

WORLDQUEST 2007

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Practice Question

Who did Vladimir Putin succeed as President of Russia?



- a. Mikhail Gorbachev
- b. Boris Yeltsin
- c. Leonid Brezhnev
- d. Yakov Smirnoff













Who was named Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in September 2005?

- a. Paul Wolfowitz
- b. Pascal Lamy
- c. Ban Ki-Moon
- d. Nicolas Sarkozy







Question 2

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has how many member countries?

- a. 176
- b. 177
- c. 184
- d. 192







Which joint program between the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) aims to ensure that no poor country is overloaded with a debt burden it cannot manage?

- a. African Growth and Opportunity Act
- b. Structural Adjustment Facility
- c. Millennium Challenge Account
- d. Heavily Indebted Poor Country Initiative







Question 4

The World Bank headquarters are located in what city?

- a. Washington, D.C.
- b. Paris, France
- c. Geneva, Switzerland
- d. New York, NY







Which of the following countries does **not** have an appointed seat on the executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- a. Japan
- b. United Kingdom
- c. Canada
- d. Germany







Question 6

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was formed in 1995 as the successor to which international agreement?

- a. North American Free Trade Agreement
- b. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- c. Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement
- d. Central America Free Trade Agreement







Which of the following countries is the most recent member to join the World Trade Organization (WTO)?

- a. Vietnam
- b. Cambodia
- c. Armenia
- d. Algeria







Question 8

Which of the following countries is **not** a current member of the World Bank?

- a. Bolivia
- b. Laos
- c. Liechtenstein
- d. Swaziland







What was the original purpose of the World Bank when it was founded in 1944?

- a. To assist reunited Germany after the Cold War
- b. To fund the newly-formed United Nations
- c. To help rebuild Europe after World War II
- d. To help reduce poverty in thirdworld countries







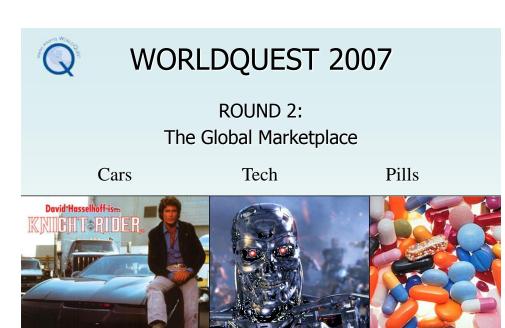
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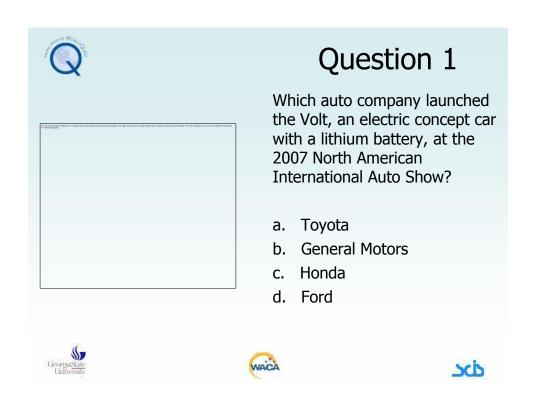
Which of the following is **not** one of the ten basic points outlined by the Washington Consensus?

- a. Tax reform
- b. Fiscal discipline
- c. Privatization of state enterprises
- d. Increasing tariffs and quotas on trade

