

The Weekly News Quiz Game

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ORGANIZATION

1. Two panels, each consisting of five members, compete in a 30-minute session.
2. A moderator reads each question aloud, and may repeat the question to both panels. The first panel member who raises his/her hand is given the opportunity to answer the question. If the answer is incorrect, any member of the opposing panel is given the opportunity to answer.
3. The moderator may be assisted by one or two judges who rule on which panelist raised his/her hand first. In case of ties, neither panel may answer the question and the question is discarded. Judges may also be used in keeping score.

QUESTIONS

1. Questions are worth 5, 10, and 15 points. If the question is answered correctly, the points are added to the answering team's score. **If the question is answered incorrectly, the points are awarded to the opposing team's score.** The opposing team then has the option of answering the missed question. If answered correctly, they receive the point value of the question for a total of two times the regular point value. If the answer was incorrect, they then lose the points awarded when the first team answered incorrectly.
2. Panelists have 10 seconds to answer and only the first answer is accepted. Prior to answering, panelists may not confer or discuss the question.
3. An answer is judged correct if it is analogous to the answer provided.

GAME FORMAT

1. The moderator starts with a 5-point question. Whichever panel member raises his/her hand first may try answering the question. If his/her answer is correct, the team is awarded 5 points and the moderator proceeds with a 10-point question; then, if answered correctly, a 15-point question.
2. Whenever a question has been answered incorrectly or left unanswered, or a 15-point question has been answered correctly, the moderator will start again with a 5-point question.
3. If the same panel answers three questions in a row correctly for 5, 10, then 15 points, that team is awarded a 15-point bonus.
4. The *Quiz Game* proceeds for a fixed time period, generally 30-minutes, and the panel accumulating the most points is declared the winner.
5. The moderator may modify the rules to fit the particular situation, i.e., the number of panelists on a team, the 30-minute time limit, or the number of teams competing. Regardless of the organization, it is essential that the *Quiz Game* remains competitive in nature.

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5 POINT QUESTIONS

1. On March 7th, thousands gathered for the 45th annual commemoration of the Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge, located in which U.S. state?
2. What country recently held its second full-term parliamentary elections since the U.S. invasion in 2003?
3. On March 8th, a deadly magnitude-6.0 earthquake struck what Eurasian nation?
4. President Obama recently renewed America's commitment to the recovery and reconstruction of what country, telling visiting President Rene Preval he knows that the crisis has not passed?
5. The NCAA men's basketball tournament, held over a three-week period, is better known by what nickname?
6. The Sudanese government recently began direct talks with JEM, the main anti-government group in what western region of Sudan?
7. The Internet, as well as Russian and Chinese activists are among a record 237 people and organizations that have been nominated this year for what prestigious award, reflecting interest boosted by last year's award being given to President Obama, this according to organizers?
8. Oil giant Royal Dutch Shell recently announced that it has halted gasoline sales to what country, the world's fifth largest oil exporter, making it one of the latest companies that has stopped supplies in response to a threat of future U.S. sanctions?
9. The French navy recently captured more than 30 piracy suspects off the coast of what country, hailing it as the most successful mission since the European Union operations began in 2008?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|---------------------|
| | 1 Alabama |
| | 2 Iraq |
| | 3 Turkey |
| | 4 Haiti |
| | 5 "March Madness" |
| | 6 Darfur |
| | 7 Nobel Peace Prize |
| | 8 Iran |
| | 9 Somalia |

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5 POINT QUESTIONS

10. On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission took place in Boston over what man's telephone as his assistant heard him say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you?"
11. Brazil's president has come under criticism for his support of the government in what country with regard to the island's political prisoners and hunger strikes over human rights?
12. Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius increased pressure on what type of companies, urging them to forgo short-term profits to make coverage more affordable and to stop fighting the Obama administration's reform effort?
13. Great Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States are the five permanent members of what 15-member body of the United Nations?
14. TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED: What two families are the only families that have had father and son U.S. Presidents?
15. Chile recently announced that it has dismissed the head of its Navy's oceanographic service over his failure to issue what type of alert about the barreling waves believed to have killed hundreds in the moments after the 8.8-magnitude earthquake?
16. U.S. federal regulators continue to look into reports of uncontrolled acceleration on what Toyota model after two different incidents happened just one day apart?
17. Name the U.S. Secretary of Defense who recently traveled to Saudi Arabia and asked for the kingdom's help to win more support for harsh economic penalties against Iran.
18. Due to the number of HIV cases rising in the capital New Delhi, the financial hub of Mumbai and in the north, what country will have to scale up HIV prevention efforts to avoid spending an increasing share of its healthcare budget on the treatment of AIDS patients?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| | 10 Alexander Graham Bell |
| | 11 Cuba |
| | 12 Health insurance |
| | 13 Security Council |
| | 14 Bushes, Adames |
| | 15 Tsunami |
| | 16 Prius |
| | 17 Robert Gates |
| | 18 India |

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19. THREE ANSWERS REQUIRED: What are the colors of the Cuban flag?

