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• The competition will start promptly at 9:00am.
• There are 10 rounds of 10 questions each.
• Each round is identified on the answer sheets with the round number.
• All the questions are multiple choice.
• If your school has more than one team make sure that your team is correctly identified on all answer sheets.

• Schools with two teams have been identified as either “School Name” A or “School Name” B.

• Mark your team’s answer on the answer sheet by making a full circle around A, B, C, or D choices.

• In order to receive credit for your answer, there must be only one clear circle per question.
• Once the moderator has read the question and answer options out loud you will have 30 seconds to discuss the question with your team and mark your answer.

• Judges will collect answer sheets after each round.

• After each round the moderator will display on the screen the correct answers for that round.
Five leading team standings will be announced and displayed on the screen after intermission. The winners will be announced at the award ceremony.

A team consists of four (4) players.

Player substitutions are not allowed during the competition.
• Teams are not allowed to consult with coaches, the audience, wireless devices, cell phones, other teams, books, or other written materials during rounds.

• Any team found by 2012 Metro Atlanta Academic WorldQuest moderators, judges, runners, or staff to be violating this rule will forfeit that round.
• If a team believes another team is cheating, the accusation has to be brought to the attention of a 2012 Metro Atlanta Academic WorldQuest representative immediately.

• If the challenged team is not found to be in violation of any rules, the accusing team will forfeit five (5) points.
• Challenges can be lodged at the end of rounds 5 and 10.

• If your team wishes to challenge an answer, only the team captain may bring the challenge calmly and politely to a judge.

• The decision of the head judge is final.

• If your challenge is unsuccessful, your team will forfeit ten (10) points.
• One (1) point for each right answer.
• No penalty for wrong answers or answers left blank.
• In the event two or more teams are tied, there will be tie-breaker questions at the end of the main competition.
• The tie-breaker will continue until there are clear 1st and 2nd place teams.
PLEASE REMOVE ANY CELL PHONES, WIRELESS DEVICES, BOOKS, OR OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS FROM YOUR TABLE AT THIS TIME.
The following two (2) slides are Practice Questions. DO NOT record the answers on your sheet.
Who did Vladimir Putin succeed as President of Russia?

a. Mikhail Gorbachev
b. Boris Yeltsin
c. Leonid Brezhnev
d. Yakov Smirnoff
Which country is NOT in the Greenwich Mean Time Zone?

a. United Kingdom  
b. Morocco  
c. Portugal  
d. New Zealand
“Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half.”

-Gore Vidal (1925- )
Round One: U.S. Education: Competing Globally
The “Educate to Innovate” report, sponsored by President Barack Obama, serves to do what for American schoolchildren?

a. Improve literacy and language skills to prepare them for a global world
b. Connect underprivileged students to skilled teachers using web conferencing
c. Improve participation and performance in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
d. Create networks for schoolchildren and businesses so they can be connected for future careers
What was the first year the United States spent more on information technology than production technology?

a. 1987
b. 1991
c. 1994
d. 1998
The National Academy of Sciences’ *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* asks “How is America doing now in Science and Technology” and concludes what?

a. The European Union’s commitment to spend 3% of GDP on Research and Development has made it the undisputed leader in the performance of basic and applied research

b. The United States is still the undisputed leader in the performance of basic and applied research

c. China surpassed the United States as the undisputed leader in the performance of basic and applied research in 2010

d. The rapid rise of South Korea’s science and engineering power has made it the undisputed leader in the performance of basic and applied research
According to the article “Rise of One World Trade Center,” unlike its 1970’s predecessor, the 1,776-foot-tall new World Trade Center will also be a marvel of green engineering. The ambitious, long-term plan is to eventually power how much of the complex with green power?

a. 20%
b. 50%
c. 70%
d. 100%
According to the National Academy of Sciences report *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, which historical event had the most negative effect on research and development funding from the US government?

- a. 9/11
- b. The Cold War
- c. The Cuban Missile Crisis
- d. The launch of Sputnik
According to *Lessons from PISA for the United States*, up to 27% of students in Shanghai, China reach the highest level of performance in mathematics. What percent of students in United States do the same?

- a. 2%
- b. 7%
- c. 15%
- d. 45%
According to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, the problem with US STEM education is not just a lack of proficiency among American students, but also what?

a. Insufficient spending per student  
b. A lack of bipartisan consensus on the importance of STEM education  
c. A lack of research in how children learn about STEM subjects  
d. A lack of interest in STEM fields among many students
Compared with only 9.8% growth for other jobs, STEM-related jobs are expected to grow by how much by 2018?

a. 12%
b. 17%
c. 22%
d. 25%
The “Whose Air is it Anyway?” article blames what factor for the high difficulty of tracing the chemical reactions that make ozone?

a. The fact that ozone is an invisible gas
b. Ozone’s toxicity levels
c. The ever-changing nature of the lower atmosphere
d. Scientific tools that are not advanced enough to trace the reactions
In the 2006 PISA comparison, what were American students’ rankings in science and math literacy among students from developed countries?

a. 2/30 in Science, 3/30 in Math
b. 7/30 in Science, 13/30 in Math
c. 17/30 in Science, 22/30 in Math
d. 21/30 in Science, 25/30 in Math
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   Answer: b. 1991
3. The National Academy of Sciences’ *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* asks “How is America doing now in Science and Technology” and concludes what?