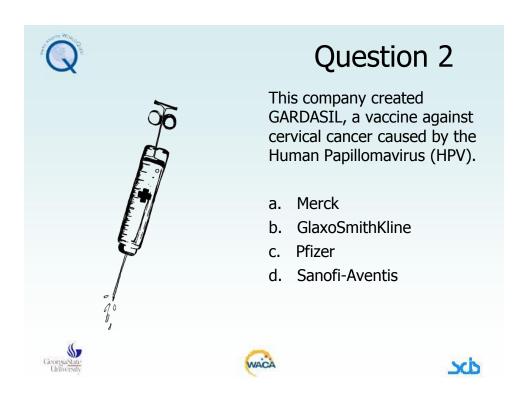


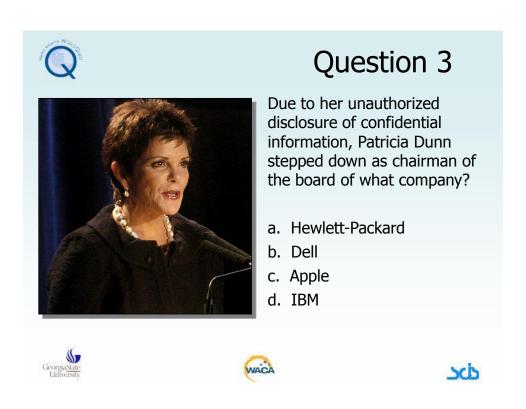


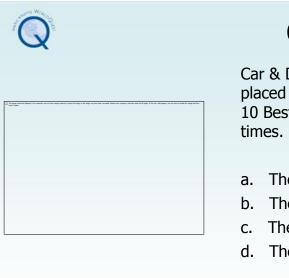




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Car & Driver magazine has placed this Honda model on its 10 Best Cars list twenty-one

- The Pilot
- The Civic
- c. The Taurus
- d. The Accord











Question 5

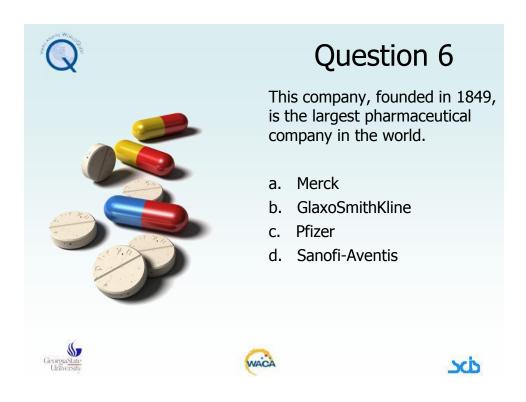
What percentage of American homes owns a Nintendo game system?

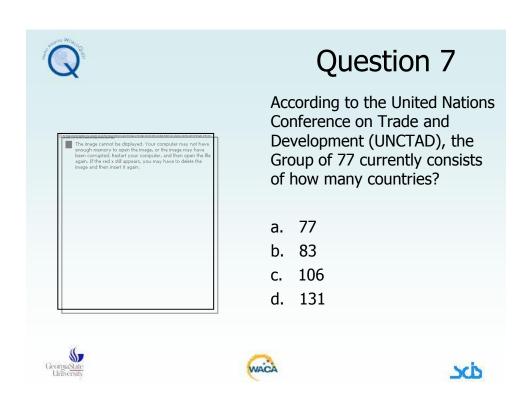
- a. 20%
- b. 30%
- c. 40%
- d. 50%















According to the 2006 Greenpeace Guide to Greener Electronics report, what company earned the highest rating in the computer industry?

- a. Microsoft
- b. Gateway Computers
- c. Sony
- d. Dell











Question 9

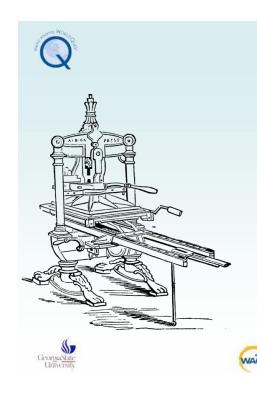
Which of the following is **not** a part of the Ford Motor family of brands?

- a. Saab
- b. Aston Martin
- c. Mazda
- d. Jaguar









What is the TRIPS agreement?

- a. The Television, Radio, Internet, Press, and Speech agreement
- b. Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
- c. The original agreement that established UNCTAD as part of the UN system
- d. Annex 1D of the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.









What is the term given to the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank?

- a. Hajj
- b. Jihad
- c. Intifada
- d. Dawah











Question 2

Which Middle Eastern country hosts the largest number of Palestinian refugees?

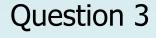
- a. Lebanon
- b. Syria
- c. Egypt
- d. Jordan













The United Nations voted to give the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) observer status in what year?

- a. 1953
- b. 1967
- c. 1974
- d. 1982









Question 4



On June 5, 1967, which country's air force was almost completely decimated by a preemptive strike by Israeli forces?

- a. Egypt
- b. Iran
- c. Iraq
- d. Syria













What strip of land, located in the western foothills of Mount Hermon, is claimed by both Israel and Lebanon?

- a. Gaza Strip
- b. Judea
- c. Samaria
- d. Shebba Farms











Question 6

Which Palestinian leader was a co-recipient of the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize?

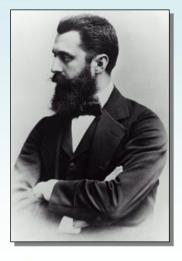
- a. Mahmoud Abbas
- b. Yasser Arafat
- c. Samiha Khalil
- d. Safwat Al-Sherif













What Jewish journalist, living in Austria in the 1890s, advocated reestablishing a Jewish state in Palestine?

