and the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

1. Where was Dr. Watson wounded?
2. According to Holmes, what are the three qualities necessary for the ideal detective?
3. Complete this famous maxim: "Eliminate all other factors, . . ."
4. What were the initials of Dr. Watson's father?
5. What is the color of Mary Morstan's hair?
6. What had Mary Morstan received for the past six years on May 4th?
7. What had happened to the most winning woman that Holmes had known to this point?
8. Who in the story was once the lightweight boxing champion of England?
9. Where was the treasure found?
10. What was the value of the treasure?
11. What does "Le mauvais gout meme au crime" mean in English?
12. What is Tokay?
13. In what other adventure is Tokay mentioned?
14. In what other adventures is the "Eliminate all other factors . . ." maxim found?
15. How did McMurdo know Sherlock Holmes?
16. What is a snib?
17. "...when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, _____, must be the truth."
18. Upon entering Poindicherry Lodge, Sherlock Holmes swings the lantern left by the guide around the house and peers at the rubbish heaps which cumbered the grounds. What is Watson doing?
19. What is the name of the person who was murdered?
20. What inspector visited the murder scene?
21. What is the name of the man with a wooden stump?
22. The man with the wooded stump had a companion. From where did this companion hail?
23. What was the name of the steam launch?
24. Who reports to Holmes on the activities of the Baker Street irregulars?

25. In which non-Sherlockian story did Conan Doyle bring to life boxing in the pre-Queensbury period?
26. Translate: Il n's a pas des sots si incommodes que ceux qui ont de l'esprit.
27. Translate: Wir sind gewohnt das die Menschen verhöhnen sie nicht verstehen.
28. At the beginning of Chapter 9 (A Break in the Chain) Holmes tells Watson that he should not tell Miss Morstan and Mrs. Forrester too much. Why?
29. When Holmes returned to Baker Street as an old man, what observation did Athelney Jones make?
30. What is the answer to Holmes' question: "Is there anything to mark it as a police boat?"
31. Where was the Aurora taken for minor repairs?
32. Why was Jonathan Small easy to capture at the end of the chase?
33. What was the name of "that little hell hound?"
34. Should Jonathan Small have escaped, where was he eventually headed?
35. After the boat chase on the Thames, where was the great Agra treasure to be found?
36. How did Jonathan Small lose his leg?
37. Who were the members of the Sign of Four?
38. What is a Feringhee?
39. Where was Jonathan Small born?
40. How many grouse in a brace?
41. At the end of the adventure, Watson got a wife, what did Holmes get?
42. What percent solution of cocaine did Holmes offer to Watson?
43. What kind of pipe did Thaddeus Sholto smoke?
44. Which French detective did Holmes say had consulted him?
45. I never make exceptions. An exception disproves the _____.
46. According to Major Sholto, what killed Captain Morstan?
47. How does Holmes know the letter and boxes sent to Mary were addressed by the same person?
48. What specific monograph does Holmes discuss in the opening scene?
49. How much time passed between Morstan's disappearance and Mary's request for Holmes' assistance?
50. Thaddeus Sholto says, "I am compelled to be a valetudinarian." What does 'valetudinarian' mean?
51. How does Holmes know Watson's brother was in debt several times?
52. Where did Toby live?
53. Whom does Inspector Jones arrest for the murder of Bartholomew Sholto?
54. Whom does Holmes hire to help him find the missing boat?

55. How does Holmes know the man who escaped by the rope did it too quickly?
56. How does Holmes know the poison used to kill Sholto is a type of strychnine?
57. Why is the tiny-footed person so easy to track?
58. What did the dog track down after several blocks?
59. How much did Holmes offer the Irregular who found the launch?
60. Where does Mrs. Forrester live?
61. What marked the launch Holmes and Watson took as a police boat?
62. How many yards did Holmes visit before finding the right boat transporting Jonathan Small?
63. Jonathan Small planned to sail on the Esmerelda to what country?
64. What did Watson use to open the box?
65. Where did the treasure end up?
66. What was the name of Mordecai Smith's launch?
67. In England, how did Sholto and Tonga earn a living?
68. How many years does Jonathan Small wait to get the treasure?
69. Who helped Jonathan Small and Tonga in the Sholto house?
70. Which of these characters helped Small steal the treasure from the Sholto's?
71. How does Sherlock cope with not having a mystery to solve?
72. What sort of gem did Major Sholto send to Mary?
73. Which of these characters was not arrested?
 - a) Thaddeus Sholto
 - b) Mordecai Smith
 - c) Mrs. Bernstone
 - d) Mrs. Forrester
74. What relationship do Watson and Mary have at the end of the novel?
75. What sort of farm did Small work on after losing his leg?
76. What did Small ultimately do with the treasure?
77. Which item provides the scent that Toby follow as part of the investigation?
78. How did Small enter the Sholto's house?
79. How much was the treasure worth?

Quiz Answers

1. In this story – the leg.
2. Power of observation and deduction, and knowledge
3. And the one which remains must be the truth
4. H. W.
5. Blonde
6. A very large lustrous pearl
7. She was hung for poisoning 3 children for insurance money
8. Williams – the driver
9. In a sealed garret above a room in the house
10. Not less than half a million sterling
11. Bad taste leads to crime.
12. A Hungarian wine made from 3 types of grapes; it is fortified, similar to brandy
13. His Last Bow – Holmes and Watson share a bottle
14. Beryl Coronet, Bruce-Partington Plans, Blanced Soldier
15. Fought him in a boxing benefit
16. A lock
17. however improbable
18. Holding Mary Morstan’s hand
19. Bartholomew Sholto
20. Athelney Jones
21. Jonathan Small
22. Andaman Islands
23. Aurora
24. Wiggins
25. Rodney Stone
26. There are no fools so troublesome as those who have some wit
27. We are used to see Man despises what he never comprehends
28. “Women are never to be entirely trusted – not the best of them.”
29. “You would have made an actor and a rare one.”
30. “Yes, that green lamp at the side.”
31. Jacobson’s Yard
32. His wooden peg sunk in the mud
33. Tonga
34. The Brazils
35. At the bottom of the Thames
36. Bit off by a crocodile
37. Jonathan Small, Mahomet Singh, Abdullah Kahn, and Dost Akbar
38. Any European
39. Worcestershire, born near Pershore
40. Two
41. Cocaine
42. 7 per cent
43. Hookah
44. Francois le Villard
45. Rule
46. Heart attack while they were arguing, and hit his head on the treasure chest
47. The letters “e” and “s” are the same
48. Distinction between Ashes of various tobaccos
49. 10 years
50. In delicate or weak health
51. The number of pawnbroker marks on the watch
52. Pinchin Lane
53. Thaddeus Sholto
54. The Baker Street Irregulars
55. Blood marks on the rope
56. The hardness of Sholto’s muscles
57. He had stepped in creosote
58. A barrel of creosote
59. A guinea
60. Camberwell
61. The green lamp on the side
62. 16
63. Brazil
64. A Poker
65. The bottom of the Thames
66. The Aurora

67. Exhibiting Tonga at fairs

68. 20 years

69. The butler, Lai Rao

70. Tonga

71. He turns to drugs

72. Pearls

73. d) Mrs. Forrester

74. Fiances

75. Indigo

76. Dumped it in the Thames

77. Creosote

78. Through the trap door

79. Half a million sterling

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