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ROUND ONE: US ENERGY POLICY
Rank the top 4 sources of 2011 U.S. energy consumption in descending order, from the most consumed to the least, according to the Energy Information Agency.

a. Petroleum, Coal, Natural Gas, Renewable Energy
b. Petroleum, Natural Gas, Coal, Renewable Energy
c. Natural Gas, Coal, Petroleum, Nuclear Power
d. Coal, Natural Gas, Petroleum, Nuclear Power
What is the U.S. **industrial sector’s** largest source of energy?

- a. Petroleum
- b. Coal
- c. Renewable Resource
- d. Natural Gas
According to the U.S. Energy Information Agency, in 2011, what percent of American crude oil and petroleum product net imports came from the Persian Gulf countries of Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates combined?

a. 22%
b. 35%
c. 53%
d. 62%
According to *The Obama Energy Agenda*, while the United States has 2 percent of the world’s oil reserves, it consumes what percent of the world’s oil?

- a. 10%
- b. 15%
- c. 20%
- d. 30%
What is the name of the methodological process in which pressurized fluids are used to create fissures in rock layers in order to release and collect natural gas?

a. Deep Hydro-Rifting
b. Concentrated Fluid Mechanics
c. Hydraulic Fracturing
d. Pneumatic Fragmentation
The Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future obtained the approval of the Secretary of Energy to form three subcommittees. Which of the following was NOT a primary purpose of at least one subcommittee?

a. Examining disposal issues
b. Establishing a comprehensive public awareness campaign
c. Addressing issues of fuel transportation and storage
d. Examining reactor and fuel cycle technology
According to Ambassador Richard Jones’ testimony at the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in January 2012, by what percentage is nuclear energy production expected to rise by 2035?

a. 20%
b. 35%
c. 50%
d. 70%
In 2011, what percent of the total U.S. energy consumption was supplied by renewable energy resources?

a. <1%
b. 5%
c. 9%
d. 18%
In 2011, which of the following forms of clean energy received the most funding from G-20 countries?

a. Biofuels
b. Solar
c. Wind
d. Low carbon technologies
Place the following renewable energy industries in ascending order, from lowest to highest at .4%, 3%, and 6% respectively, according to their total contribution to U.S. electricity generation in 2011 as noted in the Energy Information Agency report.

a. Wind, Geothermal, and Hydropower  
b. Geothermal, Hydropower, Wind  
c. Hydropower, geothermal, wind  
d. Geothermal, Wind, Hydropower
Round One: US Energy Policy
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   Answer: a. Petroleum

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ROUND TWO: US EDUCATION: COMPETING GLOBALLY
According to John Kline and Arne Duncan’s testimony for Reviewing the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Education, which of the following was NOT one of the four main priorities of the Department of Education for FY2013?

a. Improving affordability and quality in postsecondary education
b. Increasing the quality of public after-school programs
c. Continuing to provide incentives for State and local K-12 reform
d. Elevating the teaching profession
Over the last three decades, the gaps in reading and mathematical skills between affluent families and low-income families in the United States have increased by approximately what percentage?

a. 33%

b. 20%

c. 50%

d. The gaps have remained virtually the same.
Which of the following is NOT a key component in the “21st Century Learning Environment” proposed by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills?

a. Earlier integration of vocational knowledge and trade skills into school curriculum

b. Support of professional learning communities that enable educators to collaborate, share best practices, and integrate 21st century skills into classroom practice

c. Allow equitable access to quality learning tools, technologies, and resources

d. Provide 21st century architectural and interior designs for group, team, and individual learning
How do the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) scores of students from cities with large populations in the United States compare to those of students from suburban areas?

a. They are marginally lower
b. They are significantly higher
c. They are dramatically lower
d. They are marginally higher
What happened to the percentage of postsecondary STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) degrees after 1985?

a. It began to plateau
b. It grew by 20% over the next 15 years
c. The share of degrees fell significantly for the next several years
d. The share fluctuated yearly for the next decade
According to Charles Kolb’s testimony to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, from 1990 to 2009, the cost of college tuition and fees in the United States increased by approximately what percent?