*Answer: b. The United States is still the undisputed leader in the performance of basic and applied research*

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*Answer: c. 70%*
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*Answer: b. The end of Cold War*

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Answer: b. 17%
9. The “Whose Air is it Anyway?” article blames what factor for the high difficulty of tracing the chemical reactions that make ozone?
Answer: c. The ever changing nature of the lower atmosphere

10. In the 2006 PISA comparison, what were American students’ rankings in science and math literacy among students from developed countries?
Answer: d. 21/30 in Science, 25/30 in Math
Round Two: U.S. Energy Policy
According to the Council on Foreign Relations’ U.S. Energy Challenge Expert Roundup, what did Dale Bryk suggest is the single most important thing that the U.S. can do in order to reduce our dependence on oil?

a. That the government reduces the speed limit on all interstate highways to 50 miles per hour
b. That U.S. citizens purchase more solar vehicles
c. The federal government should build new roads
d. That the government set a 60 mile per gallon standard for cars and light trucks
Based on Secretary Chu’s testimony to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, what promise did President Obama make at the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh in regards to fossil fuels?

a. To support development in poor countries that have significant fossil fuel reserves
b. To enact a 10-year moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico
c. To reduce America’s usage of fossil fuels to 15% by 2035
d. To phase out fossil fuel subsidies
According to the Pew Charitable Trusts’ *Who’s Winning the Clean Energy Race* report, which of the following was the leading recipient of G-20 clean energy investments in 2010?

a. Wind  
b. Solar  
c. Geothermal  
d. Biofuels
According to the Pew Charitable Trusts’ Who’s Winning the Clean Energy Race report, while the United States’ clean energy investment increased 51 percent in 2010 to $34 billion, the United States fell to third place among G-20 members behind which two countries?

a. France and Canada  
b. Brazil and Italy  
c. China and France  
d. China and Germany
According to the Council on Foreign Relations “Nuclear Energy Guide,” what year did North Korea leave the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT)?

a. 1994  
b. 1998  
c. 2001  
d. 2003
According to Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson in the Council on Foreign Relations’ article “US Energy Challenge: Expert Roundup,” which of the following is one of the seven basic principles for a comprehensive energy security road map?

a. Increased investment into fuel cell technologies for automobiles
b. Reducing the number of suppliers in order to better regulate the market
c. Further development of US offshore oil resources in order to increase domestic oil production
d. Adoption of policies that ensure consistent regulation and transparent price signals
The most serious nuclear accident in US history occurred on March 28, 1979 and the second most serious nuclear safety lapse in US history occurred in 2002 at which two plants?

- Oyster Creek and McGuire
- Turkey Point and Beaver Valley
- Wolf Creek and Dresden
- Three Mile Island and Davis Besse
According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), conventional recoverable natural gas resources are equivalent to more than how many years of current global consumption?

a. 120  
b. 15  
c. 17  
d. 3
Which of the following countries does not have plans to acquire nuclear power in the near future:

- a. Belarus
- b. Oman
- c. Kazakhstan
- d. United Arab Emirates
Which country was the world’s leading producer of wind turbines and solar modules in 2010?

a. China
b. USA
c. France
d. Brazil
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*Answer: d. China/Germany*

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*Answer: b. Oman*

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*Answer: a. China*
Round Three: U.S. Economic Competitiveness
According to the *White House Executive Summary for American Innovation*, which of these is NOT something that America must do in order to remain competitive?

a. Out-innovate the rest of the world
b. Out-spend the rest of the world
c. Out-educate the rest of the world
d. Out-build the rest of the world
CFR’s *Expert Roundup, Infrastructure Investment and U.S. Competitiveness*, both Mr. Robert Puentes and Mr. Felix Rohatyn agree that America should do what to update its infrastructure?

a. Study the successful methods used by China, India and Europe to remain competitive  

b. Focus on job growth, which by default will cause infrastructure to improve  

c. Build a national infrastructure bank that would leverage public capital and provide a "guidance-system" for federal dollars  

d. All of the above
According to the Congressional Budget Office, what will be the 2011 U.S. budget deficit if current policies remain in place?

a. $100 Billion
b. $900 Billion
c. $1.5 Trillion
d. $7.5 Trillion
According to the Council on Foreign Relations Backgrounder *U.S. Debt Ceiling: Costs and Consequences*, how many times did Congress raise the debt ceiling between 1962 and the summer 2011 debate?

