

## 12. Eighteenth-Century Prose Quiz



1. In which year was Charles II restored to the throne of England?

- a) 1660
- b) 1670
- c) 1680
- d) 1690

2. Which of the following events is described in Pepys' diary?

- a) The Second Anglo-Dutch War of 1665–7
- b) The Great Plague of 1665
- c) The Great Fire of London of 1666
- d) All of the above

3. As a 15-year-old schoolboy, Samuel Pepys witnessed the execution of which of the following monarchs?

- a) Charles II
- b) James I
- c) Charles I
- d) James II

4. What was the reaction of Samuel Pepys after having witnessed the execution of two well-known criminals?

- a) Distress
- b) Shock
- c) Rage
- d) Indifference

5. Pepys was an avid theatre-goer. How many theatre visits in total are mentioned in his diary?

- a) Over 50
- b) Over 100
- c) Over 200
- d) Over 300

**6. *The Spectator* was a daily publication of 1711–12. Who founded it?**

- a) Joseph Jonson and Richard Peele
- b) Joseph Richardson and Richard Steele
- c) Joseph Addison and Richard Steele**
- d) Joseph Steele and Richard Addison

**7. In the introductory issue of *The Spectator*, the goal of the publication was stated. Which word is missing from the following fragment of the statement?**

“(...) to enliven morality with ....., and to temper ..... with morality”

**(wit)**

**8. The brain which appears fictionally dissected in issue 275 of *The Spectator* belongs to which of the following characters?**

- a) A wit
- b) A beau**
- c) A priest
- d) A coquette

**9. *The Spectator* was strictly neutral between the Whigs and the Tories. True or false?**

- a) True**
- b) False

**10. In Samuel Johnson’s *Preface to his Edition of Shakespeare’s Plays*, the author defends Shakespeare’s mixing of tragic and comic elements. True or false?**

- a) True**
- b) False