

1. **Pippin:** What is a letter? **Alcuin:** Keeper of history.
2. **P.** What is a word? **A.** Betrayer of the mind.
3. **P.** What produces words? **A.** The tongue.
4. **P.** What is the tongue? **A.** Whip of the air.
5. **P.** What is air? **A.** Protection of life.
6. **P.** What is life? **A.** Happiness of the blessed, sorrow of wretches, expectation of death.
7. **P.** What is death? **A.** An Inevitable event, uncertain journey, tears of the living, support of a will, robber of a human.

8. **P.** What is a human? **A.** A possession of death, transitory traveler, guest of a place.
9. **P.** To what is a human similar? **A.** To an apple.
10. **P.** How is a person situated? **A.** Like a candle in the wind.
11. **P.** Where is a person placed? **A.** Within six walls.
12. **P.** Which? **A.** Above, below, before, behind, right and left.
13. **P.** How many companions has he? **A.** Four.
14. **P.** Which? **A.** Hot, cold, dry, wet.
15. **P.** In how many ways is he changeable? **A.** Six.
16. **P.** In which? **A.** In hunger and fullness, rest and labor, waking and sleep.

17. **P.** What is sleep? **A.** Image of death.
18. **P.** What is the freedom of man? **A.** Innocence.
19. **P.** What is the head? **A.** Summit of the body.

20. **P.** What is the body? **A.** Domicile of the soul.
21. **P.** What are hairs? **A.** Clothes of the head.
22. **P.** What is the beard? **A.** The distinction of sex, honor of age.
23. **P.** What is the brain? **A.** The preserver of memory.
24. **P.** What are the eyes? **A.** Leaders of the body, vessels of light, guides of the mind.
25. **P.** What are the nostrils? **A.** Path of smells.
26. **P.** What are the ears? **A.** Collectors of sounds.
27. **P.** What is the face? **A.** Image of the mind.
28. **P.** What is the mouth? **A.** Feeder of the body.
29. **P.** What are the teeth? **A.** Millstones of things bitten.
30. **P.** What are the lips? **A.** Doors of the mouth.
31. **P.** What is the throat? **A.** Devourer of food.
32. **P.** What are hands? **A.** Workmen of the body.
33. **P.** What are the fingers? **A.** Pluckers of stings.
34. **P.** What is the lungs? **A.** Keeper of air.
35. **P.** What is the heart? **A.** Receptacle of life.
36. **P.** What is the liver? **A.** Protection of warmth.
37. **P.** What is the gall bladder? **A.** Awakening of anger.
38. **P.** What is the spleen? **A.** Fit for laughing and happiness.

39. **P.** What is the stomach? **A.** Digester and of foods.
40. **P.** What is the womb? **A.** Keeper of fragile things.
41. **P.** What are the bones? **A.** Strength of the body.
42. **P.** What are the hips? **A.** Crossbeams of columns.
43. **P.** What are the legs? **A.** Columns of the body.
44. **P.** What are the feet? **A.** Moveable foundation.
45. **P.** What is blood? **A.** Moisture of the veins, nourishment of life.
46. **P.** What are the veins? **A.** Fountains of the flesh.
47. **P.** What is heaven? **A.** Revolving sphere, unmeasured summit.
48. **P.** What is light? **A.** The appearance of all things.
49. **P.** What is day? **A.** Incitement of labor.
50. **P.** What is sun? **A.** Splendor of the world, beauty of heaven, thanks of nature, honor of day, distributor of hours.
51. **P.** What is the moon? **A.** The eye of night, bountiful of dew, foretelling of storms.
52. **P.** What are stars? **A.** Picture of the summit, governors of sailors, adornment of night.
53. **P.** What is rain? **A.** Conception of earth, generatrix of fruits.
54. **P.** What is a cloud? **A.** Night in the day, labor of the eyes.
55. **P.** What is wind? **A.** Disturbance of air, motion of waters, dryness of land.
56. **P.** What is earth? **A.** Mother of things growing, nurse of the living, cellar of life, devourer of all.
57. **P.** What is the sea? **A.** Way of boldness, border of the earth, divider of regions, reception of rivers, fountain of rains, refuge in dangers, thanks in desires.
58. **P.** What are rivers? **A.** Unfailing course, refreshment of the sun, irrigation of the land.
59. **P.** What is water? **A.** Support of life, washing of filths.
60. **P.** What is fire? **A.** Excessive heat, warming of things born, maturity of fruits.
61. **P.** What is cold? **A.** Feverishness of the limbs.
62. **P.** What is frost? **A.** Persecutor of grass, destroyer of leaves, bind of the earth, fountain of waters.
63. **P.** What is snow? **A.** Dry water.
64. **P.** What is winter? **A.** Exile of summer.
65. **P.** What is spring? **A.** Painter of the earth.
66. **P.** What is summer? **A.** Re-clothing of the earth, maturation of fruits.
67. **P.** What is autumn? **A.** Storehouse of the year.
68. **P.** What is a year? **A.** The four-team chariot of the world.
69. **P.** Who leads it? **A.** Night and day, cold and hot.
70. **P.** Who is its driver? **A.** Sun and Moon.
71. **P.** How many palaces does it have? **A.** Twelve.
72. **P.** Who are the chiefs of the palaces? **A.** Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.
73. **P.** How many days do they reside in each palace? **A.** The sun, thirty days and ten and a half hours; the moon, two days and eight and a half hours.
74. **P.** Master, I fear to go too high. **A.** Who led you into the height?

