

Sample Questions*

1. What did chemist and engineer Alfred Nobel, of Nobel Prize fame, invent that gets its name from the ancient Greek word for "power"?
2. On the TV special *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, what did Hermey the elf want to do instead of make toys?
3. When Richard Nixon said, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore, because, gentlemen, this is my last press conference," what had just happened?
 - A. He had just resigned the presidency.
 - B. He lost his race to be governor of California.
 - C. He lost his race to be President of the United States to Kennedy.
 - D. He just got dumped on prom night.
4. Which character from *Avengers: Endgame* has a last name that can also refer to a writing instrument?
5. Which of these events happened first?
 - A. Live Aid concerts are held in America and England.
 - B. Mike Tyson bites Evander Holyfield's ear during a boxing match.
 - C. Physical Euro notes and coins are introduced in participating countries.
 - D. *The Rules: Time-Tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr. Right* is published.
6. What "Dangerous" movie star does Bruno Mars sing about in the first line of Mark Ronson's hit song "Uptown Funk"?
7. Which NFL team is the only one to beat the New England Patriots in two different Super Bowls?
8. How did John Travolta mispronounce Idina Menzel's name at the 2014 Oscars?
 - A. "Adeem Mazelle"
 - B. "Adelle Dazeem"
 - C. "Nadine Zelmen"
 - D. "Izzina Mendel"
9. Which 20th century president famously vomitted into the lap of Japan's prime minister, and then fainted?
10. Which singer, whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, infamously showed up at MTV's 2010 Video Music Awards in a meat dress?
11. A museum in Austin, Minnesota is based on which food product that was introduced in 1937 and now has more than a dozen varieties?***
 - A. Campbell's Soup
 - B. M&Ms
 - C. Hershey chocolate
 - D. SPAM

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ANSWERS: 1. Dynamite 2. Be a dentist 3. B. He lost his race to be governor of California 4. Peter Quill (leader of the Guardians of The Galaxy) 5. A. Live Aid – 1985 (Tyson – 1997; Euros – 2002; Rules – 1995) 6. Michelle Pfeiffer (who starred in both *Dangerous Minds* and *Dangerous Liaisons*) 7. New York Giants 8. A. "Adelle Dazeem" 9. George H.W. Bush 10. Lady Gaga 11. D. SPAM

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