

That Which is Called Madness ...

As it is (nominally) Spring, when ‘a livelier Iris changes on the burnished dove ... and a young man’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love’, as Tennyson would have it, here’s a wake-up call for the hibernating romantic nodules of your brain ... the first set of correct answers to reach us by **7th April 2008** will win an exciting book, which may or may not be a Medical Romance.

1. Which of these titles is not published by Harlequin/Mills and Boon?
 - a) *Virgin Slave, Barbarian King*
 - b) *The Doctor’s Pregnancy Bombshell*
 - c) *The King’s Passionate Princess*
 - d) *The Mediterranean Millionaire’s Reluctant Mistress*
2. Who is searching for Yvonne de Galais?
3. Name the Booker and Orange Prize shortlisted novel in which young lovers Sue and Maud are reunited in a library full of pornography.
4. Which T is the male half of a famous medieval pair of lovers?
5. Which controversial British novelist’s most recent novel tells the tale of a ‘brutally scalene’ love triangle between two Russian brothers languishing in Stalin’s gulags and a big-bottomed woman called Zoya?
6. Who is the author of the short story, ‘The Nightingale and the Rose’, in which the little brown bird of the title gives its life so that a young man may have a red rose to win the heart of a scholar’s daughter?
 - a) Brothers Grimm
 - b) Oscar Wilde
 - c) Sir Thomas Malory
 - d) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
7. *A book of Verses underneath the Bough,
A jug of wine, a Loaf of Bread – and Thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness –
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow!*

The translation is by Edward Fitzgerald – but what is the title of this collection of poems by a mathematician and astronomer?
8. Which poet longs for Wild Nights?
9. Name the longest novel ever published in a single volume in the English language, which expends 591,552 words on a family’s efforts to find their younger daughter a husband (to grossly oversimplify the plot).
10. Name the twentieth-century author credited with the invention of the hugely popular Regency Romance genre, the subject of a 1969 essay by AS Byatt entitled ‘_____ Is A Better Writer Than You Think’.
11. Name the fictional Bedfordshire maid whose letters home, published in 1740, were intended to ‘cultivate the principles of virtue and religion in the minds of youth of both sexes’, but instead were deemed licentious – and are widely considered to be the first ‘romantic novel’.
12. Whose characters do their courting in Rutshire?
 - a) Anthony Trollope’s
 - b) Jilly Cooper’s
 - c) *The Archers* scriptwriters’
 - d) Catherine Cookson’s

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And the lucky winner of the PP7 quiz is Tom Williams, London N16