- a. Nathan Birnbaum
- b. Theodor Herzl
- c. Moses Hess
- d. Hibbat Zion











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What series of letters between Sir Henry McMahon and the ruler of Mecca promised lands in the former Ottoman Empire to the Arabs?

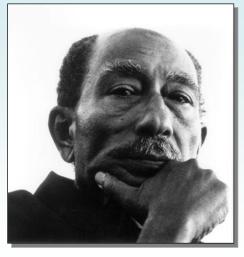
- a. The Husein-McMahon Correspondence
- b. The Sykes-Picot Agreement
- c. The McMahon-Hejazi Papers
- d. The Balfour Declaration











Islamic fundamentalists within the Egyptian army assassinated this Egyptian president in 1981.

- a. Ahmed Fouad II
- b. Mohamed Hosni Mubarak
- c. Gamal Abdel Nasser
- d. Anwar al-Sadat











Question 10

What organization, which does not recognize Israel as a legitimate state, won the 2006 Palestinian parliamentary elections?

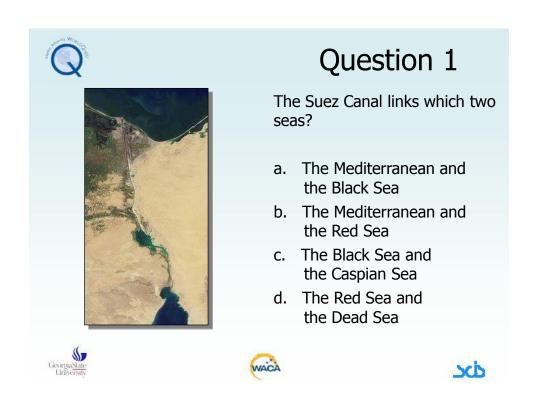
- a. Deobandi Movement
- b. Fatah
- c. Hamas
- d. Palestine Liberation Organization













What is the largest lake in Africa?



- a. Lake Chad
- b. Lake Tanganyika
- c. Lake Victoria
- d. Lake Nyasa



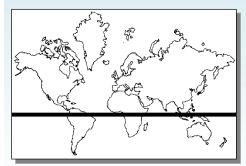






Question 3

Which of these African countries are located on the equator?



- a. Gabon, Kenya, and Uganda
- b. Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe
- c. Guinea, Nigeria, and Chad
- d. Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Djibouti











Which of the following is the legislative capital of South Africa?

- a. Johannesburg
- b. Durban
- c. Cape Town
- d. Pretoria











Question 5

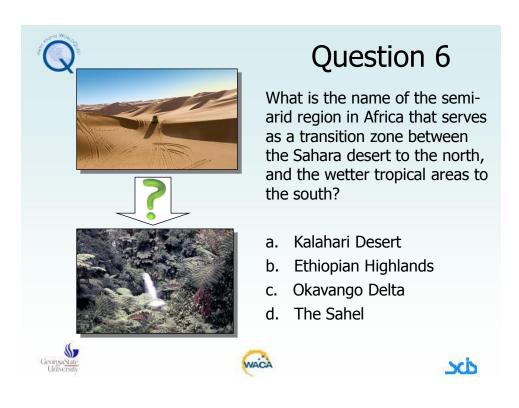
The _____ stretches from Syria, through East Africa, and on to Mozambique. As it expands, East Africa may split off from the rest of the continent.

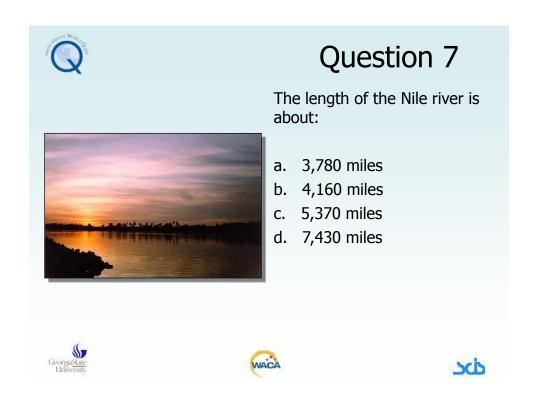
- a. The Nile River
- b. Victoria Falls
- c. The Great Rift Valley
- d. The Mozambique Channel





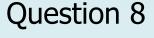












Which five countries share borders with the Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)?

