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HERE ARE THE RULES OF THE ROAD

1. THERE ARE 10 ROUNDS OF 10 QUESTIONS EACH

2. ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ARE MULTIPLE CHOICE OR IDENTIFICATION OF A PHOTO OR FLAG

3. YOU WILL HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION. HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN ONE MINUTE PER QUESTION

4. MARK YOUR TEAM’S ANSWER ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED

5. YOU WILL HAVE ONE ANSWER SHEET FOR EACH ROUND
6. ANSWER SHEETS WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER EACH ROUND

7. PRINT YOUR SCHOOL’S NAME ON THE ANSWER SHEET

8. AFTER ROUNDS 5 AND 10, THE QUIZMASTER WILL READ ALL OF THE CORRECT ANSWERS

9. THE TEAM STANDINGS, INCLUDING THE WINNING TEAM, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER ROUND 10
SCORING

• ONE POINT IS AWARDED FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER

• THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR A WRONG ANSWER OR AN ANSWER LEFT BLANK EXCEPT, DURING THE TIE-BREAKER ROUND

• IF THERE IS A TIE FOR FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD PLACE, A SUDDEN DEATH TIE-BREAKER WILL TAKE PLACE
PLEASE NOTE!

- ANY TEAM FOUND WITH ANY MEANS OF ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN BRAIN POWER WILL BE **DISQUALIFIED**. PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELLULAR PHONES AND REMOVE ANY HAND-HELD DEVICES, ATLASES, NOTES, ETC. FROM YOUR TABLE.
Round 1

Current Events
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Current Events

1. Israel has recently withdrawn settlers from
   A. The Golan Heights
   B. The Gaza Strip
   C. Jericho
   D. Sinai
2. Which of the following statements about Iraq is true?

A. Sunnis comprise the majority of the population
B. In a recent election, the federal constitution that was drafted by the transitional government was rejected
C. There is an international court in charge of the trial of Saddam Hussein
D. In December, there will be new parliamentary elections for Iraq’s first permanent post-war government
3. What is Gazprom?

A. Poland’s supervisory agency for natural gas
B. Russia’s state controlled gas monopoly
C. The proposed natural gas pipeline near Baku, Azerbaijan
D. The privately held Russian company of billionaire Stensky
Current Events

4. The American dispute with North Korea concerns the issue of North Korea’s

A. Acquisition of nuclear weapons
B. Refusal to quarantine diseased birds and animals
C. Expanding armed forces
D. Boycott of American agricultural products
Current Events

5. Darfur has been in the news because of a

A. Massive earthquake
B. Successful AIDS prevention program
C. Civil war between rebels and the Sudanese government
D. Discovery of oil fields
6. Which Latin American president seems to be moving fastest in the direction of “21st century socialism”?

A. Tabare Vasquez in Uruguay
B. Nestor Kirchner in Argentina
C. Juan Valdez in Colombia
D. Hugo Chavez in Venezuela
7. Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, suffered his first defeat in the House of Commons in November, on the issue of

A. Restricting immigration to the United Kingdom from non European nations
B. Detaining terrorist subjects for up to 90 days without charges
C. Signing long term contracts for the purchase of natural gas from Russia
D. Maintaining a British military presence in Iraq
8. The German Chancellor who was displaced in recent elections was

A. Helmut Kohl
B. Willie Brandt
C. Gerhard Schroeder
D. Karl Braun
Current Events

9. The most recent Conference of the Americas was in

A. Punta del Este, Uruguay
B. Vina del Mar, Chile
C. Mar del Plata, Argentina
D. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
10. The former president of Haiti, who has been accused of stealing millions of dollars from the Haitian treasury, is

A. Jean-Bertrand Aristide  
B. Dominique de Villepan  
C. Jean Francois Cordet  
D. Jacques Chirac
Round 2

People in the News
1. Angela Merkel is the new Chancellor of

A. Chile
B. New Zealand
C. Austria
D. Germany
People in the News

2. Which person is INCORRECTLY paired with his country

A. Pervez Musharraf – Pakistan
B. Mohammed el Ernan – Afghanistan
C. Ariel Sharon – Israel
D. Bashar Assad – Syria
People in the News