a. 7  

b. 37  

c. 58  

d. 74
According to the US Department of Commerce report *Competing-and Winning-in a Global Economy*, which country leads all other countries in the absolute level of labor productivity, both per hour and per employee?

a. China  
b. Germany  
c. United States  
d. Japan
According to the Great Decisions article “Banks, Governments and Debt Crisis,” what is the relationship between government debt and large-scale bank failure?

a. Large-scale bank failure increases government debt
b. Government debt default often causes large-scale bank failure
c. To prevent debt increase the government turns to regulated firms such as banks for help
d. All of the above
According to the *Great Decisions* article “Germany’s Ascendancy,” Germany concluded what about international intervention?

a. In the case of Kosovo, humanitarianism was not merely recommended but required German intervention

b. Germany had to become involved in the Iraq war to promote democracy in the Middle East

c. The US invasion of Afghanistan was in violation of international law and demanded no sacrifices from Germany

d. All of the above
According to the National Academy of the Sciences’ *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, which leading economist demonstrated that productivity depends on more than labor and capital and that intangible qualities such as research and development (R&D) or the acquisition and application of knowledge are crucial?

a. John Maynard Keynes  
b. Robert Solow  
c. Adam Smith  
d. Paul Samuelson
According to the World Economic Forum’s *Global Competitiveness Report*, which country in Asia is ranked the highest on the Global Competitiveness Index?

a. Hong Kong  
b. Taiwan  
c. Singapore  
d. China
According to the World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Index, the United States continues its decline, falling two more places to fourth position. What continues to be the United States greatest area of weakness?

a. Lack of significant wage flexibility in the labor markets
b. Lack of macroeconomic stability
c. Poor public trust of politicians
d. Lack of collaboration between the university system and the business sector in Research and Development (R&D)
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Round Four: Middle East

HOLY PLACE

No dogs, cigarettes, guns & short clothing!
According to Robert Danin in the Council on Foreign Relations article “Gauging Obama’s Mideast Policy Speech,” what did the Obama administration do for the first time with regards to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

a. Called for full Israeli withdrawal from the region
b. Called for the reinstatement of the pre-1967 Six Day war borders as the borders between the two countries
c. Delayed negotiations on Jerusalem
d. Called for a peaceful approach by Palestine as a sign of good faith
According to Richard Haass in the Council on Foreign Relations article “The Arab Spring Has Given Way to a Long, Hot Summer,” what is one lesson that can be learned from the Arab Spring in order to move forward?

a. Military intervention should always be the first step taken
b. You cannot negotiate with Islamists even if they claim to eschew violence
c. It is easier to oust a regime than to help put something clearly better in its place
d. The price of oil has no relationship to civil unrest
At the G8 Summit, the G8 countries extended a long-term global partnership to all countries of the Middle East region engaging in a transition towards free, democratic and tolerant societies. What two pillars is the Deauville partnership based on?

a. A political process to support democratic transition and an economic process for sustained growth
b. A military process to end all outside intervention and a political process to support transition
c. An economic process for sustained growth and the establishment of Weapons of Mass Destruction-free zone
d. None of the above
According to the State Department Fact Sheet: Holding Iran Accountable, what is significant about the Human Rights Council’s Special Rapporteur on Iran?

a. It is the first time the Council investigated Iran for human rights violations
b. It helped the Council be seen as a powerful force in international affairs
c. It is the first country-specific rapporteur the Council has ever created
d. All of the above
In his speech on U.S. policy in the Middle East and North Africa at the Department of State on May 19th, 2011, President Obama said that Americans have a stake, not just in the stability of nations, but also in what?

a. Self-determination of individuals
b. A high level of oil production
c. Secular governments
d. Establishment of a Middle East Economic Union
According to the State Department Fact Sheet: Transition and Reform in Yemen, approximately how many internally displaced Yemenis is the United States providing aid to?

a. 50,000  
b. 120,000  
c. 350,000  
d. 400,000
Due to the breaking of US diplomatic contact with Iran, which embassy in the US represents Iranian Affairs under the Iranian Interests Section?

a. Saudi Arabia  
b. Pakistan  
c. Iraq  
d. Syria
According to the January 2009 “Security Agreement” between the United States and Iraq, in what year will the remaining U.S. forces leave Iraq?

a. End of 2011
b. End of 2012
c. End of 2013
d. End of 2014
Saudi Arabia’s oil reserves, the largest in the world, account for what percentage of its exports?

a. 50%
b. 75%
c. 80%
d. 90%
According to Fact Sheet: Economic Support for the Middle East and North Africa, what sector of the economy has been largely responsible for the decrease in GDP growth in both Egypt and Tunisia?

