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## Revision

# Dissolution of the monasteries

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Test your knowledge of the dissolution of the monasteries with these multiple-choice questions. Answers can be found on the final page.

## Questions

1. In what year were the smaller monasteries closed?
  - a. 1535
  - b. 1536
  - c. 1537
2. How much income did the smaller monasteries have?
  - a. Less than £100 p.a.
  - b. Less than £200 p.a.
  - c. Less than £500 p.a.
3. What was the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*?
  - a. Census of church wealth
  - b. Report on the condition of monasteries
  - c. A list of monastic abuses
4. In which of these countries had monasteries already been dissolved?
  - a. Scotland
  - b. Poland
  - c. Germany
5. Who promised to make Henry 'the richest man in Christendom'?
  - a. Cromwell
  - b. Wolsey
  - c. Rich

6. Which was the final abbey to be dissolved?
  - a. Rievaulx
  - b. St Albans
  - c. Waltham
7. How much wealth did Henry gain from the sale of monastic land?
  - a. £1 million
  - b. £1.3 million
  - c. £1.5 million
8. Which of the following writers had criticised monasteries?
  - a. Erasmus
  - b. Moore
  - c. Cranmer
9. Who had Henry appointed as the king's vicegerent?
  - a. Cranmer
  - b. Cromwell
  - c. Rich
10. What name was given to the book compiled by Cromwell's agents that looked at the transgressions and abuses committed by monks?
  - a. *Comperta Monastica*
  - b. *Valor Ecclesiasticus*
  - c. Black rubric
11. Which of the following did not carry out visitations of the monasteries?
  - a. Richard Layton
  - b. Thomas Legh
  - c. Richard Rich
12. Approximately how many houses were closed by the First Act of Dissolution?
  - a. 200
  - b. 300
  - c. 400
13. How many houses were exempted from the First Act?
  - a. 57
  - b. 67
  - c. 77

14. When was the Second Act of Dissolution passed?
- a. 1538
  - b. 1539
  - c. 1540
15. A number of abbots were executed for resistance. Where was Richard Whiting abbot of?
- a. Glastonbury
  - b. Reading
  - c. Colchester
16. How many religious houses had Wolsey dissolved in the 1520s?
- a. Under 10
  - b. 10–20
  - c. Over 20
17. Which monks provided the strongest opposition to the closures in the 1530s?
- a. Carthusians
  - b. Benedictines
  - c. Cistercians
18. Which monastery in England had the highest income?
- a. Westminster
  - b. Glastonbury
  - c. Canterbury, Christ Church
19. The income from monasteries was how many times greater than Henry's income from crown lands?
- a. 2
  - b. 3
  - c. 4
20. Which government department handled the wealth Henry gained from the Dissolution?
- a. Court of Augmentations
  - b. Court of First Fruits
  - c. Exchequer
21. How many former abbeys became bishoprics?
- a. 4
  - b. 5
  - c. 6

22. Which of the following Oxford colleges was established as a result of the dissolution?
- a. New College
  - b. Christ Church
  - c. Magdalen
23. In what year was Henry VIII excommunicated?
- a. 1536
  - b. 1537
  - c. 1538
24. The monks of which abbey are thought to have written the Pilgrims Ballad?
- a. Fountains
  - b. Sawley
  - c. Rievaulx
25. At which town in Lincolnshire did the Pilgrimage of Grace begin?
- a. Louth
  - b. Horncastle
  - c. Lincoln

**Answers can be found on the next page.**

## Answers

- 1     b
- 2     b
- 3     a
- 4     c
- 5     a
- 6     c
- 7     b
- 8     a
- 9     b
- 10    a
- 11    c
- 12    c
- 13    b

- 14    b
- 15    a
- 16    c
- 17    a
- 18    b
- 19    b
- 20    a
- 21    c
- 22    b
- 23    c
- 24    b
- 25    a

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