3. Name the president of the Palestinian Authority

A. Mahmoud Abbas  
B. Yasir Arafat  
C. Hamid Karzai  
D. Shimon Peres
4. The Prime Minister of Japan is

A. Seiji Maehara
B. Junichiro Koizumi
C. Katsuya Okada
D. Shintaro Ishihara
People in the News

5. Who is John Bolton?

A. The new American ambassador to the United Nations
B. The American ambassador to Iraq
C. The president of South Africa
D. The commander of American forces in Iraq
People in the News

6. Rosa Parks, who recently died, has been identified with

A. Environmental causes
B. AIDS prevention programs
C. Equal opportunities for women
D. The Civil Rights movement
People in the News

7. The new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is

A. Alberto Gonzales
B. John Roberts
C. Arlen Specter
D. Antonin Scalia
People in the News

8. Which of the following has never been a member of the Federal Reserve Board?
   
   A. Alan Greenspan
   B. Paul Bernanke
   C. Martin Feldstein
   D. Paul Volker
9. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is

A. Iran’s “supreme leader”
B. The leader of the opposition to the American presence in Iraq
C. A Pakistani supporter of Osama Bin Laden
D. A Shia religious leader in Iraq
People in the News

10. Who is the new president of Iran?

A. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
B. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani
C. Mehdi Bazargan
D. Ayatollah Khomeini
Round 3

Countries
Countries

1. Maoist guerrillas are a continuing threat to the stability of which Asian nation?
   A. Kyrgyzstan
   B. Tajikistan
   C. Nepal
   D. Bhutan
Countries

2. The Chinese leader associated with the growth of capitalism in that country within the last quarter century

A. Mao Zedong
B. Deng Xiaoping
C. Chou Enlai
D. K’ung-fu Tze
Countries

3. All of the following are accurate statements about modern Turkey (since Ataturk) EXCEPT

   A. It will be admitted to the European Union in 2012
   B. Its Prime Minister is Recep Erdogan
   C. It was created by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk as a secular state
   D. It lies in both Europe and Asia
Countries

4. Ethnic differences between the Hausa, Fulani, Ibo, and Yoruba peoples have exacerbated the problems of governance in which of the following African states?

A. Ghana
B. Tanzania
C. Sudan
D. Nigeria
Countries

5. Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru have which of the following items in common?

A. A history of colonial domination by Spain  
B. Disparity between the economic elites and the poor  
C. Indigenous peoples accounting for a majority of the populations  
D. A portion of the Andean mountain range within their borders
6. All of the following oil exporting nations are members of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) EXCEPT

A. Mexico
B. Saudi Arabia
C. Venezuela
D. Libya
7. The 2006 Winter Olympic games will be held in which of the following countries?

A. China
B. Japan
C. Switzerland
D. Italy
8. Which of the following rivers of China DOES NOT have its headwaters originating in the Tibetan Plateau?

A. The Mekong
B. The Amur
C. The Huang Ho
D. The Yangtze
Countries

9. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is the president of which country in South America?

A. Brazil
B. Argentina
C. Colombia
D. Chile
Countries

10. The dream of building a railroad from Cairo to Capetown was associated with which 19th century colonial power in Africa?

A. Germany
B. France
C. Great Britain
D. Portugal
Round 4
Flags of the World
1. Name the country whose flag is pictured here.
2. Name the country whose flag is pictured here
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3. Name the country whose flag is pictured here
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4. Name the country whose flag is pictured here
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9. Name the country whose flag is pictured here.
Flags of the World

10. Name the country whose flag is pictured here
Round 5

United Nations
United Nations

1. Which of the following is NOT a member of the UN family of organizations?

A. The WTO  
B. The World Bank  
C. UNESCO  
D. NAFTA
United Nations

2. The UN began in 1945 after a meeting of 50 nations in what city?

A. San Francisco
B. Paris
C. New York
D. London
3. Which of the following is NOT one of the principal organs of the UN?

A. The General Assembly
B. The Secretariat
C. The Economic and Social Council
D. The League of Nations
United Nations

4. The UN annual budget for all UN operations excluding the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development is

A. Under $1 billion
B. Between $2 and $5 billion
C. Between $10 and $14 billion
D. Over $25 billion
5. The UN has authorized complex and innovative peacekeeping operations which ended wars in all of the following EXCEPT

A. Vietnam  
B. El Salvador  
C. Guatemala  
D. Cambodia
United Nations

6. Who among the following was never Secretary General of the UN?

A. Boutros Boutros-Ghali
B. Thabo Mbeki
C. Javier Perez de Cuellar
D. Kurt Waldheim
United Nations

7. The number of member states to the UN is

A. 120-140
B. 140-160
C. 160-180
D. 180-200
United Nations

8. The Permanent International Criminal Court was established by a treaty of 120 nations and entered into force without the agreement of which of the following?