a. Tourism  
b. Service  
c. Manufacturing  
d. Transportation
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According to President Obama in his June 2011 Address on Troop Levels in Afghanistan, how many troops will be leaving Afghanistan by the end of 2011?

a. 10,000
b. 30,000
c. 75,000
d. 100,000
Where does Afghanistan rank on Transparency International’s corruption index?

a. First
b. Second
c. Third
d. Tenth
According to the authors of *The Future of Pakistan*, what could the United States do in order to restructure its alliance with Pakistan?

a. Build a stronger monetary relationship  
b. Foster a one dimensional relationship  
c. Recognize Pakistan as a nuclear capable international stakeholder  
d. All of the above
According to Senator Kerry’s statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which two facts are central to understanding the situation and solution in Pakistan?

a. An abrupt withdrawal of US troops from the region is necessary and Pakistan is in dire need of economic reform
b. The real conflict is within Pakistan itself and the United States can’t afford to sit on the sidelines as Pakistan’s outcome is decided
c. Pakistan has had a long history of inept leadership and the country has not helped the United States pursue its security goals
d. None of the above
According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies’ “The Problem of Pakistan” presentation, which of the following is NOT one of Pakistan’s current strategic concerns?

a. Security of nuclear weapons
b. Reduced funding from the United States
c. India
d. Hostile Afghanistan under the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
According to the Congressional Research Service report *Pakistan’s Nuclear Weapons: Proliferation and Security Issues*, what is the most likely scenario in which militants or terrorists could acquire Pakistani nuclear weapons?

a. A security breach in the ineffective Pakistani Army  
b. A lack of strong communication between the US and Pakistani militaries  
c. Terrorist infiltration within the current Pakistani government  
d. The collapse or near-collapse of the Pakistani government
In Stephen Biddle’s statement to Congress on May 10, 2011, what does he argue is an acceptable ‘end state’ for Afghanistan that could provide the critical requirement of an Afghanistan that does not threaten us or its neighbors?

a. Anarchy
b. Decentralized Democracy
c. Partition of the Pashtun south from the largely Tajik, Uzbek, and Hazara north and west
d. Centralized Dictatorship
According to the Council on Foreign Relation’s *U.S. Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan* report, what is the Haqqani network?

a. An Afghan Taliban affiliate based in Pakistan  
b. The US-sponsored recruiting arm of the Afghani Army  
c. Al Qaeda’s main operating cell in Iraq  
d. An Afghani television network
According to the Council on Foreign Relations report *U.S. Strategy for Pakistan and Afghanistan*, how much did the United States provide in reimbursements and military assistance to Pakistan in fiscal year 2010?

a. $500 million  
b. $2 billion  
c. $10 billion  
d. $50 billion
According to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee’s *Evaluating US Foreign Assistance to Afghanistan* report, how much have the State Department and USAID been spending on foreign aid per month in Afghanistan?

a. $22 million  
b. $87 million  
c. $145 million  
d. $320 million
Round Five: Afghanistan-Pakistan
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ROUND FIVE:
AFGHANISTAN-Pakistan
ANSWERS
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Answer: a. 10,000

2. Where does Afghanistan rank on Transparency International’s corruption index?

Answer: b. second
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   Answer: c. Recognize Pakistan as a nuclear capable international stakeholder

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*Answer: d. $320 million*
INTERMISSION

Stand up, stretch. Take a break!
THE TOP 5 TEAMS ARE…

1.
2.
3.
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5.
According to the Council on Foreign Relations article “Asia’s New Growth Model” by mid-century, India and China will account for 2.5 billion of the 3.5 billion additional people with advanced-country incomes. Due to this factor, how much will global gross domestic product (GDP) increase in the next three decades even in the absence of growth outside the two countries?

a. Quadruple
b. Triple
c. Double
d. There will be no drastic change
According to *Who Will Win as China’s Economy Changes*, China has emerged from the global crisis earlier and stronger than nearly any other major economy. How does Premier Wen Jiabao repeatedly describe the current model?

a. A sustainable model for new growth  
b. Unbalanced, unstable, uncoordinated, and unsustainable  
c. Stable and reliable, but needs to remain flexible  
d. None of the above
According to the Atlantic Monthly article “The Next Empire,” how is China’s approach to Africa different from that of the West?

a. Does not make its investments contingent on government reform
b. Emphasizes loans
c. Supports transition to democracy
d. All of the above
When was the People’s Republic of China formed?

a. October 1, 1950
b. October 1, 1949
c. January 1, 1949
d. January 1, 1912
How did both Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi describe the meeting between President Obama and President Hu Jintao?

a. Excellent and very successful
b. Cordial and informed
c. Frank and thorough
d. Disappointing and Unsuccessful
According to the State Department Fact Sheet: China-US Trade Issues, which of these efforts by China to acquire US companies went through despite US national security concerns?