- a. Ghana, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Mali, Guinea
- b. Benin, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, Guinea
- c. Sierra Leone, Guinea, Mali, Ghana, Togo
- d. Guinea, Mali, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana













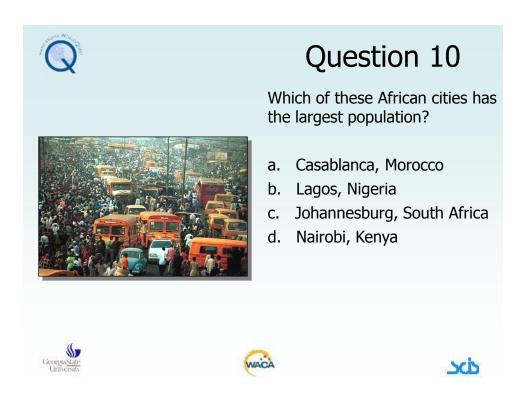


Which of the following animals are commonly known as the "Big Five"?

- a. Zebra, Tiger, Crocodile, Giraffe, Hyena
- b. Buffalo, Crocodile, Elephant, Giraffe, Lion
- c. Wildebeest, Buffalo, Elephant, Giraffe, Rhino
- d. Elephant, Leopard, Lion, Buffalo, Rhino











Which Southeast Asian country has been ruled by the same family for over six centuries?



- a. Brunei
- b. Bahrain
- c. Benin
- d. Burma (Myanmar)









Question 2

Who is the President of Zimbabwe?



- a. Yoweri Museveni
- b. Robert Mugabe
- c. Nelson Mandela
- d. Joseph Kabila



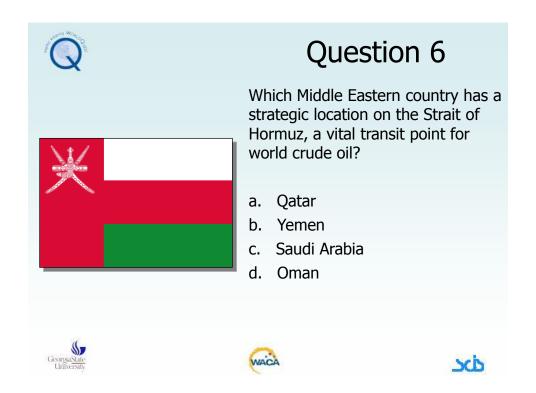














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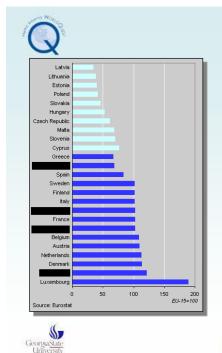
Which two countries entered the European Union on January 1, 2007?

- a. Norway and Iceland
- b. Croatia and Macedonia
- c. Bulgaria and Romania
- d. Turkey and Albania









Question 8

This country has the second highest per capita gross domestic product (GDP) in the European Union Union.

- a. Great Britain
- b. Portugal
- c. Germany
- d. Ireland







Which of these countries is the largest in area?



- a. United States
- b. Canada
- c. Russia
- d. China



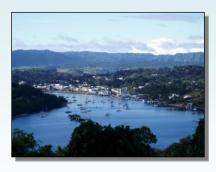






Question 10

What country's capital is Port-Vila?



- a. Vanuatu
- b. Comoros
- c. East Timor
- d. Andorra



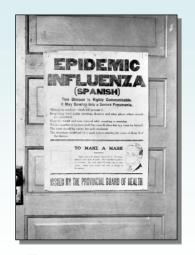












True or False: An epidemic is a global outbreak of a disease.











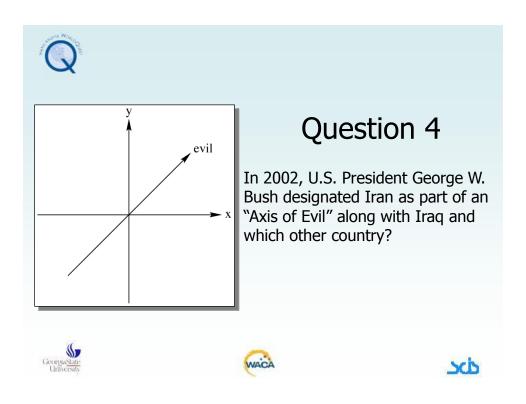
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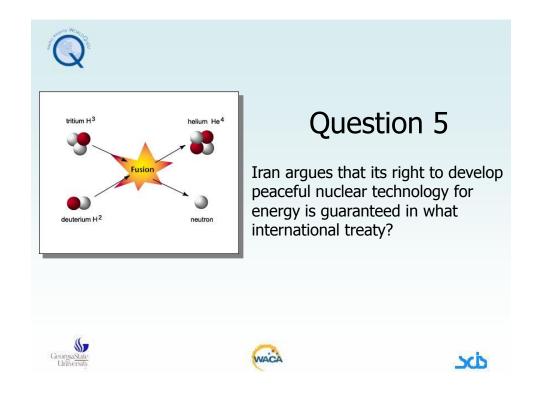
The ancient network of land-based trade routes connecting China, India, Central Asia, Persia, Byzantium, and Rome is referred to as what?















