Scavenger Hunt

You’ve just picked up the scavenger hunt sheet and are standing in the main Entrance Hall of the Redpath Museum. Let’s do a scavenger hunt and explore the collections! Write down your answers and check them on the last page when you’re done. Good luck!

**Ground Floor: Back to the Sea**

On the ceiling hang whale skeletons, on the walls there are bones of underwater animals from long ago.

1. Can you find the biggest bone in the Entrance Hall? What is it?
   A) A triceratops horn
   B) The broken skull bone of a whale
   C) The humerus (upper arm bone) of a Steller’s Sea Cow

2. As you climb the stairs to the second floor, you will see a large slice of a huge Douglas Fir tree. Each ring represents a year of growth for the ancient tree. Can you find the growth ring when Jacques Cartier discovered the island of Montréal?
   In which year did he discover the island? ________________

3. Now move up the stairs to the Shells and Minerals display. You will see a large meteorite that crashed into the Earth from outer space! Roughly how old is the meteorite? _______ years old.

4. Looking through the doors into the Dawson Gallery is the museum’s Gorgosaurus exhibit. Take a closer look at its legs. This Gorgosaurus broke one of its legs while it was still alive.
   A) Can you figure out which leg it broke? (Hint: Check the Gorgosaurus information card showing the skeleton)
   1. Right leg, 2. Left leg
   B) How can you tell?

5. How many dinosaurs can you find in the diorama entitled Dinosaurs of Western Canada, located behind the Gorgosaurus skeleton?
   A) 3 dinosaurs  B) 5 dinosaurs  C) 6 dinosaurs  D) 7 dinosaurs

6. Near the Gorgosaurus, there is the skull of a Saber-toothed Cat or Smilodon.
   A) When did this animal live? ________________
   B) Can you name 2 other prehistoric animals that lived at this time?
   1. ________________, 2. ________________

7. In the back of the Dawson Gallery, near the windows, are exhibits about the Biodiversity in Québec. The environment in the province changes quite a bit over the course of the year. Think of how different winter and summer are. Look through the exhibit and make a list of some animals you do not see in winter.
   A) ________________, B) ________________, C) ________________

8. In the display case under the Irish Elk there is an amazing collection of minerals from Québec. List your three favourite minerals and where they came from.

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9. Which mineral did you find the strangest or most interesting in the exhibit? ________________

10. Look above the Québec Mineral Exhibit; you will find the skull of an animal called an Irish Elk or Megaloceros. It was actually a deer and has been extinct for 11,000 years! However, many excellent bones have been found in Ireland, which is where its name comes from. What is the biggest part of the animal? ________________

3rd floor: World Cultures

11. As you head up the stairs, take a look to your left at the “Hominid Evolution” exhibit. How many different skulls of early humans can you find in the display? __________

12. Now look at the Ptolemaic Mummy display. Can you name 2 animals that the Egyptians mummified?

A) ________________

B) ________________

13. Look at the mummy in front of the big X-ray. How old was the mummy when it died?

_________ years old. Is it a male or a female? ___

14. Walk around the gallery to find the display with a small, dark-coloured head that looks like a human head. What is it? ________________

Where is it from? ________________

15. Now find the display containing many tiny shoes. The practice of foot binding was common in which country? __________

16. Find the two exhibits that have money from different cultures (they are not next to each other!). Can you name the two cultures or the two countries that the money comes from?

A) ________________

B) ________________

17. In one of the exhibits of money, there are also other items that people used as money for trading. Can you name two items that were used for trade?

A) ________________

B) ________________

Bonus: Can you find the Anaconda skeleton in the museum? It’s hidden!

Congratulations! You’re done!

We hope you enjoyed your visit to the Redpath Museum! See you again soon!

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Answers

1. Broken skull bone of a whale

2. 1535

3. About 20,000 years old

4. The right leg. You can tell because there is a lump where the bone tissue healed

5. Five dinosaurs

6. A) The Ice age, roughly 10,000 years ago

B) Your choice of other animals (Mastodon, Castoroides, Diprotodon or more!)

7. Your choice: frogs (hibernate), most birds (migrate south), etc.

8. Your choice

9. Their choice. They can span 3-7 m and weigh 45 kg!

10. Your choice

11. Ten (one is a photo)

12. Ibis, cats, crocodiles, falcons

13. He was a male, 20–25 years old

14. It is a shrunken monkey head. It is from Peru

15. It was a practice carried out in China

16. It has a curved horn

17. Irish Elk or Megaloceros

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