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**Study Guide: Chapters 15 - 23**  
**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

Answer each of the following in complete sentences.

**Chapter 15**

1. What was the purpose of Magrathea, and what happened to it?

**Chapter 16**

2. What is Zaphod's purpose for looking for and going to Magrathea?

**Chapter 17**

3. What is the nature of the messages from Magrathea? How do they change the closer the *Heart of Gold* gets closer to it?
4. What is odd about the messages (what is supposed to be on Magrathea)?
5. What is heading straight for the *Heart of Gold*? How do they avoid it?

**Chapter 18**

6. What happens when the Improbability Drive is engaged? What did the missiles turn into?
7. Describe the kind of thoughts the sperm whale has. How are they similar to common thoughts which humans have?
8. What might the petunia's thoughts be related to?

**Chapter 19**

9. According to Trillian, what has escaped? What are they to her?
10. How smart are humans? Who is apparently smarter?

11. Where is the crew going at this point?

## **Chapter 20**

12. What has caused the great crater? How is this a good thing for the crew?
13. What does Zaphod disclose about his two brains to the rest of the crew? Who has altered his brains?
14. This chapter is full of cliffhanger-type questions. Name at least 3 questions which are raised in this chapter.

## **Chapter 21**

15. Who is Veet Voojigag? What is he obsessed with?
16. In what way does this obsession connect with Zaphod?
17. What is the paradox which involves the old man on the asteroid?

## **Chapter 22**

18. According to the old man, what is the status of the planet Magrathea? Why is this so?
19. Where (and how) do Arthur and the old man go?
20. The old man seems particularly sad. What is the suggested reason for this? How sad would you be?

## **Chapter 23**

21. How do we know that dolphins are smarter than men?
22. How are mice completely misunderstood as well? What should we assume about Trillian's mice escaping?