a. 49.7%
b. 74.7%
c. 119.7%
d. 274.7%
According to the Framework for 21st Century Learning, “Learning and Innovation Skills” are what separate students who are prepared for increasingly complex life and work environments in the 21st century from those who are not. Which is an example of a Learning and Innovation Skill based on the report’s definition?

a. Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy  
b. Communication and Collaboration  
c. Information Literacy  
d. Social and Cross-Cultural Skills
According to the White House’s *Engage to Excel* report, which is NOT a reason cited by students for abandoning STEM majors?

a. The unwelcoming atmosphere from faculty in STEM courses
b. An inadequate amount of scholarships and grants
c. Uninspiring introductory courses
d. The difficulty of introductory STEM courses with little help provided by universities
Jenn Mann, Vice President of Human Resources at SAS, said her company focuses on recruiting candidates with a STEM background. According to the Change the Equation coalition report, what percentage of high school graduates in 2011 were ready for college work in math and science?

a. 80% in math, 75% in science
b. 65% in math, 55% in science
c. 45% in math, 30% in science
d. 25% in math, 20% in science
According to *Lessons from PISA for the United States*, among OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries, 15-year-olds in the United States perform below average in which of the following subjects?

a. Science  
b. Math  
c. Reading  
d. All of the above
Round Two: US Education: Competing Globally
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Round Three: US Economic Competitiveness
According to the World Economic Forum’s *The Global Competitiveness Report 2011-2012*, the average of public debt as a percentage of GDP for the G-7 countries crossed what mark in 2010?

a. 50%

b. 75%

c. 100%

d. 150%
According to the *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012*, what is the greatest threat to the world economy?

a. North American financial austerity
b. The European debt crisis
c. Global home foreclosure rates
d. Rise in global energy prices
Which of these is considered a key “pillar” of innovative potential in the private sector by the U.S. Department of Commerce?

a. Investments in alternative fuel sources
b. Involvement in foreign economies
c. Loose government regulations on stocks and capital gains
d. Federal support for basic research
According to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, in 2011, how many U.S. states witnessed a falling unemployment rate?

a. 50  
b. 42  
c. 48  
d. 38
During Ben Bernanke’s July 7th, 2012 testimony before the Joint Economic Committee, he cited statistics noting that households continue to rate their income prospects as _____.

a. Relatively poor  
b. Growing faster than expected  
c. Unpredictable  
d. Stable
What is the **primary** purpose of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?

a. Mortgage advice for prospective home-buyers  
b. Supplying financial relief for those who have gone through foreclosure  
c. Providing advice for mortgage lenders on loan security  
d. Making markets for consumer financial products and services work in a fair, transparent, and competitive manner
According to the Council on Foreign Relations backgrounder, *U.S. Corporate Tax Reform*, what was the largest source of federal revenue for the fiscal year 2010?

a. Corporate Income Taxes  
b. Payroll Taxes  
c. Property Taxes  
d. Individual Income Taxes
According to the Council on Foreign Relations back grounder, *U.S. Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital*, which of the following is regarded by experts as the most successful innovation cluster, receiving more than one-third of all U.S. venture capital investments?

a. New York City, NY  
b. Denver-Boulder, CO  
c. Silicon Valley, CA  
d. Boston, MA
When was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed?

a. April 2008  
b. February 2009  
c. June 2009  
d. June 2010
According to the World Economic Forum’s *The Global Competitiveness Report 2011-2012*, the United States, previously ranked first overall in 2005, is now ranked what position in the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI)?

a. 2nd  
b. 3rd  
c. 5th  
d. 7th
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ROUND FOUR: MIDDLE EAST
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a. Facilitate the recovery of stolen assets through an Asset Recovery Action Plan
b. Welcome Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Jordan and Tunisia’s commitment to the U.N. Convention Against Corruption
c. Assist each transition country with progress toward membership in the Open Government Partnership
d. Seek assistance from the UN Security Council to enforce open access legislation
During his May 19th, 2011 speech at the U.S. State Department, President Obama voiced his intentions to promote reform across the Middle East and North Africa, beginning in which of the following countries?

a. Libya and Egypt  
b. Egypt and Tunisia  
c. Tunisia and Qatar  
d. Tunisia and Libya
According to U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations testimony, which of the following leaders did Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei feel left himself vulnerable to international intervention because he had abandoned his nuclear program?

