

Andromeda Strain Quiz 1

Multiple Choice - Part 1

1. What is Lt. Shawn looking at with a pair of binoculars at the start of the book?

- a) his brother's backyard
- b) two purple vans with peace symbols
- c) the town of Piedmont, Arizona
- d) a couple of bears

2. What is the population of Piedmont, Arizona?

- a) 48
- b) 2033
- c) 15
- d) 100

3. What does the narrator say about Lieutenant Shawn's life?

- a) that these are the last few moments he will live
- b) that he is young and has a long life ahead of him
- c) that he is soon to start college
- d) that he's been wasting it

4. Who is in the van with Lt. Shawn?

- a) his dog, a german shepard
- b) no one, he's alone
- c) Private Lewis Crane
- d) his brother and nephew

5. What does Private Crane do for Lt. Shawn?

- a) nothing, there is no Private Crane
- b) he is Lt. Shawn's electronics technician
- c) cooks his meals
- d) drives the van

6. Why do the two men have radio-directional equipment on the van?

- a) to be able to track aircraft
- b) to triangulate the position of the Scoop satellite
- c) to find the town of Piedmont
- d) to find a good radio station

7. Why are the private and lieutenant looking for the Scoop satellite?

- a) they're supposed to destroy it
- b) it is their mission to recover it
- c) they're curious about what it looks like
- d) they want to sell it to another country

8. What does their nighttime surveillance reveal?

- a) all the houses are lit up
- b) a pack of dogs are barking at a door
- c) no activity in the town
- d) a big town party in the center of town

9. What do they see in the sky over Piedmont?

- a) two cats fighting on a fence
- b) a couple of teenagers breaking into a store
- c) large black birds flying in a circular pattern
- d) a radio blaring rock music

10. Where is Mission Control for Project Scoop located?

- a) NASA headquarters in Birmingham
- b) Ft. Sill, Oklahoma
- c) Vandenberg Airforce Base
- d) Washington, D.C.

11. What is Caper One?

- a) the name of Lt. Shawn's german shepard
- b) a set-up to catch a drug dealer
- c) the name of the Scoop satellite's mission
- d) the name of Lt. Shawn's mission

12. What does Lt. Shawn do as he approaches Piedmont?

- a) leaves his radio on after calling in
- b) stops and tells Private Crane to get out and wait for him on the hill
- c) turns off his headlights so no one can see him
- d) pulls on a biological agent suit

13. What do Lt. Shawn and Pvt. Crane find in Piedmont?

- a) no people on the streets
- b) the traffic light doesn't work
- c) dead bodies in the middle of the street
- d) just a town with people going about their business

14. What does Lt. Comroe at mission control do when told about the bodies?

- a) starts to shake and runs out of the room
- b) calls his sister and tells her to get out of Arizona
- c) calls for a security lock down
- d) faints

15. Who is walking among the bodies?

- a) an old man in a white robe
- b) several dogs pulling on the clothes
- c) a couple of house cats
- d) the town doctor

16. What's the last thing Lt. Comcoe hears from the radio?

- a) someone pounding on Lt. Shawn's van door
- b) the man in the white robe talking to Shawn
- c) Crane calling out in a high-pitched scream
- d) two dogs barking and growling at each other

17. What does the narrator say the nature of all national crises prior to the scientific boom was?

- a) all national crises were economical in nature
- b) all national crises were educational in nature
- c) all national crises were medical in nature
- d) all national crises were political in nature

18. What brought about the first scientific crisis in history?

- a) the discovery of the atom
- b) the discovery of an alien space ship
- c) the advent of modern science
- d) the invasion of aliens

19. What were the first two scientific crises in history?

- a) the atomic energy and space capability crises
- b) a viable solar energy system and splitting the atom
- c) the flu epidemic of 1918 and electrical power generation
- d) finding a vaccine for small pox and the Andromeda Strain