A. Iran
B. The United States
C. Russia
D. France
United Nations

9. The UN Trusteeship Council

A. Suspended operation in 1950 with the beginning of the Korean War
B. Began operations in 1963 after the Cuban Missile Crisis
C. Suspended operation in 1994 with the independence of Palau
D. Began operation in 1975 with the end of the Vietnam War
10. The Permanent Court of International Justice meets in

A. New York
B. The Hague
C. Rome
D. Geneva
Round 6

U.S. Neighbors
1. Which statement is NOT true about Canada

A. It is the northernmost country in the world
B. It is composed of 15 provinces
C. Three-quarters of the population live within 150 km of the U.S. border
D. It is a member of the Commonwealth, an association of former British colonies
2. Which city is NOT in Canada

A. Edmonton
B. Melbourne
C. Halifax
D. Winnipeg
3. Canada has slightly more land than the United States, but what fraction of the population?

A. 1/2  
B. 1/3  
C. 1/6  
D. 1/9
4. Which of the following Canadian Prime Ministers lost a confidence vote in the House of Commons within the last two weeks?

A. Pierre Trudeau
B. Lester Pearson
C. Jean Chrétien
D. Paul Martin
5. When did Canada become the first British colony to be transformed into a self-governing dominion?

A. 1763  
B. 1867  
C. 1910  
D. 1921
6. The capital of Canada is

A. Ottawa
B. Vancouver
C. Regina
D. Edmonton
7. The period of Spanish colonial rule in Mexico lasted

A. 100 years
B. 200 years
C. 300 years
D. 400 years
8. Cinco de Mayo celebrates which event?

A. The achievement of independence from Spain in 1810
B. The formation of the first Republic of Mexico in 1834
C. The defeat of the French army seeking to place Maximilian as the emperor of Mexico in 1862
D. The defeat of the federal army in 1910 by Mexican revolutionary forces
9. Which Mesoamerican group’s religious beliefs are associated with human sacrifice?

A. Zapotec
B. Tula
C. Toltecs
D. Aztecs
10. Which statement about Mexico is FALSE?

A. Mexico is divided into 31 states
B. Mexico is bordered by Costa Rica and Panama to the south east
C. Mexico is $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of the United States
D. Mexico’s two peninsulas are Baja California and the Yucatan
Round 7

Famous Landmarks
1. The following landmark is

A. The Aztec Ruins
   National Monument,
   New Mexico
B. Mesa Verde, Colorado
C. The Mayan Ruins,
   Uxmal, Mexico
D. Machu Picchu, Peru
2. The following landmark is

A. The Pu Tuo Temple, Guang Dong, China
B. The Yasukuni Shrine, Tokyo, Japan
C. The Meiji Shrine, Tokyo, Japan
D. Angor Wat, Cambodia
3. The following landmark is

A. The Hands of Victory, Iran
B. The Hands of Victory, Syria
C. The Hands of Victory, Iraq
D. The Hands of Victory, Egypt
4. The following landmark is

A. Ayer’s Rock, Australia
B. Devil’s Rock, Nevada
C. Table Mountain, Capetown South Africa
D. Basalt Dome, New Mexico
5. The following landmark is

A. The Prophet’s Mosque, Mecca, Saudi Arabia
B. Hagia Sophia, Istanbul
C. Mohamed Ali Mosque, Cairo
D. The Blue Mosque, Isfahan, Iran
6. The following landmark is

A. The Imperial Palace,
   Tokyo Japan
B. The Forbidden City,
   China
C. Shurijo Castle,
   Okinawa
   Japan
D. The Imperial Palace,
   Xian China
7. The following landmark is

A. Mount Fuji, Japan
B. Denali, Alaska
C. Mount Everest, Nepal
D. Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
8. The following landmark is in

A. Ephesus, Turkey
B. Petra, Jordan
C. Hadrian’s Villa, Rome
D. Bulla Regia, Tunisia
9. The following landmark is

A. The Alma Ata tower, Kazakhstan
B. The Liberation Tower, Kuwait
C. The Fernsehturm, Berlin Germany
D. The Oriental Pearl Tower, Shanghai China
Famous Landmarks