a. Hosni Mubarak  
b. Muammar Gaddafi  
c. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali  
d. Ali Abdullah Saleh
According to the U.S. Department of State’s Fact Sheet, *U.S. Relations With Saudi Arabia*, Saudi Arabia is one of the leading sources of imported oil for the United States. Approximately how many barrels of oil does the U.S. market receive from Saudi Arabia daily?

a. More than two hundred thousand barrels  
b. More than one million barrels  
c. More than ten million barrels  
d. More than twenty five million barrels
According to the Council on Foreign Relations’ Backgrounder: *Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood*, what is the Muslim Brotherhood?

a. Egypt’s most infamous terrorist organization

b. Egypt’s oldest and largest Islamist organization

c. A political organization founded in the aftermath of the 2011 uprising

d. Egypt’s Salafist political party
According to U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta’s Statement on Syria before the Senate Armed Services Committee in March 2012, the unrest in Syria has most notably weakened which country’s position in the Middle East, as Syria is this country’s only state ally in the region?

a. Iran  
b. Saudi Arabia  
c. Turkey  
d. Lebanon
According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, *Underlying Causes of Stability and Unrest in the Middle East and North Africa: An Analytic Survey*, which state in this region has the largest percentage of its population under the age of 25 at 66.4%?

a. Egypt  
b. Saudi Arabia  
c. Yemen  
d. Algeria
According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Underlying Causes of Stability and Unrest in the Middle East and North Africa: An Analytic Survey, which Gulf country has the highest percentage of its labor force filled by foreign nationals?

a. Kuwait  
b. United Arab Emirates  
c. Oman  
d. Saudi Arabia
In March 2012, Senator John Kerry presided over the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations briefing, “High Stakes and Hard Choices: U.S. Policy on Iran.” In his opening remarks, he reported the European Union had taken which of the following steps in reaction to Iran’s nuclear program?

a. The EU placed a temporary hold on all trade with Iran
b. The EU pledged to end all existing oil contracts with Iran
c. The EU closed its embassy in Tehran, Iran
d. The EU threatened to join international efforts to use military force to hinder Iran’s nuclear efforts
According to Augustus Richard Norton, in the Foreign Policy Association’s *Great Decisions* article entitled, “Promoting Democracy: Foreign Policy Imperative?”, the Arab League requested a no-fly zone over which country during its uprising?

a. Libya  
b. Syria  
c. Egypt  
d. Tunisia
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A *diyat* was alleged to have been involved in his release of Raymond Davis, the American citizen held in Pakistan for the alleged murder of two Pakistanis. What is a *diyat*?

a. Monetary compensation paid to the families of those killed
b. A document confirming diplomatic immunity
c. A closed door negotiation between heads of state
d. A pardon from top Pakistani religious and government leaders
In 2011, 34 percent of the insurgent attacks in Afghanistan originated from eastern Pakistan. What is one of the main factors contributing to this serious problem?

a. The Pakistani government continues to arm the insurgents.

b. U.S. troops removed from eastern Afghanistan have not been readily and properly replaced by ANSF troops.

c. Trade routes make this area increasingly susceptible to insurgent attacks.

d. The western provinces of Pakistan contain insurgent safe havens.
The International Security Assistance Force is the NATO-led coalition mission in Afghanistan. After the United States and the United Kingdom, which country contributes the most troops to the International Security Assistance Force?

a. Italy  
b. Germany  
c. France  
d. Romania
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a. 2014  
b. 2015  
c. 2020  
d. 2025
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- a. Arabs
- b. Pashtuns
- c. Tajiks
- d. Uzbeks
According to the Brookings Institution’s *Afghanistan Index*, in 2007 Afghanistan produced 92 percent of the global production of opium. How many metric tons of opium were produced that year?

a. 1,200  
b. 5,200  
c. 8,200  
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**It is the Afghan government’s…**

a. Hostile relations with Pakistan  
b. Explicit involvement in the illegal drug trade  
c. Incompetence, corruption, and tribal favoritism  
d. Indiscriminate use of violence to hunt down insurgents
According to General John Allen’s statements before the House Armed Services Committee, what event in February 2012 led to protests across Afghanistan?

