TERENCE RATTIGAN SOCIETY QUIZ!

Here’s a little something to keep your TRS brains in trim!

*All questions are worth one point except for the last six, which have a possible two points each. Answers will be posted in a few days’ time.*

1. TR died in 1977, but where? Was it: a) London, b) Los Angeles, c) Sunningdale, d) Bermuda?
2. TR’s first play was co-written with a university friend, Philip Heimann. Under what title is it most generally known?
3. Which Hollywood glamour couple appeared in TR’s screenplay *The VIPs* in 1963?
4. Which 1953 TR play was subtitled ‘an occasional fairy tale’?
5. What was TR’s mother’s first name?
6. By what nickname was TR’s lover Michael Franklin known?
7. *Joie de Vivre* was the title given to an ill-fated musical version of which play?
8. Who did Kenneth Tynan rather cruelly suggest was the ‘real star’ of *Variation on a Theme* in 1958?
9. On which 19th century French novel (and play) was *Variation on a Theme* based?
10. Who played England batsman Sam Palmer in the 1953 film *The Final Test*?
11. TR left his entire estate to charity, with all the royalties from his plays being donated to which charitable organisation? Was it: a) The Royal Theatrical Fund; b) The Dramatists’ Guild Benevolent Fund; c) Denville Hall Retirement Home; d) Cancer Research ?
12. Which TR play is loosely based on the plot of *Hamlet*?
13. Which historical figure is the subject of the 1949 play *Adventure Story*?
14. Which historical figure is the subject of the 1970 play *A Bequest to the Nation*?
15. With which renowned actor did TR adapt *A Tale of Two Cities* for the stage in 1935 (not performed on stage till 2013)?
16. Which TR play was based on a famous murder case and was first performed on radio?
17. Which director was TR’s long-time film collaborator?
18. *The Man Who Loved Redheads* is the title of the film version of which TR play?
19. What is the title of the winning play in the TRS playwriting competition and which was performed at the Sarah Thorne Theatre in Broadstairs?
20. For which 1952 screenplay was TR nominated for an Academy Award?
21. Which actress received Olivier and Evening Standard awards for her performance in *After the Dance* at the National in 2010?
22. Which West End theatre housed the premiere of *The Deep Blue Sea* in 1952 (*1 point*) and who originated the role of Hester Collyer? (*1 point*)
23. TR holds the record for having two separate plays (seven years apart) that ran for more than 1000 performances; can you name both of them? (*1 point each*)
24. Our President and one of our VPs have starred in TR revivals in the West End in recent years – in which plays? (*1 point each*)
25. During the war years TR had three plays running concurrently on Shaftesbury Avenue; *Flare Path* was one - can you name the other two? (*1 point each*)
26. Who wrote the new companion piece to *The Browning Version* for the production at Chichester in 2011 (*1 point*) and what was the two-word title of this new play (relating to the local area) (*1 point*)?
27. Dirk Bogarde was cast to play the lead in a film version of a TR play but the film never saw the light of day as a similar project was already under way. Can you name the stage play on which the film was to be based (*1 point*) – and for a second point can you also name the other film on the same subject which made a huge star of another British actor? (*1 point*)

TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE 33