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A SALTY SURVEY THAT ZEROES IN ON WHAT SUBCLASS YOU REALLY WANT TO PLAY



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1. A PARTY OF ADVENTURERS IS RECRUITING. YOU COME TO THEM OFFERING YOUR SKILLS.

- A. I can serve as a guide in unfamiliar lands. Go to question 2.
- B. I am a natural-born leader and a master of tactics. Go to question 3.
- C. Our enemies will try to kill us. I will kill them first. Go to question 4.
- **D.** I have great skill in the art of healing or protecting others from harm. Go to question 5.
- E. I can rain destruction down on your enemies. Please stand back! Go to question 6.
- F. I can take a beating and keep going. I simply don't know how to stay down. Go to question 7.
- G. Lots of people try to tackle problems head-on. I'm the kind of person who gets around them instead. Go to question 8.
- H. I know an awful lot about just about everything. Go to question 9.
- I. I can corral our enemies so you can just take them out. Like fish in a barrel. Go to question 10.

2. WHAT MAKES YOU A GOOD GUIDE?

- A. I have a mystical connection to the land. It speaks to me and grants me power. You are a Land Druid.
- B. I have tracked prey in, explored, and survived off these lands. They are like the back of my hand. Go to question 11.
- C. Magic. Not some supernatural shamanism. Proper magic. I might even whip out my crystal ball. You are a Diviner.
- D. I can scout ahead without being seen. Go to question 12.

3. WHY DO PEOPLE RALLY AROUND YOU?

- A. I am a student and war is my discipline. I am versed in all battle tactics and strategies. You are a Battlemaster.
- B. My implacable fighting spirit inspires people. You are a Samurai.
- C. I am an intermediary for a powerful god of battle. You are a War Cleric.
- D. I stand for something, and will not violate my sacred oaths. Go to question 13.
- **E.** All enemies have a tell, and people know I can spot it. Also, I have enough dirt on my friends they wouldn't dare double-cross me. *You are a Mastermind.*
- F. My spirit ancestors will defend me and those adopted into my clan. You are an Ancestral Guardian.
- G. I represent a powerful monarch. You are a Banneret.

4. WHAT'S YOUR WEAPON OF CHOICE?

- A. The bigger, the better. I like my enemies' eyes to bug out when I draw my weapon. Go to question 14.
- B. Magic. Just pure destructive elemental energy. Go to question 15.
- C. A small or light weapon, inserted right between the ribs. Go to question 12.
- D. A mundane weapon, enhanced with my magic. Go to question 16.
- E. A staff or shortsword will do. Or my knees, feet, and fists. Sometimes my head. Whatever works. Go to question 17.
- F. I can transform into a fearsome beast, so I am my own weapon of choice. You are a Moon Druid.
- G. The wrath of my god. Go to question 18.
- H. The creatures I summon. Go to question 19.
- I. An arrow, a crossbow bolt, a dagger, or a hatchet. I'm a deadshot aim. Go to question 20.

5. YOU SEE A WOUNDED ALLY ABOUT TO SUFFER A KILLING BLOW. WHAT DO YOU DO?

- A. Place my shield between my friend and his or her assailant. Go to question 21.
- B. Weave a magical ward around my ally. You are an Abjurer.
- C. If I can't get to my friend in time, I can heal his or her body before it succumbs to death. Go to question 22.

6. From What Source Does Your Magic Come?

- A. Years of study of the arcane arts. Go to question 23.
- B. Maybe I was born with it. Maybe it's ancestry. Go to question 24.
- C. I made a pact with a powerful extraplanar being. It grants me power. Go to question 25.
- D. The elements and other forces of Nature. You are a Land Druid.
- E. A glorious god of light. You are a Light Cleric.

7. WHAT MAKES YOU SO RESILIENT?

- A. Full-body armor and maybe even a shield protect me from harm. Go to question 26.
- B. Once my bloodlust takes over, I tend to shrug off the pain of my wounds. Go to question 27.
- C. Once I get my second wind, my stamina is restored. Go to question 21.