a. American troops mishandling religious texts, including the Quran
b. The exclusion of the Taliban at the Bonn Conference
c. U.S. reluctance to transfer control of the Parwan prison to Afghanistan
d. American officials taking part in secret peace talks with the Taliban
According to the Congressional Research Service’s report on U.S.-Pakistan Relations, why did Osama bin Laden’s whereabouts when he was killed reinforce the United States’ doubts about Pakistan’s commitment to defeating religious extremism and bring about calls to curtail U.S. assistance to Pakistan?

a. He was located with leaked information from Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence
b. He was located in the disputed Kashmir territory after the Pakistani military swore he was not in the territory
c. He was being protected by the Pakistan militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba
d. He was located in the city of Abbottabad, one-half mile from Pakistan’s premier military academy and just 35 miles from Islamabad
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a. Drones strikes are ineffective in killing insurgents  
b. They are viewed as a violation of Pakistan’s territorial integrity and sovereignty  
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ROUND SIX: CHINA
According to Military and Security Developments Involving the People’s Republic of China 2012, what will likely be primary focus of China’s PLA Air Force for the coming decade?

a. Gaining an absolute technological advantage in the area of air transportation and reconnaissance
b. Becoming more capable for contingencies regarding Taiwan
c. More crossover between air defense and intelligence
d. Improvements in stealth technology
In what year did China test its first atomic bomb?

- a. 1955
- b. 1958
- c. 1964
- d. 1969
What annual conference, created in 2009 by President Barack Obama and President Hu Jintao, has served as a unique platform to promote bilateral understanding, expand consensus, discuss differences, improve mutual trust, and increase cooperation?

a. U.S.-China Trade Policy Forum  
c. The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations  
d. The Group of Two (G-2)
In her opening remarks at an important conference held in Beijing on May 3, 2012, what commitment or goal did Hillary Clinton say that China and the United States shared?

a. A goal of preventing Iran’s from acquiring a nuclear weapon
b. A commitment to supporting the Libyan opposition to Gadhafi
c. A commitment to providing military assistance to South Sudan during its infancy as a country
d. A goal of working together to reach an agreement regarding the status of Tibet
According to the Council on Foreign Relations’ Timeline: U.S. Relations with China, in 2010, America’s trade deficit with China reached $273.1 billion. In 2011, it reached an all-time high of what amount?

a. $295.5 billion  
b. $315 billion  
c. $326.2 billion  
d. $338.6 billion
Who is the President of Taiwan and what political party does he belong?

a. Hu Jintao of the Communist Party of China
b. Lee Teng-hui of the Taiwan Solidarity Union
c. Ma Ying-Jeou of the Kuomintang Party
d. Chen Guangcheng of the China Democratic League
According to the Congressional Research Service report, *Understanding China’s Political System*, what is the name of the Chinese Communist Party’s most powerful policy and decision-making entity?

a. The Central Military Commission  
b. The Party Congress  
c. The Politburo Standing Committee  
d. The Central Committee
According to China 2030 – Building a Modern, Harmonious, and Creative High-Income Society, who is described as the “architect” of China’s reforms and played an important role in building consensus for a fundamental shift in the country’s economic strategy?

a. Deng Xiaoping  
b. Hu Jintao  
c. Mao Zedong  
d. Chen Guangcheng
According to China 2030 – Building a Modern, Harmonious, and Creative High-Income Society, when is China’s labor force expected to start shrinking?

a. 2015  
b. 2020  
c. 2030  
d. 2050
According to the Council on Foreign Relations’ *Timeline: U.S. Relations with China*, Goldman Sachs chief economist Jim O’Neill predicts that China will overtake the United States as the world’s number one economy by what year?

a. 2016  
b. 2020  
c. 2027  
d. 2048
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ROUND SIX: CHINA
1. According to *Military and Security Developments Involving the People’s Republic of China 2012*, what will likely be the primary focus of China’s PLA Air Force for the coming decade?
   Answer: b. Becoming more capable for contingencies regarding Taiwan

2. In what year did China test its first atomic bomb?
   Answer: c. 1964
3. What annual conference, created in 2009 by President Barack Obama and President Hu Jintao, has served as a unique platform to promote bilateral understanding, expand consensus, discuss differences, improve mutual trust, and increase cooperation?