10. The following landmark is

A. The Mall of America, Minnesota USA
B. The FBI Headquarters, Washington D.C.
C. The CIA headquarters, Langley Virginia
D. The General Motors Headquarters, Detroit Michigan
Round 8

Peoples of the World
1. Punjabi, Rajasthani, Gujarati and Hindi are major languages spoken in

   A. Pakistan
   B. Bangladesh
   C. India
   D. Tibet
Peoples of the World

2. Turkic languages are spoken widely by all the following ethnic groups EXCEPT

A. Uzbeks
B. Kazakhs
C. Uyghurs
D. Afghans
3. Shia Muslims constitute a majority of the population of

A. Iran
B. Indonesia
C. Saudi Arabia
D. Egypt
Peoples of the World

4. The Indo-European family of languages is widely dispersed around the world. A majority of the people in which country DO NOT speak a language classified as an Indo-European language?

A. The United States  
B. Iran  
C. Russia  
D. Mongolia
5. The largest ethnic component in the nation of Singapore is

A. Malay
B. South Asian Indian
C. Chinese
D. The indigenous
Peoples of the World

6. Traveling through all parts of the Iberian Peninsula, one would be least likely to encounter which of the following languages?

A. Portuguese  
B. Catalan  
C. Romansch  
D. Basque
Peoples of the World

7. Buddhism was an important influence on the culture of which of the following states?

A. Thailand and Vietnam
B. Iran and Vietnam
C. Syria and Egypt
D. Russia and Georgia
8. Cassava is an important source of carbohydrate in the foods of

A. South Asia
B. East Asia
C. South America
D. Southern Africa
9. Hungarian belongs to which of the following language groups?

A. Slavic
B. Indo European
C. Finno-Ugric
D. Austronesian
10. The dominant pre-colonial language in the Philippines, which is still spoken there, is

A. Hindi
B. Tagalog
C. Sulu
D. Chinese
Round 9

Nobel Prize Winners
1. Which of the following U.S. presidents never received the Nobel Peace Prize?

A. Jimmy Carter  
B. Theodore Roosevelt  
C. Woodrow Wilson  
D. Franklin Roosevelt
2. This year, the Nobel Peace Prize went to

A. Mohamed el Baradei
B. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
C. Kofi Annan
D. The 14th Dalai Lama
Nobel Prize Winners

3. Two recipients of the Nobel Prize voluntarily refused to accept it. They were

A. Ernest Hemingway and Simone de Beauvoir
B. J.D. Salinger and Wang Ming
C. Yukio Mishima and V.S. Naipaul
D. Jean-Paul Sartre and Le Duc Tho
4. This year’s Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded to

A. R. Aumann and T. Schelling for their work in game theory
B. R. Barro and P. Krugman for their work in international economics
C. J. Bhagwati and J. Stiglitz for their work in trade theory
D. P. Samuelson and B. Bernanke for their work in macroeconomic theory
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Nobel Prize Winners

5. The Nobel Prize in Literature this year was awarded to

A. Poet Derek Walcott
B. Playwright Harold Pinter
C. Novelist Naguib Mahfouz
D. Short story writer John Cheever
6. When the Nobel Committee feels that there are no outstanding achievements on which they agree in a given year, they decline to offer a prize. This has happened most often in the award for

A. Peace  
B. Medicine  
C. Chemistry  
D. Physics
Nobel Prize Winners

7. Alfred Nobel, who established the Nobel Prizes in his will, made a great fortune from his invention of

A. Dynamite
B. Incandescent light bulbs
C. The first antibiotics
D. The internal combustion engine
Nobel Prize Winners

8. Francis Crick and James Watson were awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1962 for their discovery of

A. A polio vaccine
B. The DNA double helix
C. The first flu vaccine
D. The origins of malaria
9. Alexander Fleming, Ernst Chain, and Howard Florey were awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for discovering

A. The RNA molecule
B. The first anti-cancer vaccine
C. Penicillin
D. A cure for AIDS
Nobel Prize Winners

10. The Nobel Foundation is located in which city?

A. Geneva
B. Stockholm
C. Brussels
D. Copenhagen
Round 10

Great Decisions 2006
1. How many people in the world do NOT have access to safe drinking water?

A. 5.7 million
B. 8.2 million
C. 1.1 billion
D. 3.2 billion
2. Which city in the “Sunni Triangle” had been the bedrock of a violent insurgency until a US campaign in November, 2004?