20. Joining the U.S. in the invasion of Iraq "was the right decision made for the right reasons," this according to what man, the British Prime Minister, who said that he was convinced by intelligence reports that Baghdad at that time was a threat?

21. On March 4, 1933, which U.S President was inaugurated, pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression?

22. Forbes magazine recently released its annual list of the world's richest people and for only the second time since 1995, what man, Microsoft co-founder, was not at the top?

23. The hard-line president of what country recently called the official record of the September 11th terrorist attacks a "big lie" used by the U.S. as an excuse for the war on terror?

24. What are the first three words of the *U.S. Constitution*?

25. According to NASA researchers, the recent earthquakes in what country have likely altered the distribution of the Earth's overall mass and as a result, the length of one day is now a little shorter than before the quake?

26. On March 16, 1802, the U.S. Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy. What is the common name of this academy?

27. On the recent anniversary of the deadly but failed 1959 Tibetan uprising, the Dalai Lama angrily accused authorities in what country of trying to "deliberately annihilate Buddhism?"

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| | 19 Red, white, blue |
| | 20 Gordon Brown |
| | 21 Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| | 22 Bill Gates |
| | 23 Iran |
| | 24 "We the people" |
| | 25 Chile |
| | 26 West Point |
| | 27 China |

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28. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano recently announced that what type of screening devices would be installed at 11 U.S. airports by this summer, with more to follow?
29. Name the former Olympic track star who recently signed a one-year contract with the WNBA's Tulsa Shock.
30. During his weekly general audience, what man recently offered condolences to the victims of the "atrocious violence causing bloodshed in Nigeria" and urged civil and religious leaders "to work towards security and peaceful co-existence?"
31. On March 2, 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted citizenship in what country?
32. What country recently announced that it had approved the construction of 1,600 new settlement homes in disputed Jerusalem?
33. On March 24, 1989, the oil tanker *Exxon Valdez* spilled 10.8-million gallons of crude oil in Prince William Sound, located off the coast of which U.S. state?
34. Since March of 1950, a list of the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" has been effective in helping what U.S. federal agency apprehend suspects?
35. What company recently announced that it would no longer allow debit card purchases to be approved if there is not enough money in their customer's account?
36. March 19, 2010 marks the day of the initial missile strikes that began the U.S. invasion of Iraq how many years ago?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| | 28 Full-body scanners |
| | 29 Marion Jones |
| | 30 Pope Benedict XVI |
| | 31 United States |
| | 32 Israel |
| | 33 Alaska |
| | 34 Federal Bureau of Investigation |
| | 35 Bank of America |
| | 36 Seven |

5 POINT QUESTIONS

37. On March 11, 1942, which World War II general left the Philippines for Australia declaring, "I shall return?"
38. In New Zealand, one of the world's leading weight loss program, Weight Watchers, will soon promote menu items at what restaurants, the world's largest fast food chain?
39. The image of what former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury is found on the U.S. \$10 bill?
40. A U.S. federal judge recently ruled that which city has the right to use the name "Tavern on the Green" for its landmark Central Park restaurant, rejecting arguments by the restaurant's outgoing operators that they owned the name?
41. What Internet search engine site recently added bike routes to its online maps?
42. Hundreds of construction workers recently raised a rally cry of "Build it now!" at a gathering with elected officials at what site to urge a quick rebuild of the complex that was destroyed in the September 11th terrorist attacks?
43. The families of three Americans, who have been detained in what country for nearly eight months after accidentally crossing the border into that country, recently received phone calls from all three and reported that they are being treated well?
44. In 1864, General Sherman led the Union Army to defeat the Confederacy in Atlanta, Georgia, during what war?
45. What country, invaded on August 17, 1990, recently celebrated the 19th anniversary of its liberation by Allied forces from seven months of Iraqi occupation?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 37 | Douglas MacArthur |
| 38 | McDonald's |
| 39 | Alexander Hamilton |
| 40 | New York City |
| 41 | Google |
| 42 | World Trade Center |
| 43 | Iran |
| 44 | U.S. Civil War |
| 45 | Kuwait |