4. In her opening remarks at an important conference held in Beijing on May 3, 2012, what commitment or goal did Hillary Clinton say that China and the United States shared?

   Answer: a. A goal of preventing Iran’s from acquiring a nuclear weapon

   Answer: a. $295.5 billion

6. Who is the President of Taiwan and which political party does he belong?

   Answer: c. Ma Ying-Jeou of the Kuomintang Party
7. According to the Congressional Research Service report, Understanding China’s Political System, what is the name of Chinese Communist Party’s most powerful policy and decision-making entity?

   Answer: c. The Politburo Standing Committee

8. According to China 2030 – Building a Modern, Harmonious, and Creative High-Income Society, who is described as the “architect” of China’s reforms and played an important role in building consensus for a fundamental shift in the country’s economic strategy?

   Answer: a. Deng Xiaoping
9. According to *China 2030 – Building a Modern, Harmonious, and Creative High-Income Society*, when is China’s labor force expected to start shrinking?
   
   **Answer:** a. 2015

10. According to the Council on Foreign Relations’ *Timeline: U.S. Relations with China*, Goldman Sachs chief economist Jim O'Neill predicts that China will overtake the United States as the world’s number one economy by what year?

   **Answer:** c. 2027
ROUND SEVEN: UN MILLENNIUM GOALS: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
The global fishery faces ever-growing pressures from demand, overcapitalization of fishing fleets, degradation of habitats and environment, and climate change. In 1974, 10 percent of fish stocks were considered overexploited. In 2008, what percent of fish stocks were considered overexploited?

- a. 8 percent
- b. 15 percent
- c. 25 percent
- d. 32 percent
The world missed the 2010 target to slow the decline in biodiversity. How many plant and animal species are currently at risk for extinction?

a. 500
b. 1,500
c. 12,000
d. 17,000
Which of the following is NOT a climate mitigation measure?

a. Conservation of peatland drainage systems
b. Restoration of mangroves
c. Termination of border disputes
d. Preservation of seagrass communities
The United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) added 13 partners in 2011. Which of the following was NOT one of the new partners?

a. Mozambique
b. Benin
c. Suriname
d. Peru
According to the United Nations Environmental Program, what fraction of the globe’s ecosystems is considered to be degraded as a result of damage, mismanagement and a failure to invest and reinvest in their productivity, health, and sustainability?

a. One-fourth  
b. One-third  
c. Two-thirds  
d. Three-fourths
In what year did the United Nations General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council recognize that the access to safe drinking water and sanitation was a basic human right?

a. 2011
b. 1996
c. 2010
d. 2000
One of the targets of the “UN Millennium Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability” is to halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. What is the target date for this goal to be achieved?

a. 2015  
b. 2020 
c. 2025 
d. 2030
According to *The UN Millennium Development Goals Report: 2012*, what region emitted the largest amount of carbon dioxide between 1990 and 2009?

a. Eastern Asia  
b. South Eastern Asia  
c. Northern Africa  
d. Sub-Saharan Africa
According to the *UN Millennium Development Goals Fact Sheet for Goal 7: Ensuring Environmental Stability*, which goal is on track to be achieved by 2015 if current trends continue?

a. Significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss  
b. Halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to basic sanitation  
c. Significantly reduce the amount of ozone-depleting substances and products  
d. Halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water
According to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy Overview, how many people currently lack access to proper sanitation with regard to toilets?

a. 500 million  
b. 1 billion  
c. 2.5 billion  
d. 4 billion
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   Answer: d. 32 percent

2. The world missed the 2010 target to slow the decline in biodiversity. How many plant and animal species are currently at risk for extinction?

   Answer: d. 17,000
3. Which of the following is NOT a climate mitigation measure?
   Answer: c. termination of border disputes

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   Answer: a. Mozambique
5. According to the United Nations Environmental Program, what fraction of the globe’s ecosystems is considered to be degraded as a result of damage, mismanagement and a failure to invest and reinvest in their productivity, health, and sustainability?

