

## The Anal Retentive Professor's Final Exam

**Instructions:** Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. Time limit: 2 hours. Begin immediately.

**History:** Describe the history of the Papacy from its origins to the present day, concentrating especially, but not exclusively, on its social, political, economic, religious and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America and Africa. Be concise and specific.

**Medicine:** You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture until your work has been inspected. You have fifteen minutes.

**Public Speaking:** 2500 riot-crazed aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.

**Biology:** Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effect on the English Parliamentary System. Prove your thesis.

**Music:** Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.

**Psychology:** Based on your knowledge of their works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment, and repressed frustrations of each of the following: Alexander of Aphrodisis, Rameses II, Hammurabi. Support your evaluation with quotations from each man's work, making appropriate references. It is not necessary to translate.

**Sociology:** Estimate the sociological problems which might accompany the end of the world. Construct an experiment to test your theory.

**Engineering:** The disassembled parts of a high-powered rifle have been placed on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In 10 minutes, a hungry bengal tiger will be admitted to the room. Take whatever action you feel necessary. Be prepared to justify your decision.

**Economics:** Develop a realistic plan for refinancing the national debt. Trace the possible effects of your plan in the following areas: Cubism, the Donatist Controversy and the Wave

**Theory of Light:** Outline a method for preventing these effects. Criticize this method from all possible points of view. Point out the deficiencies in your point of view, as demonstrated in your answer to the last question.

**Political Science:** There is a red telephone on the desk beside you. Start World War III. Report at length on its socio-political effects if any.

**Epistemology:** Take a position for or against truth. Prove the validity of your stand.

**Physics:** Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.

**Philosophy:** Sketch the development of human thought. Estimate its significance. Compare with the development of any other kind of thought.

**General Knowledge:** Describe in detail. Be objective and specific.

## SELF-DEFEATING STATEMENTS

"I think all extremists should be shot.,,"

"I hate all those people who make generalisations.,,"

"I used to be apathetic, but now I just don't care.,,"

"I used to be indecisive, but now I just don't know.,,"

"I've decided that I procrastinate too much, but I'm going to change that in a week or so.,,"

"The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up.,,"

"I used to be conceited, but now I'm perfect.,,"

"Once I thought I was wrong, but I was mistaken.,,"

"I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.,,"

"Thank God for atheism.,,"  
"I'm not conceited. Conceit is a fault and I have no faults.,,"

"I'm not arrogant, I'm just better than you.,,"