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10 POINT QUESTIONS

46. TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED: In an attempt to raise student achievement nationwide, governors and education leaders recently proposed new school standards that could lead to students across the country using the same textbooks and taking the same tests for what two subjects?
47. Which piece of U.S. legislation, passed in October 2001, gives the CIA greater access to law enforcement information including warrants and domestic wiretaps?
(A) Freedom Act (B) Patriot Act (C) Liberty Act (D) Independence Act
48. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts recently said that he was troubled by President Obama's decision to criticize the high court during what speech delivered by President Obama in January, saying that he had "no problems" with criticism of Supreme Court decisions, but it was the forum that concerned him?
49. Name the White House official who recently traveled to the Middle East, marking the highest-level visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories by an Obama administration official.
50. In what U.S. city did General Sherman fight for nearly two months to cut off the southern transportation hub and weaken the Confederate Army?
51. TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED: Officials from what two countries recently began a final push to clinch a treaty that would reduce their strategic nuclear arsenals, which combined currently hold some 95% of the world's nuclear warheads?
52. Who introduced the theory of natural selection?
53. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that he sent a letter to Senior General Than Shwe, the junta chief in what country, to voice his concern about the credibility of this year's nationwide election in that country, the first there in 20 years?
54. Hosni Mubarak, the president of what country for almost three decades, recently underwent successful gallbladder surgery in Germany after handing power temporarily to his prime minister?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| | 46 Math, English |
| | 47 (B) Patriot Act |
| | 48 State of the Union |
| | 49 Vice President Joe Biden |
| | 50 Atlanta, Georgia |
| | 51 Russia, U.S. |
| | 52 Charles Darwin |
| | 53 Myanmar (Burma) |
| | 54 Egypt |

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55. Biologists at Pinnacles National Monument in California are celebrating the first egg laid inside the park boundaries in more than a century by a mating pair of what endangered birds, whose numbers, in 1982, totaled 22 but have now reached 348 worldwide?
56. On August 6, 1945, when the atom bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, which U.S. President was in office?
57. At the Digital Inclusion Summit in Washington, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission said that his agency is considering establishing what type of wireless service for "free or very low cost" for the entire nation?
58. With schizophrenia-like symptoms, what painter suffered hallucinations and memory loss, once swallowed paint and eventually sliced off his ear?
59. In which one of the following U.S. states are The Blue Ridge Mountains found?
(A) North Dakota (B) North Carolina (C) Vermont (D) Alaska
60. FIVE ANSWERS REQUIRED: Name the five freedoms that the First Amendment of the *U.S. Constitution* guarantees.
61. What country's exports expanded strongly for the third straight month in February, rising 45.7% from a year earlier?
62. Scott Brown, who in January, became the first Republican to represent which state in the U.S. Senate in almost fifty years, recently signed a deal to write his memoirs?
63. Wildlife officials have tried everything from dropping bombs in the water and firing rubber bullets to keep sea lions from eating what endangered species and will now euthanize the most serious offenders?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|--|
| | 55 Condor |
| | 56 Harry Truman |
| | 57 Internet |
| | 58 Vincent van Gogh |
| | 59 (B) North Carolina |
| | 60 Speech, press, religion, assembly, petition |
| | 61 China |
| | 62 Massachusetts |
| | 63 Salmon |

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10 POINT QUESTIONS

64. Rio de Janeiro is the second largest city in what country?

65. On March 7, 1965, thousands of people walked across a bridge in Selma, Alabama, and a violent confrontation between civil rights activists and police helped open ballot boxes to blacks across the South. That 1965 march and others led to what U.S. legislation being signed into law, on August 6, 1965?

66. First Lady Michelle Obama's one-of-a-kind ivory inaugural gown was recently donated for an exhibit, featuring items worn by other former First Ladies, at what museum, which is part of the world's largest museum complex?

67. In March of 1789, what U.S. document went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York?

68. The Berlin Wall that once divided East and West Germany was taken down in November of which year? (A) 1949 (B) 1969 (C) 1989 (D) 1999

69. After Mars, which planet in our solar system is the next furthest from the Sun?

70. The discovery of a genetically distinct colony of Tasmanian devils may save the species from being wiped out by a contagious cancer that has decimated the population of these animals, which are listed as an endangered species by what country?

71. Prior to March 3, 2009, the last Square Root Day was recognized on February 2, 2004, and the next date to be recognized will be what date?