a. China National Offshore Oil Corporation’s bid to buy UNOCAL
b. Huawei’s bid to buy 3Leaf Systems
c. Lenovo’s bid to buy IBM
d. Tangshan Caofeidian Investment Corporation’s bid to buy Emcore Corporation
According to the State Department Fact Sheet: China-US Trade Issues, how much were the US Treasury securities held by China worth as of 2010?

a. 478 billion dollars  
b. 727 billion dollars  
c. 895 billion dollars  
d. 1,160 billion dollars
According to the Congressional Research Service report *China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities*, Department of Defense and other observers believe that the near-term focus of China’s military modernization effort, including its naval modernization effort, has been to develop military options for addressing what problem?

a. Protecting commerce  
b. The situation in Taiwan  
c. Rivalry with Japan for Pacific influence  
d. Tension between North and South Korea
According to the US State Department’s guide *A Journey Shared: The United States and China*, which treaty established diplomatic relations with China for the first time in 1844?

a. Treaty of Nanjing  
b. Treaty of Wang-xia  
c. Treaty of Canton  
d. Boxer Protocol
According to the *Great Decisions* article “Sanctions and Nonproliferation,” what was China’s reaction in August 2003 after North Korea expelled all International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors and withdrew from the Nonproliferation Treaty?

a. Immediately placed sanctions on North Korea
b. Remained silent
c. Began Six Party Talks in an attempt to negotiate an end to North Korean Nuclear activities
d. Refused to join the Six Party Talks
I understand it's so big you can see it from space...
WORLDQUEST 2012

ROUND SIX: CHINA

ANSWERS
1. According to the Council on Foreign Relations article “Asia’s New Growth Model” by mid-century, India and China will account for 2.5 billion of the 3.5 billion additional people with advanced-country incomes. Due to this factor, how much will global gross domestic product (GDP) increase in the next three decades even in the absence of growth outside the two countries?

2. Answer: c. Double

2. According to Who Will Win as China’s Economy Changes, China has emerged from the global crisis earlier and stronger than nearly any other major economy. How does Premier Wen Jiabao repeatedly describe the current model?

Answer: b. Unbalanced, unstable, uncoordinated, and unsustainable
3. According to the Atlantic Monthly article “The Next Empire,” how is China’s approach to Africa different from that of the West?
Answer: a. Does not make its investments contingent on government reform

4. When was the People’s Republic of China formed?
Answer: b. October 1, 1949
5. How did both Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi describe the meeting between President Obama and President Hu Jintao?

*Answer: a. Excellent and very successful*

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What is required for a new state to join NATO?

a. A simple majority of the member states already partial to the treaty must agree to accept the new state
b. The member states must unanimously agree to accept the new state
c. Two out of three of the member states must agree to accept the new state
d. The state must simply meet the guidelines established in the North Atlantic Treaty
In Secretary Robert Gates’ farewell speech to our European allies noting NATO’s shortcomings in Libya, he stated that while every alliance member voted for the Libya mission, not all actually participated. How many NATO member states actually participated in the mission?

a. Less than a quarter  
b. Less than a third  
c. Less than half  
d. Less than two thirds
According to former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, what is the United States’ share of NATO defense spending?

a. 51%
b. 75%
c. 91%
d. 99%
According to NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, when was Article 5, or the Collective Defense portion of the North Atlantic Treaty, invoked for the first time?

a. During the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia
b. After the 1972 Munich Olympics hostage crisis
c. In 1991 when the Cold War ended
d. On September 11, 2001 when Al Qaeda attacked the World Trade Center
NATO takes an active role in crisis management operations. Which of the following crises has NATO NOT played a role in?

a. Escorting vital humanitarian supplies to Somalia
b. Training the Afghan national Army
c. Preventing piracy in the Gulf of Aden
d. Maintaining civil order in Egypt
Starting with 12 member states, NATO now consists of 28. Which two countries were the latest to join NATO?

a. Switzerland and Sweden  
b. Croatia and Slovenia  
c. Croatia and Albania  
d. Slovenia and Albania
According to the 2010 NATO Strategic Concept, which of the following is NOT one of the essential three core tasks of NATO?

a. Collective defense
b. Crisis management
c. Cooperative Security
d. Consensus Building
The Washington NATO Project report *Alliance Reborn: An Atlantic Compact for the 21st Century* cites several examples of how NATO can strengthen its Deterrence and Defense capabilities. Which one of these answers is **NOT** a way that the article recommends for strengthening NATO?

a. Create a joint NATO/Russia Brigade to combat terrorism in the Caucuses  
b. Ensure a fully capable NATO response force available in and out of the North Atlantic  
c. Consider positioning new NATO installations in newly allied nations  
d. Create another NATO international brigade from Central European states
According to Council on Foreign Relation’s article “NATO Strategic Concept, 2010,” what provides the supreme guarantee of the security of the alliance?

a. The strategic nuclear forces of the Alliance, particularly those of the United States
b. The United States’ share of NATO defense spending
c. The requirement of a consensus approval of all decisions
d. NATO’s cooperation with the United Nations
What year was the North Atlantic Treaty signed?

a. 1945
b. 1949
c. 1956
d. 1960
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ROUND SEVEN: NATO

RIGHT NOW, I'M MORE INTO THE WAR ON DEFICITS
WorldQuest 2012

Round Seven: NATO Answers
1. What is required for a new state to join NATO?