8. IMAGINE THERE'S A CITY WITH A GUARDED WALL SURROUNDING IT. HOW DO YOU GET IN?

- **A.** I find an unguarded stretch of wall and blast a hole in it with my magic. Go to question 6.
- B. I climb the wall, unlock a door, lure the guards away, and let my party in before anyone's the wiser. You are a Thief.
- C. I charm the guards with my magic. You are an Enchanter.
- D. I disguise myself and my friends. Go to question 28.
- **E.** I'd peer into the near future to see when the guards would next pass by. Then we'd simply walk in unnoticed. *Go to question 29.*

9. How DID YOU LEARN SO MUCH?

- A. I have studied extensively, especially the arcane arts. Go to question 23.
- B. My knowledge is a blessing from my god. Go to question 30.
- C. I learned wisdom and knowledge from my master or in a monastery. Go to question 17.
- D. I just have a knack for picking up knowledge and skills. I'm a jack of all trades. Go to question 31.

10. What Powers Allow You to Move Enemies Around the Battlefield Like Puppets?

- A. I make them see things that aren't there. You are an Illusionist.
- B. I can see into the future. Every action has a reaction, like ripples in a pond. You are a Diviner.
- C. The earth and elements obey me. You are a Land Druid.
- D. I pluck at their heartstrings, making heroes bold and villains tremble. Go to question 31.
- **E.** I can summon beasts, fiends, spirits, familiars, or companions who, like sheepdogs, can harry the enemy. *Go to question 32.*

11. WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT FROM OTHER TRACKERS?

- A. I call a powerful beast my ally and companion. You are a Beast Master.
- B. I probably live underground or another place of shadow. You are a Gloom Stalker.
- C. My travels have taken me to the edge of the world and beyond into other planes of existence. You are a Horizon Walker.
- D. I'm not just a tracker: I'm a hunter, bringing down giants or standing against hordes. You are a Hunter.
- E. I'm a predator and my prey is the undead, fiends, and other supernatural evils. You are a Monster Slayer.
- F. I'm scrappy, agile, and light on my feet, and I deliver punishing wounds when I have the upper hand. You are a Scout.

12. YOU SOUND STEALTHY. WHAT'S ELSE CAN YOU OFFER?

- A. I know a little magic. I can weave illusions and charm unsuspecting people. You are an Arcane Trickster.
- B. I dabble in disguises, deadly poisons and killing with one well-aimed blow. You are an Assassin.
- C. My keen intellect and powers of perception help me discover secrets and anticipate enemy tactics. You are an Inquisitive.
- D. I can read people: I know what makes them tick and I know how to destroy them, if needs be. You are a Mastermind.
- E. I can be your guide when you're far from civilization. I actually know how to survive in the wild. You are a Scout.
- F. No one makes swordfighting look as good as I. You are a Swashbuckler.
- G. I can scale a building wall, open a locked window, creep inside, steal the goods, and get away with it. You are a Thief.

13. An Oath? What Have You Sworn to Do?

- A. Be honest, brave, compassionate, honorable, and dutiful. I'm a regular do-gooder. You are a Devotion Paladin.
- **B.** Irrevocably destroy my enemies, rule with an iron fist, and stay vigilant against any usurpers. Might makes right. *You are a Conquest Paladin*.
- **C.** Fan the flame of hope, protect life, and delight in beauty and happiness. There's good in the world, and it's worth fighting for. *You are an Ancients Paladin*.
- D. Kill only when necessary, nurture goodness, and vanquish unrepentant evil. Everyone deserves a second chance. You are a Redemption Paladin.
- E. Obey the law, show loyalty, and sacrifice oneself if necessary. Long live the sovereign! You are a Crown Paladin.
- **F.** Tackle evil head-on, show no mercy to the wicked, and restore what my enemies take. By any means necessary. *You are a Vengeance Paladin.*

14. YOU'RE MORE THAN A BIG WEAPON. WHAT ELSE?

- A. I have a nice suit of armor and can use a shield so long as my weapon isn't too big. Go to question 21.
- D. You think I look tough now? Wait till you see me angry. Go to question 27.
- E. I can hunt, track, and scout. Go to question 11.
- F. I am a favored son or daughter of the sea and sky. I am the stormbringer. You are a Tempest Cleric.
- G. I am the intermediary of a mighty god of war. You are a War Cleric.

15. From Where Does Your Destructive Elemental Magic Come?

- A. Years of arcane study. You are an Evoker.
- B. My attunement with the forces of Nature. You are a Land Druid.
- C. My god, a powerful elemental deity. You are a Tempest Cleric.

16. YOU HAVE MARTIAL WEAPONS AND MAGIC? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN'T DO?

- **A.** I also weave magic effects into every arrow I fire. You are an **Arcane Archer**.
- B. I do other helpful stuff. Mostly explosives. You are an Eldritch Knight.
- C. I can also put curses on my enemies. I'm dark like that. You are a Hexblade.
- D. My god makes me quicker, more accurate, and deadlier. That's the good news of my faith. You are a War Cleric.

17. TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR PLACE OF STUDY.

- A. It was a monastery that specializes in stealth and subterfuge. You are a Shadow Monk
- B. My old master ... definitely had a drinking problem. You are a Drunken Master Monk.
- **C.** My school was outdoors. And my masters were the sky, the waves, the dancing flame, and solid earth. *You are a Four Elements Monk*.
- D. I learned at the feet a legendary swordmaster. You are a Kensei.
- **E.** I have stood at the border between life and death. I have peered beyond the mortal realm and returned. *You are a Long Death Monk*.
- F. In the dojo with my sensei. You are an Open Hand Monk.
- F. After years of meditation I learned to channel my inner light. Literally. You are a Sun Soul Monk.

18. How Does Your Deity's Wrath Manifest?

- A. Through storms and rolling thunder. You are a Tempest Cleric..
- B. Through my fighting prowess. You are a War Cleric.

19. WHAT KINDS OF CREATURES CAN YOU SUMMON?

- A. Beasts, elementals, and fey. You are a Shepherd Druid...
- B. Elementals, demons, and familiar spirits. You are a Conjurer.

20. Lots of People Can Shoot an Arrow. What Makes You Stand Out?

- A. Did I say arrow? I meant a magic-infused arrow. You are an Arcane Archer.
- B. I can also hunt, track, and navigate the wild. You are a Hunter.
- C. If my target doesn't know I'm there, I can usually kill with one shot. You are an Assassin.
- D. I can turn myself invisible before firing. Literally don't know what hit them. You are an Arcane Trickster.
- E. I rime my enemies with light, turn invisible, and enchant my quiver. Also, I play a musical instrument. You are a Valor Bard.
- F. I do all that and make it look easy. You are a Champion.
- **G.** I'm a trick shot. I can make push enemies away, make them trip, goad them into attacking me, and disarm them. *You are a Battlemaster.*
- H. I can hit a target ninety feet away ... in the dark. You are a Gloom Stalker.

21. So You're Skilled in Fighting. Anything Else?

- A. Uh ... no? Wait, I have big muscles too! You are a Champion.
- B. I have sworn inviolable, sacred oaths. Go to question 13.
- C. Oh, right. Where are my manners? Allow me to also introduce my faithful steed. You are a Cavalier.
- D. Not just skilled. I have rigorously studied battlefield tactics and stratagems for years. You are a Battlemaster.
- E. I play music as well. It's magical. You are a Valor Bard.
- F. I fortunately know some spells. Helpful stuff. Explosives mostly. You are an Eldritch Knight.
- G. I am an emissary of a powerful monarch. You are a Banneret.
- H. If I'm knocked down, I don't stay down. I simply don't know how. You are a Samurai.

22. Anyone Can Apply a Tourniquet. What Makes Your Healing So Good?

- A. I heal with the power of captivating music. Sexy even. You are a Glamour Bard.
- B. My healing power comes from the very god of life and health. You are a Life Cleric.
- C. I siphon healing powers directly from the natural places of this world and the fey realm. You are a Dreams Druid.
- **D.** My thirst for vengeance fuels my holy healing power. If I need you to help me avenge my wrongs, you stand up! You are a Vengeance Paladin.
- E. I've got poultices, I've got berries. I'm a ranger. Go to question 11.
- F. I fulfill an ancient prophecy and my grandfather was an angel. You are a Divine Soul.
- G. I have a certain understanding with a celestial being. We got this. You are a Celestial Warlock.
- H. Most of the time, nobody dies near me without my permission. You are a Grave Cleric.

23. WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO KIND OF SPELL?

- A. I weave protective wards to safeguard myself and my allies. You are an Abjurer.
- B. When I'm not healing the wounds of my friends, I'm making zombies. You are a Necromancer.
- C. Stand back! My spells are loud, bright, and often explosive. You are an Evoker.
- D. I play with the fates, refashioning reality to better my odds. You are a Diviner.
- E. Summoning creatures from beyond is my specialty. You are a Conjurer.
- F. I ensorcell potential enemies into thinking I'm their friend. You are an Enchanter.
- G. I alter the world around me and the elements within my own body. You are a Transmuter.
- H. All kinds. I also wield a sword. You are an Bladesinger.
- I. I have special training to survive in battle and destoy my enemies. You are a War Mage.
- J. Don't believe your eyes. My magic makes you see things that aren't really there. You are an Illusionist.