20. What spurred significant advances in biological science?

- a) the discovery of germs
- b) a cure for cancer
- c) the polio vaccine
- d) the invention of antibiotics

21. What kind of theory did noted scholar, Alfred Pockran, have about national crises?

- a) crises are created by the individual men involved in the events
- b) crisis always have a beginning and end
- c) crisis are created by politicians for good ratings
- d) crisis are created by enemies of the nation

22. Who is Major Arthur Manchek?

- a) the air force officer who flew a jet over Piedmont
- b) the man who came up with the Wildfire idea
- c) advisor to the president on the Scoop project
- d) Chief Duty Officer and man in charge of all Scoop Project activities

23. What does Major Arthur Manchek order when he hears of the radio silence at Piedmont?

- a) he orders Lt. Comcoe to send a message to Crane on a secret channel
- b) he orders a Scavenger plane to make a flyby over Piedmont
- c) he orders a national guard unit into Piedmont
- d) he orders a helicopter to Piedmont

24. What does Samuel "Gunner" Wilson, pilot of the Scavenger plane see as he flies over Piedmont?

- a) an old Ford with its lights flashing
- b) he doesn't see anything, it's too dark
- c) a line of bodies stretched out below him in the center of Piedmont.
- d) the white robed man jumping up and down and waving

25. What does Jagger show Manchek on a conference call?

- a) a paper with TOP SECRET printed on it
- b) a red coded phone that connects to Wildfire
- c) he doesn't show them anything, they're on a phone
- d) the infrared film images of the town

26. What do the white spots on Jagger's film indicate?

- a) solar flares occurring
- b) that water fell on the film
- c) that the camera picked up the flares on the ground
- d) human bodies, dead or alive

27. What does Jagger conclude about the white spots, based on the temperature?

- a) it's quite cold in Piedmont right now
- b) it's very hot in Piedmont right now
- c) forty-seven of the bodies are definitely dead
- d) Crane and Shawn might still be alive

28. On Jagger's film, one of the white images is in motion. What does that mean?

- a) there is a very large buzzard flying at almost ground level
- b) there is a survivor
- c) the pilot went too fast when he shot the film
- d) the camera moved when it shot the picture

29. What does Manchek do after he finishes the call with Jagger?

- a) meets his wife for breakfast
- b) decides to call for a state of emergency
- c) goes to bed
- d) takes his dog for a walk

30. After going to code red, what does Manchek do?

- a) calls out the National Guard
- b) hesitates before making his next move
- c) calls the President of the United States
- d) takes a helicopter to Piedmont

31. What briefing does Manchek think about when reviewing what Jagger has told him?

- a) the briefing about space travel
- b) about what to do in a state of emergency
- c) about the briefing on how to call the President
- d) the briefing he received on Project Wildfire

32. What is Project Wildfire?

- a) a project to reforest burnt land
- b) a program they taught in school
- c) a high-tech laboratory, plus a team of scientists
- d) a think tank of politicians

33. What does Project Wildfire do?

- a) investigates possible extraterrestrial life forms introduced to earth by returning spacecraft.
- b) investigates forest fires in America
- c) investigates any epidemic of Asian origin
- d) investigates NASA projects

34. How does Manchek contact Wildfire?

- a) he has to call his superior officer
- b) he has to call the White House
- c) he has been given a business card with a contact number
- d) his contact is in the next building on the base

35. How does the information needed to contact Wildfire read?

- a) IN CASE OF FIRE - Notify SECURITY OFFICER 37
- b) IN CASE OF FIRE -- Notify Division 87 -- Emergencies Only
- c) IN CASE OF FIRE - Notify the FBI
- d) IN CASE OF FIRE - Notify the fire department

36. What does the narrator say about the men of Wildfire that will affect the outcome of the work?

- a) the men are only looking after their own interest
- b) the men have some fatal flaws, which will escalate the crisis
- c) the men are actually aliens wanting to harm the world
- d) the men don't really know what to do