True or False: According to the U.S. Army's *Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogation*, coercive interrogation is only acceptable in a "ticking bomb" scenario.











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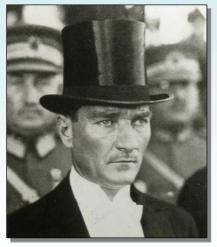
What U.S. program was launched in 2004 to spend \$5.6 billion on stockpiling vaccines for bioterror threats such as anthrax?











In the 1920's and 1930's, the founder of the modern Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, implemented radical cultural reforms.

True or False: Ataturk's reforms included changing the dress code.













Edward Morse and James Richard wrote an article entitled "The Battle for Energy Dominance." The article draws attention to the emergence of which country as a major player on the energy market?







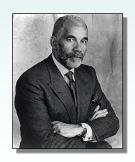


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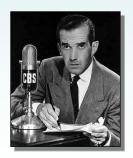
ROUND 7: Current Events

















In the State of the Union address on January 23, 2007, President George W. Bush called for a new tax plan to tackle rising costs in what industry?

- a. Health care
- b. Defense contractors
- c. Social Security
- d. Automobile manufacturing











Question 2

Indian actress Shilpa Shetty was the target of racial insults on what reality television program?

- a. The Amazing Race
- b. Survivor
- c. Big Brother
- d. Fear Factor









As a 65th birthday present to their father, three siblings in Germany paid to give what name to the fierce winter storm that swept across Europe in mid-January?

- a. Florien
- b. Hans
- c. Klaus
- d. Kyrill











Question 4

What international soccer star signed a multi-million dollar contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy?

- a. Chris Albright
- b. Steve Cronin
- c. Mia Hamm
- d. David Beckham











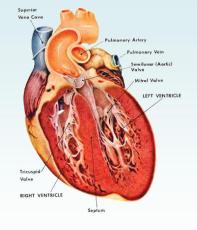
February 14, 2007, marked the second anniversary of the assassination of Rafik Hariri, the former prime minister of what country?

- a. Algeria
- b. Egypt
- c. Lebanon
- d. Syria









Question 6

A study published by *The Archives* of *Internal Medicine* suggests that doing what on a regular basis may reduce the risk of death from heart disease?

- a. Eating tangerines
- b. Listening to classical music
- c. Bathing
- d. Taking naps











The late Bent Skovmand created the Doomsday Vault, a repository designed to safeguard _____.

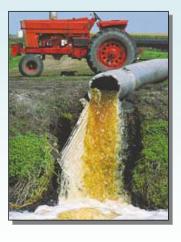
- a. People
- b. Historical artifacts
- c. Nuclear weapons
- d. Crop seeds











Question 8

Trafigura, an oil trading company from the Netherlands, agreed to pay \$200 million to the government of this African country over claims that it illegally dumped toxic waste in one of its cities.

- a. Benin
- b. Guinea
- c. Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)
- d. Kenya











What is the name of the United States astronaut currently facing charges of attempted kidnapping?

- a. Colleen Shipman
- b. Laurel Salton Clark
- c. Ellen Ochoa
- d. Lisa Nowak











Question 10

The Fugees is the name of a soccer team made up of refugee children that have been resettled in which Atlanta suburb?

- a. Clarkston
- b. Decatur
- c. Alpharetta
- d. Riverdale







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ROUND 8: People in the News













Question 1

My name is Hakuo Yanagisawa, and I recently called women "baby-making devices." What is my current position in the Japanese government?

- a. Health Minister
- b. Prime Minister
- c. Defense Minister
- d. Trade Minister









I am the President of Iran, and I recently appeared in an interview on "Good Morning America." Who am I?

- a. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
- b. Muamar Gaddafi
- c. Ali Khamenei
- d. Mohammad Khatami









Question 3

I am the socialist candidate in the running for President of France. Who am I?