24. YOUR ANCESTRY? WHAT'S YOUR PARENTAGE?

- A. An angel. You are a Divine Sorcerer.
- B. A dragon. You are a Draconic Sorcerer.
- C. A creature of the plane of shadows. You are a Shadow Sorcerer.
- D. A djinn. You are a Storm Sorcerer.
- E. No idea. But stand back. My powers are ... unpredictable. You are a Wild Sorcerer.

25. WHAT EXTRAPLANAR BEING? WHO IS GIVING YOU THIS POWER?

- A. A lord or lady of the fey. You are an Archfey Warlock.
- B. A powerful being from a heavenly plane. You are a Celestial Warlock
- C. A fiend from the lower planes of existence. You are a Fiend Warlock
- D. An entity of alien mind, beyond space and time. You are a Great Old One Warlock.
- E. A mysterious entity from the plane of shadow. You are a Hexblade Warlock.
- F. A powerful undead creature. You are an Undying Warlock.

26. A VERITABLE KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, EH? ANYTHING ELSE?

- A. I have trained with each and every weapon too. Go to question 21.
- B. I have sworn inviolable, sacred oaths. Go to question 13.
- C. I made this armor. Creation is part of my faith You are a Forge Cleric.
- D. If anything penetrates my armor or that of my allies, I can heal us. You are a Life Cleric.
- E. I can make your skin as tough as bark too. You are a Nature Cleric.
- F. When I don metal armor, it attracts lightning. I become the storm. You are a Tempest Cleric.
- G. I serve a god of war. A suit of armor is my religious vestments. You are a War Cleric.

27. THAT SOUNDS RECKLESS. HOW DO YOU KEEP FROM GOING TOO FAR IN YOUR RAGE?

- A. My ancestors watch over and guide me. You are an Ancestral Guardian.
- B. If anyone gets too close, they might get impaled on my spiked armor! You are a Battlerager.
- C. Too far in my rage? No such thing! You are a Berserker.
- D. Never fear. The elements will protect us. You are a Storm Herald.
- E. My spirit animal will guide, protect, and inspire us. You are a Totem Warrior.
- F. Do not question the rage! The rage is a gift from the gods. You are a Zealot.

28. WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE YOU CAN FOOL PEOPLE?

- A. I am an accomplished imposter. I create false identities as easily as other people act like themselves. You are an Assassin.
- B. I'm skilled and stealthy, but when all else fails I'm also an accomplished illusionist. You are an Arcane Trickster.
- C. People naturally trust me, but with their confidence I take advantage of them. You are a Whispers Bard.
- D. Don't believe your eyes. My magic makes you see things that aren't really there. You are an Illusionist.
- E. I have the blessings of a god of trickery. It's my calling to fool people! You are an Trickery Cleric.

29. PRECOGNITION IS A MARVELOUS ABILITY. HOW DID IT COME TO YOU?

- A. Years of study of the arcane arts. You are a Diviner.
- B. I was born lucky. You are a Wild Sorcerer.

30. WITH WHAT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE DID YOUR GOD BLESS YOU?

- A. Knowledge of the arcane arts mostly. You are an Arcana Cleric.
- B. All fields of knowledge. There is no secret my god does not know You are a Knowledge Cleric.

31. You Have a Musical Instrument, I See. What Kind of Music Do You Play?

- A. I learned the hypnotic, vibrant music of the fey. You are a Glamour Bard.
- B. A know a little of everything. I drink from every fountain of inspiration. You are a Lore Bard.
- C. Oh, it's not just music. I'm a daredevil, acrobat, knife juggler, and sword swallower. You are a Swords Bard.
- D. I taught myself the ballads of all the great heroes of the past. Perhaps someone will memorialize my story one day. You are a Valor Bard.
- E. The kind that preys on the fears and secret desires of people. Then I exploit them. You are a Whispers Bard.

32. In What Form Does Your Summoned Aid Come?

A. Oh, my conjurations take many forms: mundane objects, energies, elementals, demons, devils, and my faithful familiar. *You are a Conjurer.*

- B. Beasts, fey, elementals, and the forces of nature. You are a Shepherd Druid.
- **C.** Spirits that take the form of animal totems. You are a **Totem Warrior**.
- D. From within. I can transform my own body to suit my needs. You are a Moon Druid.
- E. They appear to me as spectral warriors. They are my ancestors. You are an Ancestral Guardian.

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