



PLOUFFE PARK/DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY NATURE HUNT

QUIZ SHEET

1) Along the eastern fence line of Plouffe Park (Preston St. just south of Somerset St.) find the row of trees with a very distinctive shaped leaf

i) The shape of the leaf can be described as

a) round b) knife c) fan d) heart e) oblong

ii) The leaves and seeds of these trees are collected for use as

a) a dye b) a tea c) a decoration d) a medicine e) a dessert

iii) The name of the tree is

a) elm b) poplar c) ginkgo/maidenhair d) maple e) sumac

2. At Preston St. and Somerset St. find the person who is permanently located in the nearby flower bed

i) She is

a) looking at the flowers b) skipping c) running from war d) playing ball e) reading

ii) Which of the following plants is **NOT** found around her

a) rose b) Solomon's seal c) bleeding heart d) trillium e) hosta

3. Go west along Somerset St. and find the brightly coloured flowers in the planters outside the India Express.

i) They are often planted in vegetable gardens since their petals are

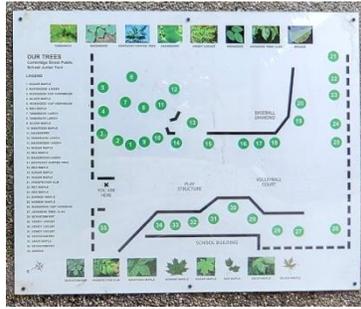
a) edible b) attract pollinators c) repel insects d) add colour e) smell good

ii) They are

a) marigolds b) tulips c) bougainvillea d) daisies e) begonias



4. Find the window front which has at least 5 different kinds of plants
- i) Which of the following is **NOT** there
- a) bamboo b) daisy c) Christmas cactus d) orchid e) jade
5. Find the train cars which are carrying a green cargo.
- i) What is the total number of trees missing from the train cars on both sides of the street
- a) 2 b) 4 c) 5 d) 6 e) 9
- ii) How do these trees get enough water
- a) community volunteers water them b) a city water tanker truck c) underground irrigation system d) overflow from Plant Pool e) Preston St. Fire Station fire truck
6. Turn down off Somerset St. south onto the O-Train Pathway/Trillium Trail and find the brown prickly burrs on your left.
- i) Inside the brown prickly part of the Burdock plant there is
- a) air b) food for the plant c) seeds d) an insect e) more prickles
- ii) This plant inspired a person to invent
- a) duct tape b) zippers c) tennis balls d) gardening gloves e) velcro
7. Find the willow tree shading the Trillium Trail and the nest in its branches.
- i) Who do you think made this nest
- a) crows b) squirrels c) raccoons d) pigeons e) porcupines



8. Find the Sumac trees with the dark conical shaped clusters on their branches behind the fence which blocks off the O-train railway track.

i) In the fall what colour are these clusters

- a) lime green b) orange c) blue d) red e) yellow

ii) They are collected primarily to make

- a) dyes b) glue c) spice d) tea e) candy

9. At Gladstone turn left and walk to Preston St. where the Bambini are looking down at you, their soccer balls, and some fish.

i) How many fish are there for the Bambini to look at

- a) 3 b) 5 c) 8 d) 13 e) 15

ii) The fish are there to

- a) decorate the street b) inform people that Bambini like eating fish
c) to remind people to walk carefully across the street
d) to remind people that the Girl Guides began painting yellow fish on sidewalks to raise awareness about water quality
e) to remind people that storm water sewers go straight into the river and should only have clean water in them

10) Continue walking east up Gladstone Ave. and find a bird perched in the Piazza Dante.

i) Would you estimate its wing span to be approximately

- a) .5 metre b) 1 metre c) 1.5 metre d) 2 metres e) 2.5 metres

ii) What kind of bird is it

- a) hawk b) eagle c) condor d) heron e) raven



11) Find the planters at the top of the stairs leading up to St. Anthony's Church

i) Geraniums are often used in planters because

- a) they are hardy b) they are colourful c) they flower continuously
d) they are not expensive e) all of the above

12) Continue eastward to Cambridge St. and find the tree identification map mounted just inside the Cambridge School yard fence and visible from the sidewalk

i) Using the map what are the 3 mature trees between the play structure and the volleyball court

- a) Norway Maple b) Elm c) Ironwood d) Honey Locust e) Larch

13) Walk west along Christie St., north up Arthur St. to Somerset St., and turn left to find the Dalhousie Community Centre Garden. Dalhousie Community Association volunteers have designed and maintained the beds so that different plants with various coloured flowers bloom at different times throughout the growing season.

i) How can we enjoy some of the colour of the flowerbed even when there aren't any blooms

- a) by remembering flowers which have finished blooming b) by looking forward to the next year
c) by spotting some plastic flowers in the flower bed d) by imagining flowers which might grow there
e) by viewing the flowers which the 4 smiling creatures nearby are enjoying

14) Turn north on Upper Lorne Pl. In the garden maintained by volunteers along the wall of the Dominican Monastery find the rock feature with the exposed tree stump and roots

i) even though the exposed roots look like they have been dead a long time they have not decomposed back into soil because

- a) they do not get much rain b) they are shaded from the sun by the wall
c) the tree they belonged to does not decompose into soil d) there are no insects to eat the wood
e) the roots have worked their way through the rock so that there is no soil around them with organic matter to help the decay process to take place

15) At the end of the street as you walk down the metal stairs on your left, look to your left to find the exposed Gloucester Limestone of the escarpment.

i) Was Gloucester Limestone used to build

- a) roads b) the house to your left c) the wall along Upper Lorne Pl.
d) the Parliament buildings e) the Dominican Monastery buildings

16) Walk straight on from the bottom of the steps to find the park named after a flower and a grove of 6 conifer trees just near the climbing/play structure

i) These 6 trees are

- a) balsam fir b) cedar c) white spruce d) white pine e) tamarack/larch

17) Turn left on Preston St. and walk back towards the starting point. Find the flags flying over the Dalhousie Community Association garden plots

i) These flags are there to

- a) scare the birds away from the vegetables b) alert people to stay out unless they are authorized to garden in the plots c) to remind people that the Vietnamese Association plan to build a museum there d) to remind people that immigrants from many countries originally settled in the area e) to indicate what types of vegetables are being grown in the plots

18) BONUS QUESTION: At least ten streets in our neighbourhood are named after trees. If you followed the route map you crossed over 2 of those tree streets. Which one of the following pair did you cross over

- a) Larch and Laurel b) Elm and Spruce c) Balsam and Beech
d) Willow and Walnut e) Hickory and Oak

CONGRATULATIONS . YOU HAVE FINISHED A CHALLENGING HUNT.

LET US KNOW HOW YOU DID BY SENDING PICTURES, COMMENTS OR ANSWERS TO

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Answers will be posted on web site in July and prizes will given out at the next Plouffe Park event