Answer: b. The member states must unanimously agree to accept the new state

2. In Secretary Robert Gates’ farewell speech to our European allies noting NATO’s shortcomings in Libya, he stated that while every alliance member voted for the Libya mission, not all actually participated. How many NATO member states actually participated in the mission?

Answer: c. Less than half
3. According to former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, what is the United States’ share of NATO defense spending?

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*Answer: d. Maintaining civil order in Egypt*

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What is the name of the current President of Azerbaijan?

a. Nikolay Akatyev  
b. Ilham Aliyev  
c. Rosa Otunbayeva  
d. Emomali Rahmon
Azerbaijan is expected to host which 43-nation pop song contest in May 2012?

a. Euro Prix
b. Euro Challenge
c. X-Factor - Europe
d. Eurovision
According to the US Department of State’s Profile, Azerbaijan was considered the former center of what faith?

a. Zoroastrianism  
b. Baha’i  
c. Jainism  
d. Eastern Orthodox
In what year did women first get the right to vote in Azerbaijan?

a. 1878  
b. 1919  
c. 1945  
d. 1969
What is the name of the entity created under the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to encourage a peaceful, negotiated resolution of the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia?

a. Caucasus Resolution Group  
b. Minsk Group  
c. Zuquar-Hanish Group  
d. International Crisis Group
Where is the home of the first oil well in history according to “Build it Bigger”?

a. Sumgait  
b. Ganja  
c. Kalbajar  
d. Baku
What were the Kurgan Monuments in ancient Azeri culture?

a. Monuments to Azeri Royalty  
b. Burial Mounds  
c. Statues of Ancient Azeri Deities  
d. Memorials to Honor the Ancestors of the Azeri Peoples
What place 40 miles southwest of Baku was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007?

a. Gobustan Preserve
b. Orkhon Valley
c. Moenjodaro Ruins
d. Kunya-Urgench
What is the name of the ethnic group that straddles the border between Azerbaijan and Russia?

a. Adyghe  
b. Hamshenis  
c. Lezgin  
d. Bashkirs
Based on the Great Decisions article, “The Caucasus,” what has the Azerbaijan approach been to the Russian ‘liberal empire’?

a. It has carefully attempted to secure independence on things that count without unnecessarily alienating Russia
b. It has maintained close ties to Russia in order to protect the country from other neighbors
c. It has been resistant to Russian aspirations to regional influence and tried to integrate into Western and European institutions
d. None of the above
Round Eight: Azerbaijan
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Round Nine: Azerbaijan Answers
1. What is the name of the current President of Azerbaijan?
Answer: b. Ilham Aliyev

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Answer: d. Eurovision
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 ROUND NINE: MILLENNIUM GOAL: CHILD HEALTH
According to the World Bank, what has been identified as a major weakness on the treatment side of disease prevention that, with simple improvements, could save over 27,000 children from malaria deaths by 2015?

a. Expensive Prices  
b. Faulty Supply Chains  
c. Staff Support  
d. None of the above
According to the Gates Foundation, what percentage of all worldwide deaths among pregnant women, infants and children under age five occur in developing countries?

a. 99%
b. 75%
c. 50%
d. 20%
According to Liya Kebede, World Health Organization (WHO) Goodwill Ambassador for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in the *Impatient Optimists* video, how many babies in developing countries die within their first month of life?

a. 1 in 5
b. 1 in 15
c. 1 in 32
d. 1 in 100
According to Liya Kebede in the *Impatient Optimists* video, what percentage of women in Ethiopia deliver their children at home without the help of a trained attendant?

a. 14%
b. 32%
c. 52%
d. 94%
Why does the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation emphasize the childbirth and early postnatal period?

a. It is easier to rally the international community around infants and newborns
b. The cost of medical treatment is much lower during this phase of development
c. Childbirth and the early postnatal period are the times when services are most lacking in poor communities and when most deaths occur
d. Frontline workers are more easily recruited to work with infants and newborns
Which of these is **NOT** part of the three-pronged approach listed by UNICEF that must be taken to ensure the top 60 priority countries reach the Millennium Development Goals by 2015?

a. Governments must strengthen their healthcare systems and management
b. Availability and access to medical supplies and technology must be improved
c. Donors must increase their financial commitments
d. Pharmaceutical companies must waive costs of important medicines
According to UNICEF’s *Progress for Children* report, child mortality is higher among children living in what areas and in what type of households?

