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“DO YOU KNOW...?”

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Are you up on your textile and clothing terms? The editors thought they were, too, until they tried this quiz. We averaged eight correct answers. Can you top us?

1. If you were asked to look at a piece of frieze, the clerk would show you (a) a type of delicate lace (b) an upholstery fabric (c) a filmy material.

2. Bunting is best described as (a) a soft flannel material (b) an open porous fabric (c) an absorbent cotton material.

3. Crocking is something to watch for since it is (a) the cracking of material because of too much sizing (b) a new method used for dying materials (c) a tendency of excess dye to rub off.

4. Antique lace can be distinguished from other types of lace because of its (a) more delicate flower design made by needlepoint (b) heavier and irregular appearance caused by a bobbin (c) woven tape motifs joined by a variety of flat stitches.

5. A paisley design gives (a) an oriental (b) an Indian (c) a peasant appearance to a garment or shawl.

6. The main difference in various types of cotton is due to (a) heaviness of the yarn (b) closeness of the weave (c) fiber length.

7. The natural color of unbleached cotton, wool, or silk fabrics and laces is called (a) guanaco (b) ecru (c) meisen.

8. Tapa cloth comes from the (a) Pacific islands (b) Tibet (c) South America.

9. A term for yarns that have two different yarns or colors, one twisted around the other is (a) twill (b) tow (c) marl.

10. (a) Dacron (b) Acetate (c) Rayon is the slowest drying of the man-made fibers.

I point for each correct answer

1. (b) Frieze is an upholstery fabric which usually has uncut loops.
2. (b) Bunting is an open porous fabric, in the true sense a worsted yarn fabric. It is sometimes a cotton fabric resembling cheese cloth and often used for flags and decorations.
3. (c) The term crocking refers to the tendency of excess dyes to rub off. Napped and pile fabrics in deep colors are most likely to crock.
4. (b) Antique lace is a hand-made bobbin lace of heavy thread with large, often irregular, square knotted net on which designs are darned.
5. (a) Paisley is a printed or woven design imitating the oriental design originally woven in cashmere shawls.
6. (c) Differences in types and grades of cotton is due to the fiber length. Usually, the longer the fiber, the better the quality of cotton.
7. (b) Ecru is the correct answer here. Guanaco is fleece hair from an undomesticated scarce animal, a forerunner of the llama and alpaca. Meisen refers to a plain silk weave with fancy variations of crosses in white or color.
8. (a) Tapa cloth is a fabric or cloth pounded out in flat unwoven webs by the natives of the Pacific islands from the bark of the paper mulberry tree.
9. (c) This is a description of the term marl. Twill is generally a weave with diagonal rib lines while tow refers to large number of continuous ray on filament collected in a loose rope-like form without a definite twist.
10. (c) Rayon is the slowest drying of the fibers, next acetate and then dacron which dries quickly.

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6-8 Nice to meet you, mademoiselle.
4-6 You’re OK gal.
1-4 In science?

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