

LAUGH O' RAMA



For Pete's Sake by Roe



Odyssey by Pinc



Far be it from the ever-expanding mind of our proud, puzzling pinnacle, The Riddler, to leave you all without a holiday gift of sorts. So here he leaves you three seemingly simple sequential quizzes.

1. If you complete all three within 15 minutes, welcome to the intellectual elite! For 30 minute solutions, count yourself among the billions of faceless average people. For those who have not completed all three within 45 minutes, better ask for some IQ points this holiday season! Good Luck! A York logic professor posted a notice on her class door: "Class is canceled today on account of snowstorm. We will meet again at 1:00 pm three days after two days before the day before tomorrow." When does the class meet next?

2. You've been standing at a bus stop in the previously mentioned snowstorm. You are not surprised to find that the TTC service has become quite sporadic. You wait 15 minutes and then a group of buses came along together.

The first was too crowded, so you took the last. There was one bus ahead of another bus, one bus behind another bus, one bus behind two buses, and one bus with two ahead of it. What is the smallest number of buses there could have been in the bunch?

3. One of The Riddler's many talents is prescience, and he often enjoys employing this ability to make life for others generally miserable. Three aspiring law students made the mistake of criticising The Riddler's fashion taste, and as punishment he told each of them how much longer they were going to live.

The Riddler said, "You have a total of 130 years left among you. The oldest has already lived half his life; the second oldest has lived one third; and the youngest (already balding quickly) has already lived one third of his life."

How old were the three students?

THE RIDDLER

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1. Cross the second vertical line at the top to make 10 TO 10, or nine-fifty.

2. April is six, May is nine, and June is twenty.

3. There are 100 different pairs of two digits (00,01,02...99) Ten of these pairs favor the stranger. The chance of seeing double digits on a plate is 10/100; the chance of NOT seeing them is 90/100. The chance of not seeing double digits on eight consecutive cars is (90/100)⁸, or 43 per cent. Hence the stranger, who turned out to be (who else but) The Riddler, will win 57 per cent of the time.

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