72. What is the national motto of the United States?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|--|
| | 64 Brazil |
| | 65 Voting Rights Act |
| | 66 Smithsonian National Museum of American History |
| | 67 <i>U.S. Constitution</i> |
| | 68 (C) 1989 |
| | 69 Jupiter |
| | 70 Australia |
| | 71 4/4/16 (April 4, 2016) |
| | 72 "In God We Trust" |

15 POINT QUESTIONS

73. Nearly 200 women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots and flew planes during World War II recently received what honor, the highest civilian honor given by the U.S. Congress, in a ceremony on Capital Hill?
74. A new report has surfaced and claims that millions of dollars raised by the 1985 Live Aid concerts for the victims of the famine in what African nation may have actually been spent on weapons, emphasizing that getting aid to the people who need it most can be difficult?
75. In June 1993, who became the first American woman to travel in space as a crewmember of the Space Shuttle Challenger?
76. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently announced that the U.S. will resume aid to what country, which had been suspended after a coup last year caused the ouster of then-President Manuel Zelaya?
77. Who recently became the first woman to win Oscars for Best Director and Best Picture for her film, "The Hurt Locker?"
78. On March 8th, people around the world marked what official celebration, first recognized in the early 1900s that highlights individuals for their economic, political and social achievements?
79. According to U.N. peacekeeping chief, the U.N. could begin withdrawing troops from what country this June, where the biggest U.N. peacekeeping mission in the world is currently taking place as a result of a 1998-2003 war and ensuing humanitarian disaster that has killed an estimate 5.4 million people?
80. According to human rights groups, more than 500 people were recently killed in religious violence in what country just weeks after violence struck the same region, where more than 300 died, most of whom were Muslims?
81. What was the name of the peace accord that Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed in 1993? (A) Good Friday Accord (B) Oslo Accord (C) Good Hope Accord (D) Camp David Accord

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| | 73 Congressional Gold Medal |
| | 74 Ethiopia |
| | 75 Sally Ride |
| | 76 Honduras |
| | 77 Kathryn Bigelow |
| | 78 International Women's Day |
| | 79 Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| | 80 Nigeria |
| | 81 (B) Oslo Accord |

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82. In what country did four masked men recently storm a poker tournament, hold up a cashier then steal more than \$130,000?
83. Nearly 1,000 people were trapped on two passenger ferries and two cargo ships that got stuck in the ice in what body of water located off Sweden's east coast?
84. Name the 1997 American League MVP who recently signed a one-day contract with his former team the Boston Red Sox, then announced he was retiring, ending his 14-year career.
85. In March of 2002, Switzerland joined what coalition, formed in 1945, leaving the Vatican as the sole state that is not a full member?
86. "Love Never Dies" is a sequel to what Andrew Llyod Weber musical that is a tale of gothic romance set in the Paris Opera that has been seen by 100 million people around the world since it opened in 1986?
87. The Battle of Ia Drang Valley, the first major engagement between U.S. forces and the opposition, was fought during what war?
88. In 1992, which third-party candidate, who spent \$60 million of his own money on his independent campaign, won 19% of the popular vote?
89. In a landmark decision, the U.S. government will support a complete ban on the international trade of what species of fish, a popular sushi delicacy that conservationists believe is being threatened to extinction by over fishing?
90. Mary Josephine Ray, a sports-loving card player who was the oldest person in the U.S., recently passed away at what age?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 82 | Germany |
| 83 | Baltic Sea |
| 84 | Nomar Garciaparra |
| 85 | United Nations |
| 86 | "Phantom of the Opera" |
| 87 | Vietnam War |
| 88 | Ross Perot |
| 89 | Atlantic Bluefin tuna |
| 90 | 114 |

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15 POINT QUESTIONS

91. What is the holiest shrine in Judaism?

92. Members of the parliament in what country recently tucked into a meal of seal meant to defy both animal rights activists and the European Union, which has banned imports of seal products, resulting in a slump in demand for seal furs, meat and oil?

93. What African nation, where nearly 300,000 people have been killed and another 2.7 million have been displaced since conflict began in 2003, is scheduled to hold its first multi-party elections in 25 years on April 11th, when voters will head to the polls for presidential, legislative and regional elections?

94. West Point Military Academy is located in which U.S. state?

95. THREE ANSWERS REQUIRED: The U.S. Treasury Department recently lifted restrictions on software and Internet-based services to what three countries to allow people in those nations to communicate with the outside world and exercise their universal right to free speech and information?

96. Famed political activist Doris "Granny D" Haddock recently passed away at age 100. "Granny D" made headlines in 1999 when she did what in an effort to bring attention to campaign finance restructuring?

97. The Huang Ho River located in China is also known by what more common name?

98. Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest freestanding mountain rise in the world, is located in which country? (A) Nepal (B) Tanzania (C) Russia (D) India

99. According to a U.N. Security Council report, up to half of the food aid intended for the millions of hungry people in what Horn of Africa nation, which has been plagued by fighting and humanitarian suffering for nearly 20 years, is being diverted to corrupt contractors, radical militants and local U.N. workers?

| Reference | Answer |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| | 91 Western Wall or Wailing Wall |
| | 92 Canada |
| | 93 Sudan |
| | 94 New York |
| | 95 Cuba, Iran, Sudan |
| | 96 Walk across the U.S. |
| | 97 Yellow River |
| | 98 (B) Tanzania |
| | 99 Somalia |