a. Rural, richest
b. Rural, poorest
c. Urban, poorest
d. Urban, richest

Reduce child mortality
According to the UNICEF Global Status map, which region of the world has the lowest rate of child mortality for children under five years of age?

a. Middle East/North Africa  
b. Latin America/Caribbean  
c. Industrialized countries  
d. B and C
According to the United Nations, how many countries are currently on track to meeting the Millennium Development Goal target of reducing child mortality?

a. 10
b. 15
c. 20
d. 25
By how much does the Millennium Development Goal strive to reduce under-five mortality by 2015?

a. 2/3 of the level between 1990 and 2015
b. ½ of the level between 1990 and 2015
c. 1/3 of the level between 1990 and 2015
d. Reduce it to zero between 1990 and 2015
Round Nine: Millennium Goal: Child Health
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ROUND NINE: MILLENNIUM GOAL: CHILD HEALTH ANSWERS
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Round Ten: Current Events
What is the name of the space shuttle that took part in NASA’s 135th and final space shuttle mission?

a. Atlantis  
b. Endeavour  
c. Enterprise  
d. Discovery
Which British newspaper closed its doors after a scandal involving hacked voice mail inboxes of several prominent British citizens?

a. The Guardian  
b. News of the World  
c. Financial Times  
d. Sunday Evening Post
What already unstable African country is experiencing one of the worst famines in the last 20 years?

a. Democratic Republic of Congo
b. Zimbabwe
c. Ethiopia
d. Somalia
Which South American President recently traveled to Cuba to undergo treatment for cancer?

a. Hugo Chavez  
b. Evo Morales  
c. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner  
d. Juan Manuel Santos
Who are the current Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA?

a. Robert Gates and Leon Panetta
b. Leon Panetta and General David Petraeus
c. General David Petraeus and Robert Gates
d. Admiral Mike McMullen and General Stanley McChrystal
What African country recently split in two, after decades of civil war, as part of its negotiated peace treaty?

a. Sudan  
b. Somalia  
c. Nigeria  
d. South Africa
What country suggested in August that the United States needed to “cure its addiction to debt,” calling on Washington to make substantial cuts to its “gigantic military expenditure” and its “bloated social welfare” programs?

a. Iraq  
b. Russia  
c. China  
d. Venezuela
According to the United States Department of State’s report, *Sports and Diplomacy in the Global Arena*, what Olympics did the United States boycott?

a. 1936 games in Berlin  
b. 1952 games in Helsinki  
c. 1972 games in Munich  
d. 1980 games in Moscow
According to *Olympic Heritage*, the length of the Olympic marathon, which is still set today at 26.2 miles, is based on the distance between what two places?

a. The Olympic Stadium’s royal box to the Thames River
b. The Olympic Stadium’s royal box to Buckingham Palace
c. The Olympic Stadium’s royal box to Windsor Castle
d. The Olympic Stadium’s royal box to Big Ben
According to the Council on Foreign Relations’ slideshow *Politics and the Olympics*, what are the origins of the Olympic torch relay?

a. It has been around since the Olympics first began in Greece  
b. It was first used in the 1936 Berlin Olympics as a symbol of Nazi propaganda  
c. It was first used in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics to symbolize the “light at the end of the tunnel” due to the ongoing Great Depression  
d. None of the above
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Answer: b. Leon Panetta and General David Petraeus

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AND THE WINNERS ARE...
TIE BREAKER: ROUND ONE

Scissors cut paper

Paper wraps stone

Stone blunts scissors

THE RULES
The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights is part of which EU Treaty?

a. The Amsterdam Treaty
b. The Lisbon Treaty
c. The Maastricht Treaty
d. The Single European Act
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There is a concern that U.S.-China relations are being shaped by an “action-reaction cycle.” Which of the following is NOT a consequence of prolonged cycles of action and reaction?

a. Less security for both sides  
b. Ever higher levels of destructive capabilities  
c. Spiking financial burdens carried by both societies  
d. Higher levels of security for both sides
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a. Expansive libel laws used to stifle criticism
b. Increased government attempts to interfere with editorial policy
c. More and more common intimidation of journalists
d. New restrictive press law
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a. Output (GDP) per capita
b. Population
c. Carbon intensity of energy consumed
d. Sulfur dioxide particulates per million
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On January 24, a suicide attack on the arrivals area of Moscow’s international airport killed 36 people and injured 180. Who has taken responsibility for this attack in Russia?

