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LIBERAL HISTORY QUIZ 2014

The 2014 Liberal history quiz was a feature of the History Group's exhibition stand at the Liberal Democrat conference in Glasgow last October; the questions were (mostly) drawn from our new booklet *Liberal Thinkers*. The winner, with a rather impressive 20 marks out of 20, was lain Sharpe. We also included anyone answering at least five questions correctly in a draw for a second prize: the winner was Alan Sherwell. Below we reprint the questions – the answers are on page 29.

- 1. Which work by John Stuart Mill serves as the symbol of office of the President of the Liberal Democrats?
- 2. Which liberal thinker was MP for Berwick-on-Tweed from 1944 to 1945?
- 3. Which thinker and writer on the role of the state and capitalism had an SDP think-tank named after him?
- 4. Which liberal thinker's head is stored in a fridge?
- 5. Which champion of civil liberties and religious toleration served as Foreign Secretary under three different prime ministers?
- 6. Which liberal thinker is said to have gone straight from the declaration of the poll, when he was elected town councillor, to lecture on Kant's *The Critique of Pure Reason*?
- 7. Which great advocate of land reform and taxation ran as the United Labor Party candidate for mayor of New York in 1886 coming second but beating the Republican hopeful, Theodore Roosevelt, into third place?
- 8. She was a radical, feminist thinker; her daughter wrote one of the most enduring horror stories in the English language. Who were they?
- 9. Where is the 'Rights of Man' pub, and why is it there?
- 10. John Stuart Mill, who wrote books, was defeated in the 1868 general election by his Tory opponent, who sold books. Who was his opponent?
- 11. Who wrote after the 1929 election that he was 'sorry that the Liberals did not get more seats, as I think (I know it's blasphemy) they carry more brains to the square inch than Labour'?
- 12. Which Liberal thinker held office under Oliver Cromwell's government, having responsibility for dealing with all foreign correspondence?
- 13. Which book is generally acknowledged as the only feminist classic written by a male author?
- 14. The philosopher Bertrand Russell once said that: 'Every time I argued with XX, I felt I was taking my life in my hands'. Who was XX?
- 15. In what work did a liberal thinker call for 'the liberty to know, to utter and to argue freely according to conscience above all liberties'?
- 16. Who, in the 1830s, argued that 'women's 'minds are degenerated by habits of dependence' caused by marriage, and called for the education of women and also for the right of divorce 'without any reason assigned'?
- 17. Which liberal thinker wrote in 1776: 'There is no art which one government sooner learns of another than that of draining money from the pockets of the people?'
- 18. What was the name of the organisation founded in 1953, principally under the influence of Elliott Dodds, which aimed to produce the first fullscale publication on the attitudes and policies of British Liberalism since the 'Yellow Book'?
- 19. Which husband-and-wife team of liberal thinkers concentrated in their work upon the effects and costs of the decline of the traditional village and the rise of industry?
- 20. Which much-loved Liberal Democrat, it is argued in his entry in the *Dictionary of Liberal Thought*, 'helped to make the party feel good about itself'?