

Questions and Answers from 2010

Potpourri

1. How many freckles did Howdy Doody have? 48 (one for each state)
2. If you are suffering from "Poliosis" what is happening to you? Your hair is turning gray.
3. Walt Disney could not be hired by the Disney Corp. Why? They had a policy banning facial hair.
4. If you are an expert in "orogenesis" what are you an expert in? The evolution of mountains.
5. Who was the second man to walk on the moon? Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin
6. Where is the lacrimal canal? Your eye
7. What company used as its slogan, "Ask the man who owns one." Packard
8. In retail business every item has an SKU. What is an SKU? Stock Keeping Unit
9. Within 10%, how many nuclear warheads are there in the world? 23,300. So 20,970 to 25,630. The US has 9400, Russia has about 13,000.
10. NBC's 'Blue' network is now known as what? ABC

Music & Literature

1. What is the title of Bilbo Baggins memoirs? A Hobbit's Tale
2. In Stephen King's 'The Shining,' what prophetic word is spelled backwards? Murder (redrum)
3. [Picture of Dark Side of the Moon album cover] This drawing is associated with what musical group? Pink Floyd
4. [Play Moonlight Sonata] Who wrote this music? Beethoven
5. [Play Octopus' Garden] What is the name of the person singing this song? Ringo Star
6. Minnie Pearl always wore a hat with a price tag on it while performing. Within \$1.00, what was the price? \$1.98
7. In 1959 a horrible crime occurred in Kansas. What American author wrote a classic account of this crime and what was it entitled? Truman Capote "In Cold Blood"
8. Which jazz musician named his 1979 autobiography "To Be Or Not To Bop?" Dizzy Gillespie
9. What was the name of Spike Jones' orchestra? The City Slickers
10. According to the St Paul Pioneer Press, they were (quote) "strange visitors from another world" and (quote) "alleged musicians." What group were they referring to? The Beatles

Sports

1. Within 5 feet, how long is the standard shuffleboard court? 52 feet
2. What is the only sport where the defense controls the ball? Baseball
3. How many tiles are there in a game of Dominoes? 28
4. Who was the first Minnesotan to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame? hint=he was a Brainerd native. Charles Albert "Chief" Bender
5. Which Minnesota Twin drove in the winning run in game 7 of the 1991 World Series? Gene Larkin
6. The ball used in Rugby, both league and union play, is called what? The Ball
7. What race car driver was featured in Sports Illustrated 2009 swimsuit issue? Danica Patrick
8. What kind of vehicle was Tiger Woods driving on November 27th, 2009? Cadillac Escalade
9. What is the name of the man who is the principle owner of the Minnesota Vikings? Zygi Wilf
10. In the game of Soccer, what is the field of play called? The Pitch

Current Events – 2009

1. What horse won the Kentucky Derby on May 2, 2009? Mine That Bird (50-1 odds)
2. On December 15, 2009 the Justice Department announced a plan to move Guantanamo detainees to a prison in which state? Illinois
3. Name the Prime Minister of Canada or the President of Mexico. Prime Minister Stephen Harper and President Felipe Calderon.

4. Who was Time Magazine's 2009 "Man of the Year?" Fed Chair Ben Bernanke
5. On January 20th, 2009 Barack Obama was sworn in as President of the United States. What was the name and title of the person who botched the oath of office? Chief Justice John Roberts
6. 2009 was the International Year of astronomy because it was the anniversary of what event? It commemorates the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of a telescope to study the skies
7. Colgan Air flight 3407 crashed near what city on February 12? Buffalo, NY
8. A coup caused political upheaval in what Central American country? Honduras
9. The United Nations Climate Change Conference was held in what country? Denmark
10. Who scored big with the song, "I Dreamed A Dream?" Susan Boyle

Geography

1. Where is Zealand? Denmark
2. What country has the most coastline? Canada
3. What river flows through Baghdad? The Tigris
4. In what state is the highest peak in the lower 48 United States? California's Mt. Whitney, at 14,495 feet (Mt. Whitney is less than 100 miles from Death Valley, the lowest point in North America.)
5. Before he named Pike's Peak in Colorado, Zebulon Pike named another Pike's Peak. In what state is it located? Iowa
6. What states border Delaware? Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania
7. Eagle Mtn in Cook Count is the highest point in Minnesota. In which county is the highest city in Minnesota? Pipestone (Holland elevation 1772 ft)
8. Which state in the lower 48 borders on only one other state? Maine
9. What is the smallest nation in the world? Vatican City (110 acres, population 800)
10. Four states have capital cities that begin with the same letter as their state. What are they? Dover, Delaware; Indianapolis, Indiana; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma & Honolulu, Hawaii

History & Politics

1. Which nation has the oldest national flag to be continuously used? Denmark
2. Where in Minnesota did the "Blueberry" war take place? Brainerd
3. For how many model years did Ford build the Edsel? 3 (1958,59,60)
4. When is the last time that the Republican Party has won the presidency without having either a Nixon or a Bush on the ticket? 1928 (Hoover/Curtis)
5. How was British naval hero Horatio Nelson's body preserved on the voyage back to England? it was preserved in a barrel of brandy
6. Where did Arnold Schwarzenegger graduate from college? University of Wisconsin, Superior
7. In what year was Sesame Street first broadcast? November 10, 1969
8. Who is the only Minnesota Governor born in Brainerd? C. Elmer Anderson
9. Who invented the air brake? George Westinghouse
10. What transcontinental railroad had it's world headquarters in Brainerd The Northern Pacific