- a. Michelle Bachelet
- b. Simone de Beauvoir
- c. Angela Merkel
- d. Segolene Royal









I recently hosted "Papa Bear" Bill O'Reilly on my late-night Comedy Central show. Who am I?

- a. Jon Stewart
- b. Anderson Cooper
- c. Tony Snow
- d. Stephen Colbert









Question 5

Which one of these people is Hugo Chavez, the Venezuelan president who recently earned the right to rule by decree?











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C.

D.





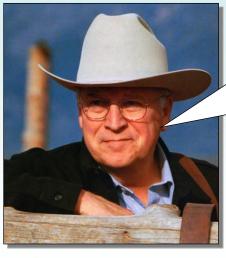


My name is Alexander Litvinenko. I was a former KGB agent. How did I die?

- a. I was poisoned with Polonium-210.
- b. I was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad.
- c. I was in a fatal car accident in Moscow.
- d. I was gunned down outside my home.







Question 7

My former chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was charged with lying during an investigation of who leaked a covert CIA operative's name to the media. Who am I?

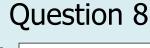
- a. Karl Rove
- b. Dick Cheney
- c. Donald Rumsfeld
- d. Robert Novak













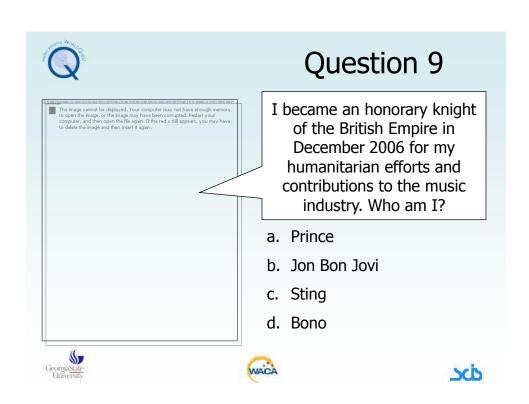
The man to my right replaced me as Secretary General of the United Nations.
Who is he?

- a. Shinzo Abe
- b. Ban Ki-moon
- c. Roh Moo-hyun
- d. Chun Yung-woo

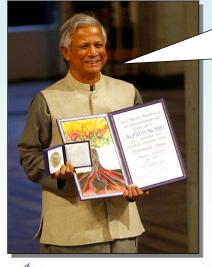












I founded the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. I recently announced that I would form my own political party. Who am I?

- a. Fakhruddin Ahmed
- b. Hossein Mohammad Ershad
- c. Muhammad Yunus
- d. Ziaur Rahman









Who was the first female in space?

- a. Sally Ride
- b. Mae Jemison
- c. Anna Kournikova
- d. Valentina Tereshkova













Question 2

Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon on what date?

- a. July 20, 1969
- b. February 3, 1958
- c. December 12, 1963
- d. January 1, 1968











What rocket scientist first developed the V2 ballistic missile for the German army, but later became the director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center?

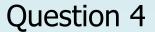
- a. Robert Goddard
- b. Chuck Yeager
- c. Werner von Braun
- d. Yuri Gagarin











What interstellar craft has traveled farther into deep space than any other object launched by man?



- a. Apollo
- b. Gemini
- c. Voyager 1
- d. Galileo











Who was the first human in space?

- a. John Glenn
- b. Alan Shepard
- c. Gherman Titov
- d. Yuri Gagarin









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Question 6

Two rovers have been exploring Mars since 2004. One is named Opportunity, and the other is named _____.

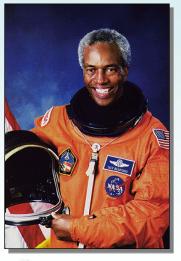
- a. Spirit
- b. Progress
- c. Intrepid
- d. Explorer











Who was the first African-American to go into space?

- a. Mae Jemison
- b. Ron McNair
- c. Bernard Harris
- d. Guion Bluford











Question 8

What artifact was included on both the Voyager 1 and 2 probes in case they ever encountered extraterrestrials?

- a. A book
- b. A painting
- c. A record
- d. A statue











On NASA Space Shuttle missions, astronauts are allocated how much food per day?

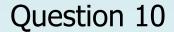
- a. 2.1 lbs.
- b. 2.3 lbs
- c. 3.8 lbs
- d. 4.6 lbs











Who is the only person to have hit a golf ball on the moon?