   Answer: c. Two-thirds

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Round 8: Cuban Missile Crisis
50th Anniversary

The Cuban Missile Crisis

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When did the Cuban Missile Crisis take place?

a. December 1962  
b. October 1962  
c. November 1963  
d. March 1963
According to *World on the Brink*, what did Fidel Castro urge Nikita Khrushchev to do if America invaded Cuba?

a. Attack NATO outposts in Western Europe
b. Initiate a nuclear first strike against the United States
c. Land Soviet forces to defend Cuba
d. Immediately remove the nuclear weapons from Cuba
In the United States Institute of Peace’s Special Report: Why We Should Still Study the Cuban Missile Crises, which of the following is NOT one of the “Ten Lessons from the Cuban Missile Crises”?

a. Mistrust the “spin machines”
b. Be wary of conventional wisdom
c. The first reports of events are the most reliable
d. The view from the Oval Office can be very limited
Which UN Security Council Resolution, passed in 2009, called for accelerated efforts towards total nuclear disarmament?

a. UN Resolution 1880
b. UN Resolution 1035
c. UN Resolution 1887
d. UN Resolution 1318
What country was the first to successfully test a 10 Megaton fusion bomb?

a. The United Kingdom  
b. The United States  
c. The Soviet Union  
d. China
In the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), how many strategic warheads are both sides of the agreement limited to?

a. 1550
b. 800
c. 650
d. 900
Which of the following provisions is NOT part of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty?

a. A signatory may produce nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.
b. A signatory may withdraw from the Treaty due to extraordinary events.
c. Nuclear weapon state signatories are required to reduce nuclear weapon stockpiles by 5% annually.
d. A signatory may exchange nuclear materials with another party who has the intention of using said materials peacefully for nuclear energy.
At the time that START was drafted, the United States had three types of ICBMs: the Minuteman II, the Minuteman III, and the:

a. Peacemaker
b. Peacekeeper
c. Minuteman
d. Minuteman IV
According to *The Global Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime Issue Brief*, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) was signed by 182 countries, but cannot enter into force until the remaining 44 states with significant military or civilian nuclear capacity ratify it. Which of the following states has not signed the CTBT?

a. United States  
b. Israel  
c. China  
d. All of the above
Which of the following statements about Thermonuclear weapons, often referred to as Hydrogen bombs or H-bombs, is true?

a. They can be thousands of times more powerful than atomic bombs.
b. They are less effective but easier to create than atomic bombs.
c. They derive their power from nuclear fission.
d. They are also referred to as dirty bombs.
Round Eight: Cuban Missile Crisis: 50th Anniversary
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   Answer: b. October 1962

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Geography
Only 37% of Americans could identify the location of the world’s most heavily fortified border in the National Geographic-Roper Public Affairs 2006 Geographic Literacy Study. Which of the following is the world’s most heavily fortified border?

a. North Korea-South Korea border  
b. U.S.-Mexico border  
c. Russia-China border  
d. India-Pakistan border
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a. Egypt  
b. Kenya  
c. Mali  
d. Libya
The Sahel, or the ‘southern rim’ of the Sahara Desert, runs between which two African countries?

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b. Senegal and Sudan  
c. Gambia and Nigeria  
d. Chad and Eritrea
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a. Guyana and Suriname
b. Colombia and Argentina
c. Uruguay and Bolivia
d. Ecuador and Paraguay
What is the world’s most populous Muslim country?

a. Turkey  
b. Pakistan  
c. Indonesia  
d. Saudi Arabia
In addition to Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, which of the following African countries borders the Red Sea?

a. Tanzania  
b. Kenya  
c. Djibouti  
d. Somalia
According to National Geographic’s *Faith and Conflict in the Middle East Map*, what is the largest religious sect in Iran?

a. Wahhabi Muslim  
b. Sunni Muslim  
c. Shiite Muslim  
d. They are all almost equally represented in Iran
According to National Geographic’s *Africa Human Footprint Map*, what is the fertility rate in Africa?

- a. 3 children per woman
- b. 5 children per woman
- c. 7 children per woman
- d. 12 children per woman
What country is highlighted in red on the map shown below?

a. Israel
b. Iraq
c. Turkey
d. Syria
Turkey’s application to join the European Union has been controversial. What is the capital of Turkey?