75. **P.** Curiosity. **A.** If you are afraid, let us descend. I shall follow wherever you should go.
76. **P.** If I knew what the ship was, I would prepare it for you, so that you might come to me. **A.** The ship is a wandering home, a where-you-wish dwelling, traveler without footprints, the neighbor of sand.
77. **P.** What is sand? **A.** The wall of the land.
78. **P.** What is grass? **A.** The clothes of the land.
79. **P.** What are vegetables? **A.** Friends of doctors, praise of cooks.
80. **P.** Who is it, who makes bitter things sweet? **A.** Hunger.
81. **P.** What is it, which makes a man not weary? **A.** Money.
82. **P.** What is sleep for one waking? **A.** Hope.
83. **P.** What is hope? **A.** Mitigation of labor, doubtful event.
84. **P.** What is friendship? **A.** Equality of minds.
85. **P.** What is faith? **A.** Certitude of an unknown and marvelous thing.
86. **P.** What is a marvel? **A.** Recently I saw a man standing, struggling, walking, who never was.
87. **P.** How is that possible, tell me. **A.** It was an image in water.
88. **P.** Why do I not understand this by myself, when I have seen that very man just as many times? **A.** Because you are a youth of good talent and natural genius, I shall propose certain other marvels to you; see if you might figure these out by yourself.
89. **P.** Let us do it, though, so that if I should say otherwise than it is, you will correct me. **A.** I shall do as you wish.
90. **A.** Someone unknown speaks to me without tongue or voice, who has never been before nor will be afterwards, and I was not hearing him nor knew him. **P.** Perhaps a dream vexed you, master?
91. **A.** Indeed, son; hear another: I saw a dead one produce a live one, and in the anger of the live one, the dead ones are consumed. **P.** From the rubbing of trees fire is born, consuming trees.
92. **A.** It is true. I heard dead ones speaking a lot. **P.** Never well, unless they are hung in the air.
93. **A.** Truly. I saw an extinguished fire rest in water. **P.** I reckon you wish to signify a flint-stone in water.
94. **A.** I see a dead one sitting on a live one, and in the laughter of the dead one, the live one dies. **P.** Our cooks know this one.
95. **A.** They do know, but place a finger over you mouth lest the lads hear what it is. I was on a hunt with others, in which if we caught anything, we carried nothing with us, and what we were not able to catch, we carried home with us. **P.** This is the hunting of rustics.
96. **A.** It is. I saw something born, before it was conceived. **P.** You saw and perhaps you ate it.
97. **A.** I did eat it. What is, which is not, and has a name, and gives an answer to one sounding? **P.** Ask the rushes in the woods.

98. **A.** I saw a guest running with its home; and he was silent and his house was sounding. **P.** Get me a net and I'll show.
99. **A.** Who is it, whom you are not able to see except with you eyes closed. **P.** Who snores will show this one to you.
100. **A.** I saw a man holding eight in his hand, and from the eight he suddenly snatched seven, and six remained. **P.** Boys in school know.
101. **A.** What is it, if you take away the head, it rises up higher? **P.** Go to bed and you'll find out there.
102. **A.** There were three: one was never born and died once; another was born once and never died, a third was born once and died twice. **P.** The first is the same as the earth, the second, my lord, the third, a poor man.
103. **A.** Nevertheless, tell me the first letters of their names. **P.** .i., .v., .xxx. (1, 5, 30).
104. **A.** I saw a woman flying, with an iron snout, a wooden body and a winged tail, carrying death. **P.** She is the companion of soldiers.
105. **A.** What is a soldier? **P.** Wall of the empire, fear of enemies, glorious servitude.
106. **A.** What is, which is and is not? **P.** Nothing.
107. **A.** How is it able to be and not be? **P.** It is in name, and is not in thing.
108. **A.** What is a silent messenger? **P.** What I hold in my hand.
109. **A.** What do you hold in your hand? **P.** Your letter master.
110. **A.** Read happily, son!