- a. Neil Armstrong
- b. Alan Shepard
- c. Buzz Aldrin
- d. Michael Collins

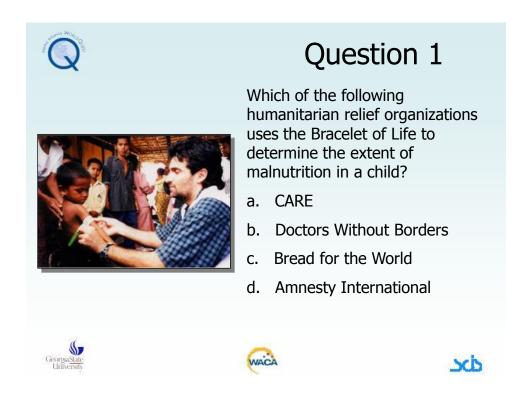
















According to CARE, about how many people in the world live on less than \$2 a day?

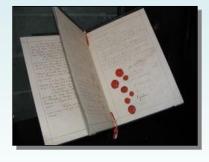
- a. 500 million
- b. 1 billion
- c. 3 billion
- d. 5 billion











Question 3

How many states ratified the Geneva Conventions, which set the standards for international humanitarian law?

- a. 150
- b. 172
- c. 181
- d. 194











When CARE was founded, it sent packages of food and supplies to assist the survivors of which war?

- a. World War I
- b. World War II
- c. Korean War
- d. Vietnam War

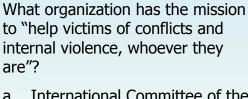












- a. International Committee of the Red Cross
- b. Doctors Without Borders
- c. World Health Organization
- d. World Food Program









According to Doctors Without Borders, its decision to intervene in a country or crisis is based solely on:

- a. Political conditions in the recipient country
- b. Economic impacts of the intervention
- c. The religious affiliation of the people affected by the crisis
- d. An independent assessment of people's needs









Question 7

Who founded the Red Cross in 1863?

- a. Henry Dunant
- b. Sean Greenley
- c. Robert McNamara
- d. Juliette Gordon Low











Which of these organizations has **not** been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a. International Committee of the Red Cross
- b. CARE
- c. United Nations Children's Fund
- d. Doctors Without Borders















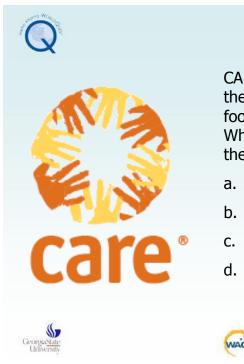
Question 9

According to Doctors Without Borders, which of the following is one of the most underreported humanitarian stories of 2006?

- a. Resurgence of polio in India
- Malaria outbreaks in Latin
 America
- c. Human toll taken by tuberculosis
- d. AIDS epidemics in Africa





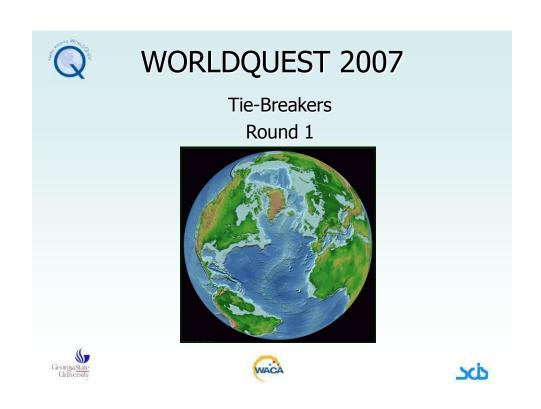


CARE states that 54 countries in the world do not produce enough food to feed their populations. What continent is home to most of these countries?

- a. Asia
- b. Africa
- South America
- d. Antarctica









Which two countries lie on the island of Hispaniola?









Tie Breaker Question 2

The African continent covers what percentage of the world's <u>land</u> area?

- a. 9%
- b. 14%
- c. 18%
- d. 23%











Whose socks are these? (Hint: He is the current president of the World Bank.)









Tie Breaker Question 4

What 2001 round of World Trade Organization negotiations have been stalled due in part to disputes over agricultural issues?

- a. Seattle Round
- b. Doha Round
- c. Cancun Round
- d. Hong Kong Round







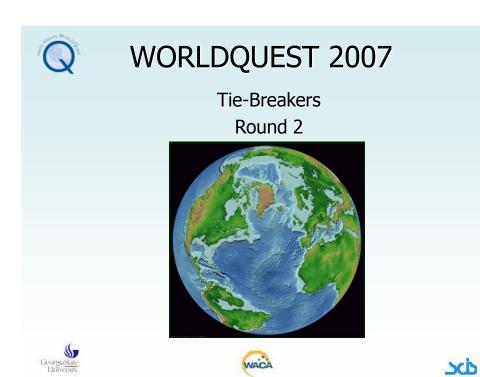


Apple chose which U.S. wireless carrier to be its exclusive partner for the Apple iPhone?