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c. Ukrainian separatists
d. Students for Free Tibet
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b. Russia  
c. Afghanistan  
d. Pakistan
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Answer: b. Russia
In *The American Voice*, David Shorr warns that if the Gx forums do not deal collectively with many divisive political and security issues, they will eventually make global instability worse. Which of the following is NOT one of these divisive issues?

a. Cybersecurity
b. Corruption as an obstacle to development
c. A lasting peace between Russia and Chechnya
d. Fostering a more peaceful Middle East
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Answer: c. A lasting peace between Russia and Chechnya
What is (are) the official language(s) of Ireland?

a. Irish (Gaelic)
b. English
c. Irish (Gaelic) and English
d. Ireland does not have an official language
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The Lisbon Treaty has enhanced the EU’s powers relative to the member states in a few policy areas. They could become the areas of closer cooperation between the EU and the United States. Which of the following is NOT one of these areas?

a. Trade and investment
b. Justice and home affairs
c. Development assistance
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In 2008, the French foreign minister made the statement: for the U.S. “the magic is over.” What did he mean?

a. Other countries, especially China, have challenged U.S. hegemony
b. Although the Great Recession has weakened the United States, the U.S.’s world position remains unchallenged
c. The BRIC nations have already surpassed the U.S. in terms of economic and military world power
d. The French intend to close Euro Disney
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TIE BREAKER: ROUND TWO
In the 1960s, the United States created the “twin pillars” policy, which worked to secure U.S. interests in the Middle East through the local allies: Iran and Saudi Arabia. What event ended the U.S. twin pillars policy?

a. The fall of the Soviet Union  
b. The fall of Shah in Iran  
c. The death of King Abdul Aziz Al Saud who signed the policy  
d. The Watergate scandal in the U.S.
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Answer: b. The fall of Shah in Iran
Who is the top supplier of oil to the United States?

a. Mexico  
b. Saudi Arabia  
c. Canada  
d. Venezuela
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Answer: c. Canada
In an effort to spur a linguistic revolution, the government of the former Soviet republic, Georgia, plans to supplant Russian as the dominant second language, and make Georgia a country where a western language is as common in Sweden. What language has Georgia included as mandatory in its school curriculum?

a. Albanian  
b. French  
c. English  
d. Mandarin Chinese
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Answer: c. English
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is backing innovations in education, food, and health as well as some related areas like savings for the poor. However, it does not support some other worthwhile initiatives. Why?

a. The foundation sees other initiatives as irrelevant
b. The foundation deals only with health issues
c. The cost of maintaining innovation needs to be much lower than the benefit
d. The foundation is not competent in other initiatives
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The article on transnational crime infers that organized crime is a rewarding industry because—

a. there is a high demand for illicit goods among ordinary citizens
b. after the fall of the Iron Curtain, the countries of Eastern Europe became the epicenter for transnational crime
c. the “419 financial scams” opened new opportunities for gangsters
d. there is a very low probability of detection by authorities.
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According to *Great Decisions 2010*, which of the following armed conflicts has been named the world’s most lethal since World War II?

a. The 2007 post-election conflict in Kenya?
b. The conflict in Darfur
c. The conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
d. The crisis in Zimbabwe
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Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf announced the creation of a new political party, the All Pakistan Muslim League, pledging to return to Pakistan from ___________ before national elections scheduled for 2013.

a. court-ordered house arrest in Karachi
b. self-imposed exile in London
c. an extended vacation on his yacht in the Caribbean
d. an unofficial state visit to Saudi Arabia
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What is the rule of business cycles expert Victor Zarnovitz?

a. Deep recessions are almost always followed by steep recoveries
b. After the initial contraction of the economy, growth stays flat for the next several years
c. After the initial contraction of the economy, the ensuing few years consist of several minibooms and minibusts
d. A deep recession has a profound effect on the distribution of global power
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Russia has made it clear that its power and influence extends to the “Near Abroad.” What is the “Near Abroad”?

a. Independent countries that once were part of the Soviet Union
b. The countries of Georgia and Ukraine
c. Alaska
d. Former Russian cities of Harbin and Port Arthur
Question 9

Russia has made it clear that its power and influence extends to the “Near Abroad.” What is the “Near Abroad”?

Answer: a. Independent countries that once were part of the Soviet Union
The global share of women in parliament continues to rise and reached _____% in 2010.

a. 1%
b. 19%
c. 39%
d. 51%
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Answer: b. 19%
TIE BREAKER: ROUND THREE

Scissors cut paper
Paper wraps stone
Stone blunts scissors

THE RULES
Who is President Obama’s special envoy for North Korean human rights?

a. Ambassador Stephen W. Bosworth
b. Robert King
c. Ambassador Sung Kim
d. General Scott Gration
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b. Title II: freedoms  
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c. Sinn Fein
d. no political party in Northern Ireland had links to the IRA
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Answer: c. Sinn Fein
What city is called sandy fantasyland?

a. Riyadh
b. Dubai
c. Baghdad
d. Tripoli
Question 6

What city is called sandy fantasyland?

Answer: b. Dubai
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