A. Baghdad  
B. Mosul  
C. Basra  
D. Falluja
3. How does the World Bank describe people living in “extreme poverty”?

A. Those living on less than $1 per day
B. Those living on less than $.50 per day
C. Those living on $2 per day
D. None of the above
4. Since 1981, the percentage of people living in extreme poverty in China has decreased from 64 percent to 17 percent. How many people have been lifted above the poverty line in China?

A. Over 100 million  
B. Over 200 million  
C. Over 400 million  
D. Over 800 million
5. According to a recent World Bank study of 52 civil conflicts, what was the underlying cause?

A. Ethnic tension
B. Economic forces
C. Ancient political feuds
D. Language differences
6. The last period of democratic rule in the Sudan ended in 1989 when this individual stormed parliament with his troops and arrested secular politicians.

A. Colonel John Garang  
B. General Omar Hassan al-Bashir  
C. Colonel Gaafar Mohamed Nimeiri  
D. Hassan al-Turabi, leader of the Muslim Brotherhood
7. After clashing with two rebel groups in the Darfur region, the government in Khartoum has been accused of

A. Allowing the rebel groups to fight among themselves
B. Supporting the anti-rebel militia known as the “Janjaweed” in their destruction of Darfur villages
C. Soliciting aid from other countries to stop the violence
D. Negotiating an autonomy agreement with the Darfur rebels
8. In recent years, the disparity of per capita income of rural and urban Chinese workers has

A. Decreased
B. Remained the same
C. Increased
D. There has been no disparity
9. Which of the formerly Soviet states have most recently been incorporated into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization?

A. Moldova, Ukraine, Lithuania
B. Lithuania, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan
C. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
D. Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia
10. The current director of the CIA is

A. Porter Goss
B. Richard Clarke
C. Tom Ridge
D. George Tenet
1. President Roosevelt’s Pet Pooch was named

A. Fella
B. Fala
C. Bella
D. Della
2. What were the four freedoms that Roosevelt articulated in his 1941 State of the Union Address as fundamental to the safeguarding of democracy?

A. Fear, Worship, Fraternity, Speech
B. Life, Liberty, Worship, Speech
C. Wealth, Worship, Fraternity, Speech
D. Fear, Want, Worship, Speech
3. Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt were actually already distant relatives when they married in 1905. They were

A. First cousins, once removed
B. Uncle and niece
C. Fifth cousins, once removed
D. Step brother and step sister
4. As a result of Franklin Roosevelt’s unprecedented election to four terms, which amendment was added to the constitution to essentially limit a president to only two terms?

A. The 14th  
B. The 19th  
C. The 22nd  
D. The 25th
5. In the ill-fated – so called – “court packing” incident, FDR proposed increasing the number of Supreme Court Justices from

A. 9 to 12  
B. 12 to 15  
C. 6 to 9  
D. 9 to 15
6. On December 7, 1941, FDR described the date as “a date that will live in infamy”. Originally, he had thought to describe it as

A. A date that will live for infinity  
B. A date that will live in world history  
C. A date we will forever remember  
D. A date that will live in history
7. In all, approximately how many new programs did the New Deal create?

A. 5-15
B. 16-25
C. 26-35
D. 36-45
8. Due to space considerations, at any given time the Roosevelt Presidential Library can display only about what percent of the material it actually has?

A. 3-5%
B. 10-20%
C. 30-35%
D. 40-50%
9. For her work at the United Nations, which American President gave Mrs. Roosevelt the title, “First Lady of the World”? 

A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
B. Dwight D. Eisenhower
C. Harry S. Truman
D. John F. Kennedy
10. At her marriage to Franklin Roosevelt on March 17, 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt was “given away” by

A. Woodrow Wilson
B. Theodore Roosevelt
C. Elliot Roosevelt
D. James Delano
Tie Breakers

1. The city of Beslan, the site of the 2004 terrorist attack on a school, is in which Russian region

   A. Dagestan
   B. North Ossetia
   C. Chechnya
   D. Tartarstan
Tie Breakers

2. The Kadima is
   A. A traditional Japanese dance form
   B. An African plant known to reduce obesity
   C. The world’s newest luxury resort in Dubai
   D. A new political party in Israel
3. Poland is surrounded by 7 countries. Name the countries. ONE POINT WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER AND ONE POINT WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH INCORRECT ANSWER.