

Some Points Of Interest About
THE MUSGRAVE RITUAL

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Questions – 43 points possible

Q 1. The memorabilia Holmes retained from *The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual* consisted of four items. Name them, (1 to 4 points)

A 1. _____.

A 2. _____.

A 3. _____.

A 4. _____.

Q 2. How did Holmes become acquainted with Reginald Musgrave? (1 point)

A. _____.

Q 3. Holmes tells Watson that Reginald Musgrave had an aristocratic appearance. He then mentions four descriptors. Per Holmes Musgrave was . . . (1 to 4 points)

A 1. _____.

A 2. _____.

A 3. _____.

A 4. _____.

Q 4. Holmes reckoned Hurlstone Manor to be the oldest occupied dwelling in Western Sussex. Seeing Reginald Musgrave's "pale, keen face" and the aristocratic "poise of his head" caused Holmes to associate him with three things about Hurlstone. Name them. (1 to 3 points)

A 1. _____.

A 2. _____.

A 3. _____.

Q 5. Hurlstone Manor required an extensive staff. Musgrave identified and enumerated the servants or groups of servants to Holmes. Name both number and function. (1 to 7 points)

A 1. _____.

A 2. _____.

A 3. _____.

A 4. _____.

A 5. _____.

A 6. _____.

A 7. _____.

Q 6. The butler at Hurlstone, Brunton, is recalled by everyone who visits the ancient Manor. Musgrave tells Holmes several details about the man. Enumerate them. (1 to 9 points)

A 1. His age: _____.

A 2. His years in service at Hurlstone: _____.

A 3. His prior occupation: _____.

A 4. An accomplishment not related to his work: _____.

A 5. Another accomplishment unrelated to his work: _____.

A 6. His marital status: _____.

A 7. His behavior toward female staff. _____.

A 8. He broke an engagement with: Name and descriptor - _____.

A 9. He took up with: Name and descriptor - _____.

Q 7. On the night of Brunton's disgrace, Musgrave was kept awake by what? Exact description, please. (1 point)

A. _____.

Q 8. Musgrave decided to do continue reading a novel he had started earlier but he had left the book where? (1 point)

A. _____.

Q 9. Moving through the house he saw an unexpected light coming from one of the rooms. Which room? (1 point)

A. _____.

Q 10. When Brunton disappeared he left behind clothes, watch and money. To Musgrave's surprise, however, he left one other item and took another. Name these items. (1-2-points)

A 1: Left behind: _____.

A 2. Took with him: _____.

Q 11. Sir Reginald described the Musgrave ancestor connected to The Ritual in two interrelated ways. Cite them. (1-2 points)

A 1. He was _____.

A 2. And he was _____.

Q 12. To work out the riddle of The Ritual, Holmes gathers some facts and develops others by experimentation and observation. Cite these facts. (1-5 points)

A 1. Girth of ancient oak tree: _____.

A 2. Height of ancient elm: _____.

A 3. Height of fishing pole used in experiment: _____.

A 4. Length of fishing pole's shadow: _____.

A 5. Calculated length of tree's shadow: _____.

Q 13. The hiding place of the Musgrave "treasure" is a pit under a cellar floor. Cite its measurements. (1-2 points)

A 1. How many feet square? _____.

A 2. How deep? _____.

Q 14. The Musgrave Ritual was created to safeguard a historic object. Name it. (1 point)

A. _____.