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How much do you know about Downton Abbey, Season 3?

1. What is the name of Cora’s American mother?

A. Gloria Mayfield  
B. Martha Levinson  
C. Margaret Dickinson  
D. June Rutherford

Answer: B. The notoriously American Martha Levinson sweeps into Downton Abbey with her unapologetic endorsement of the future. Unflappably forward thinking (even her maid is modern!), Martha freely offers her perspective – whether solicited or not. A welcomed breath of fresh air to some (Isobel), to others (Robert), she is a presence that must be tolerated. To Violet, her diametrical opposite, she is a philosophical opponent—until she and her money—could once again prove useful to Downton Abbey.

2. What is the name of the company that Robert invests (and loses) all of Downton’s fortune to at the beginning of Season 3?

A. Pennsylvania Railroad  
B. Union Pacific Railroad  
C. Grand Trunk Railway  
D. National Transcontinental Railway

Answer: C. Robert Crawley has sunk his American heiress wife’s fortune into Canada’s Grand Trunk Railway. To say it wasn’t a good investment would be an understatement, as he finds out that he’ll lose it all upon the railway’s imminent bankruptcy. Without any readily apparent means to fund the lavish lifestyle and household staff that are part and parcel of manor life, the family is divided over whether to keep fighting to save the Downton legacy or to sell the manor and—horror of all horrors—downgrade to a simpler way of life.

3. Alfred, the new footman, is related to whom?

A. Ms. O’Brien  
B. Mr. Carson  
C. Thomas  
D. Anna Bates

Answer: A. As Sarah O’Brien’s nephew, Alfred Nugent benefits from her protection...until he suffers from it. Either way, he muddles on, largely oblivious, preoccupied with trying to live up to Carson’s demands and to catch the attention of the pretty new kitchenmaid, Ivy.
4. What was Alfred’s occupation before being hired as a footman at Downton Abbey?

A. Hotel waiter  
B. Factory worker  
C. Lawyer  
D. Clergy

Answer: A. With no training as a footman, the awkward former hotel waiter has two inescapable facts that impact his life downstairs: his exceptional, unconventional height, and his relation to O’Brien.

5. Who finally confirms the legitimacy of the letter from Lavinia, allowing Matthew to accept the inheritance left by her father?

A. Anna  
B. Daisy  
C. Mrs. Patmore  
D. Ms. O’Brien

Answer: B. Daisy confirms that she posted a letter for Lavinia shortly before her death but neglected to tell any of the staff as everyone was too preoccupied with events in the house.

6. Daisy finally gets a promotion to...?

A. Deputy Kitchen Chef  
B. Sous-Chef  
C. Pantry Supervisor  
D. Assistant Cook

Answer D. After a few misguided attempts, including an unsuccessful strike, Daisy finally gets promoted to Assistant Cook by Mrs. Patmore. But pretty new kitchen maid, Ivy, soon takes some of the joy out of the promotion.

7. What is the pregnancy complication that Dr. Clarkson detects of Sybil, but is stubbornly ignored by Robert’s obstetrician of choice, Sir Philip Tapsell?

A. Pre-eclampsia  
B. Gestational diabetes  
C. Chorioamnionitis  
D. Toxoplasmosis

Answer: A. Dr. Clarkson is certain that Sybil has eclampsia, a life-threatening complication of pregnancy. He insists that she be taken at once to the local hospital for a cesarean section, which is the only hope of saving her. But Sir Philip is adamant that she is perfectly safe at Downton. Robert agrees with Sir Philip and unfortunately, they stay at Downton.
8. Isobel invites the mourning women of Downton over to her house for a lunch prepared and served by Ethel. But the gathering gets interrupted by Robert because of Ethel’s former occupation as a…?

A. Governess  
B. Prostitute  
C. Housemaid  
D. Secretary

Answer: B. The former housemaid left Downton Abbey in disgrace after conceiving a child with a recovering soldier. Her struggle to survive with her child led to an unfortunate turn as a prostitute until Isobel took pity on her and took her into her home.

9. After being jilted at the altar, Edith decides to take on a new career as a…?

A. Flapper  
B. Nurse  
C. Journalist  
D. Chauffer

Answer: C. Edith is casting about to make something of herself after her humiliation at the altar. She takes up the cause of women’s suffrage, getting a forthright letter published in the Times, and eventually winds up with a regular column in the newspaper.

10. What is the nickname of Robert’s cousin in Scotland?

A. Horsey  
B. Scotsy  
C. Flinty  
D. Shrimpy

Answer: D. Hugh “Shrimpy” MacClare, Marquess of Flintshire, is Laird of Duneagle, a magnificent castle in the Scottish Highlands. While Robert covets Shrimpy's ancestral pile, there is nothing to envy in Shrimpy's loveless marriage to Violet's unhappy niece, Susan. Often antagonizing his wife by trying to protect their free-spirited daughter, Rose, from Susan's over-critical eye, Shrimpy is concerned about Rose's well-being, especially if a foreign office posting requires him to take his family to India.