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b. Istanbul  
c. Ankara  
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Round Ten: Current Events
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a. Zero Dark Thirty
b. Life of Pi
c. Lincoln
d. Argo
In order to investigate the Benghazi attack that took Ambassador Christopher Stevens’ life on September 11, 2012, the Accountability Review Board was created and convened by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Who served as the Chairman of this committee?

a. Thomas Pickering
b. Hugh Turner
c. Catherine Bertini
d. Glen Doherty
On November 29, 2012, the United Nations General assembly granted the Palestinian authority non-member observer status. Which of the following countries voted “no” on this resolution?

a. The United States 
b. The United Kingdom  
c. Russia  
d. China
Twenty-one years after winning the Nobel Peace Prize, what political activist was finally able to publicly receive and accept the prize in June 2012?

a. Suheir Hammad  
b. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf  
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a. Great Britain  
b. France  
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d. Germany
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d. Omar Suleiman
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a. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
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c. Popular Liberation Army (PLA)
d. National Separatist Movement (NSM)
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a. Harvard University Laboratory for Particle Physics and Cosmology in Cambridge, MA
b. European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) Laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland
c. NASA’s Astroparticle Physics Laboratory in Greenbelt, MD
d. Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron Laboratory near Hamburg, Germany
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Grady High School-A

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According to the U.S. Department of State’s Fact Sheet on Jordan, what year did Jordan lose control of the West Bank to Israel?

a. 1948  
b. 1952  
c. 1967  
d. 1973
According to the Atlantic Council’s Issue Brief, *A New Framework for US-China Economic Relations*, how much money in foreign exchange reserves is China currently holding?

a. $500 billion  
b. $1.5 trillion  
c. $3 trillion  
d. $7 trillion
According to National Geographic’s *Faith and Conflict in the Middle East Map*, which Middle Eastern country, formally divided between a traditional north and a Marxist south, united in 1990?

a. Yemen  
b. Iraq  
c. Syria  
d. Lebanon
In a statement before the Senate Armed Services Committee on March 7, 2012, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta quoted then-Secretary of State Hilary Clinton’s views regarding Syria. What was her belief on what effect outside intervention could have on Syria?

a. It is likely the only deterrent to Syrian civil war.
b. It would be favorable but UN Security Council action would not allow it.
c. It would likely expedite and increase the chances of civil war.
d. It is a plausible solution but heavily unpopular in Congress.
At the Camp David Summit in May 2012, the G-8 Action on the Deauville Partnership with Arab Countries in Transition, transition countries sought help with which of the following as one of the four key priority areas?

a. Support in promoting job creation  
b. Support in lowering inflation  
c. Support in promoting human rights  
d. Support in constructing secular constitutions
According to President Obama’s remarks from Afghanistan in May 2012, by the end of what year will Afghans be solely responsible for the security of their country?

a. 2013  
b. 2014  
c. 2015  
d. 2026
According to the White House’s *Everything You Need to Know: Waivers, Flexibility, and Reforming No Child Left Behind*, what was cited as a factor other than test scores that should be used to assess a child’s performance?

a. Parent feedback  
b. Peer review  
c. Principal observation  
d. All of the above
According to the U.S. Department of Defense’s Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan, which International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) ally announced in January 2012 an accelerated timeline for the withdrawal of all of its 3600 troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2013, a year in advance of the previously agreed upon timeline?

a. Australia  
b. Great Britain  
c. France  
d. Switzerland
Which region of the world has already met or is expected to meet by 2015 all three Goal 7 targets: “Halve the proportion of population without improved drinking water”, “Halve the proportion of population without sanitation”, and “Improve the lives of slum-dwellers”? 

a. Central Asia  
b. South-Eastern Asia  
c. Northern Africa  
d. Latin America and the Caribbean
The Reinvent the Toilet Challenge, developed with the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, allowed for the development of what?

a. A durable and waterless toilet
b. A toilet that uses one-third of the amount of water used in traditional toilets
c. Recommendations for more efficient sewage systems in developing countries
d. An infrastructure-focused plan for increasing toilet accessibility in rural areas