True or False:

The Arab-Israeli War of 1973 began when Arab forces attacked Israel on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish Year.









Tie Breaker Question 2

Drew Gilpin Faust is the first woman to be appointed as president of which Ivy League school?

- a. Cornell
- b. Princeton
- c. Yale
- d. Harvard









What is the largest country in Africa?









Tie Breaker Question 4

What country has the highest number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) protected or assisted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?

- a. Iraq
- b. Sudan
- c. Colombia
- d. Afghanistan







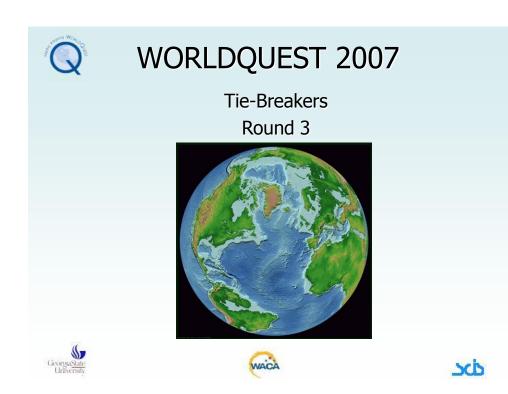


This Indian policy, followed since the early 1990s, encourages economic and political engagement with Southeast Asia. What is the name of this policy?











This country's legislative assembly was established in the year 930, making it the world's oldest functioning legislature.

- a. Greenland
- b. Iceland
- c. Norway
- d. Sweden









Tie Breaker Question 2

True or False:

The Apollo 13 mission successfully landed on the moon.









What is the name of the original institution that established the World Bank?

- a. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- b. International Development Association
- c. International Finance Corporation
- d. International Monetary Fund









Tie Breaker Question 4

Which U.S. President brokered the 1978 Camp David Accords, the framework for peace in the Middle East?









The McMahon Line was a 1914 attempt to define the border between India and China in what Himalayan borderland?

- a. Tibet
- b. Nepal
- c. Kashmir
- d. Bangladesh



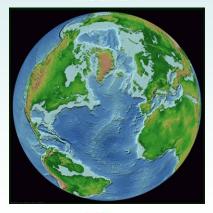






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What does the acronym NASA stand for?









Tie Breaker Question 2

Which of these is not a Millennium Development Goal?

- a. Promote gender equality and empower women
- b. Improve maternal health
- c. Ensure environmental sustainability
- d. Reduce religious conflict









Which European country has the highest per capita GDP in the world?









Tie Breaker Question 4

ConAgra Foods warned consumers not to eat certain brands of peanut butter after they were linked to an outbreak of what type of food poisoning?

- a. E. Coli
- b. Salmonella
- c. Botulism
- d. Trichinosis







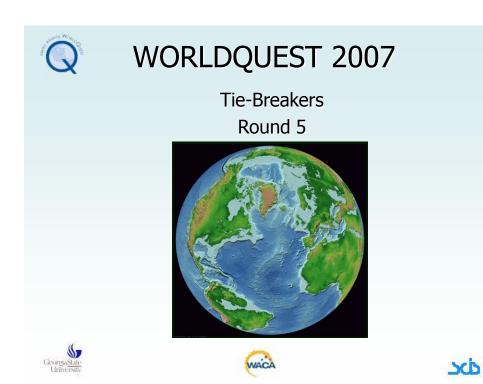


The lowest point on the African continent is Lake 'Asal, located in which country?











According to UNICEF, about how many children worldwide are currently serving as child soldiers?

- a. 175,000
- b. 210,000
- c. 250,000
- d. 325,000









Tie Breaker Question 2

The mayor of which Mexican city is currently under investigation for suspected ties to drug traffickers?

- a. Acapulco
- b. Cancun
- c. Mexico City
- d. Tijuana









Microsoft's Middle East headquarters are located in what country?









Tie Breaker Question 4

This American actor received an Academy Award for his portrayal of Uganda's brutal former dictator Idi Amin.









The Group of Four (G-4) developed a proposal to add 10 new seats to the UN Security Council. The G-4 is made up of which four countries?

- a. Argentina, Germany, Japan, and South Korea
- b. Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan
- c. Brazil, Italy, Japan, and Mexico
- d. Argentina, Germany, India, and Japan





