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# The Year in Questions

Like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel, never-ending news is spooling off a never-ending reel . . . Now a quiz is set to test you and your memory of the memes . . . like the stories that you find, in the pages of The Times. Answers will appear tomorrow on this page.

### -MATCH THE UTTERANCE TO THE UTTERER - G.O.P. ELECTION SPECIAL-

1. "Oops."

2. "Got all this stuff twirling around in my head."

3. "I'll tell you what. 10,000 bucks .. \$10,000 bet?"

4. "And I think that we've had an invented Palestinian people ..."

5. "... PolitiFact came out and said that everything that I said was true."

6. "Maybe that was an attempt to attract the illegal vote - I mean, the Latino voters."

7. "My advice to him would have a major medical policy, but not be forced ...'

8. "When's the delivery food coming?"



A. Herman Cain



B. Rick Perry



C. Newt Gingrich



D. Ron Paul



E. Mitt Romney



F. Michele Bachmann



G. Rick Santorum



H. Jon Huntsman Jr.

- 9. Who replaced Gen. David H. Petraeus as commander of NATO-led forces in Afghanistan?
- 10. Whose callipygian charms somewhat stole the limelight at the British royal wedding?
- 11. Who can't be processed 'with a normal brain"?
- 12. Which Academy Award winner warned, "I am experiencing stirrings somewhere in the upper abdominals that are threatening to form themselves into dance moves"?
- 13. "So I Shot Him" is one of 15 hitherto unpublished short stories by whom?
- 14. Which filmmaker took legal action over the 'pterodactyl-like screams" of his neighbor's pet macaws?
- 15. What happened in New York in October for only the fourth time in 135 years?
  - 16. Who was declared to be "tobacco free"?
- 17. Which former doctor said. "No government in the world kills its people, unless it's led by a crazy person"?
- 18. In which country was the former Arizona gubernatorial candidate Cary Dolego found living on the streets?
- 19. To whom was President Obama referring when he was overheard complaining to Nicolas Sarkozy, "You're fed up with him? I have to deal with him every day"?
- 20. Which extraterrestrial structure acquired a 13th room?
- 21. Where was the focus of "Operation Odyssey Dawn"?
  - 22. What failed to materialize on May 21?
- 23. Who questioned his U.S. citizenship, stating, "I'm tired of having my actions construed as instruments of U.S. policy."
- 24. What, according to Ira Glass, might include orange, lemon, nutmeg, coriander, neroli and cinnamon oils?

- 25. Who finally revealed, "To be clear, the picture was of me, and I sent it"?
- **26.** How were Kitty Lambert and Cheryle Rudd among the first to make history in July?
- 27. Who had the "most humble day of my life"?
- 28. Which brand-new country declared its independence on July 9?
- 29. What caused Discovery flight's lead spacewalker, Tim Kopra, to miss blast-off?
- **30.** Which company ran a controversial Tibet-themed Super Bowl advertisement?
- 31. I.B.M.'s "Jeopardy!"winning computer.
- 32. Who was crowned "the queen of aggregation"?
  - 33. Which criminal's underwear fetched \$200 at auction?
- **34.** Which reclusive heiress died in May, leaving an estimated fortune of \$500 million?
- **35.** What is "Forbrydelsen" known as in English?
- **36.** To what eventuality did NASA give odds of 3,200 to 1?
- 37. What foodstuff did New York airport authorities try to confiscate from Australia's foreign minister?
- 38. Whose last words were. "Oh wow. Oh wow."?
  - **39.** Who, controversially, became the 195th full member of Unesco?
- 40. Where do Yang Guang and Tian Tian now live?
- **41.** In which country did President Obama perceive "flickers of progress"?
- 42. What was Rafid Ahmed Alwan al-Janabi's code name?
- 43. Don Gorske ate his 25,000th what, in May?
- 44. Who was arrested "in an evening gown" alongside Occupy Wall Street protesters?

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### How old were the following people when they died?

- 2. Steve Jobs
- 5. Joe Frazier
- 8. Ken Russell
- 7. Wangari Maathai
- 11. Betty Ford 12. Jack Kevorkian 13. Gerry Rafferty 14. Elizabeth Taylor 15. Gil Scott-Heron
- 17. Sidney Lumet 18. Jane Russell
- 19. Seve Ballesteros 20. Mississippi Winn

### 49. Who won the Super Bowl?

50. For which band's fans was it the end of the world as they knew it?

**45.** To whom was

Harper Seven born?

46. What is "hydraulic

fracturing" known as?

47. How long did Kim

Kardashian's marriage to

Kris Humphries last?

48. Which credit ratings

agency downgraded

the U.S. to AA+?

- 51. To how many years in prison was Dr. Conrad Murray sentenced?
- 52. What good news did Beyoncé Knowles reveal at the MTV Video Music Awards?
- **53.** Who replaced Steve Carell at Dunder Mifflin?
- 54. Which country became the 17th member of the euro zone?
- 55. Whose body was "eased into" the North Arabian Sea?
- **56.** Who appeared not to understand the provenance of the phrase "blood libel"?
  - 57. Which artist was confronted with a \$2.4 million tax bill?
- 58. What is "planking"?
- 59. Who wrote "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother"?
- **60.** What ended, after claiming 4,487 American lives?
- 61. What was won by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Levmah Gbowee and Tawakkol Karman?
- 62. Which Hawaiian document, dated Aug. 4, 1961, has the serial number 61 10641?
- 63. Who was freed in return for the release of more than 1,000 prisoners from Israel?
- 64. Locks of whose hair sold at auction for \$40,668?
  - 65. Who wrote "1Q84"?
- 66. Where did "Carmageddon" fail to materialize?

- **67.** Who apologized after joking that he would "stab" his son if he acted gay?
- 68. Whose visit to Switzerland was cancelled because of concerns about protests by human rights groups?
- 69. Who wrote: "I checked with my mega-rich friends to learn what pain they were expecting. They, too, were left untouched."
- 70. Which country handles American diplomatic interests in Iran?
- 71. What tragic event may have shifted the earth's figure axis by some 6.5 inches?
- 72. How many deaths was Anders Behring Breivik responsible for?
- 73. Which company apologized after tweeting: "Millions are in uproar in #Cairo. Rumor is they heard our new spring collection is now available"?
- 74. Which man and woman won the Wimbledon singles?
- **75.** In which hotel chain was Dominique Strauss-Kahn staying when accused of sexual assault?
- **76.** Which designer was found guilty of hate speech after anti-Semitic rants in Parisian bars?
- 77. Which company lost some 800,000 customers before reversing an unpopular business decision?
- 78. Oprah Winfrey revealed a reunion of her own in January. Whom was it with?
  - 79. What color was Ted Williams's voice reported to be?
- 80. Which assistant could help you dump a dead body, but not locate an abortion clinic?
  - 81. Who didn't Crystal Harris marry?
  - 82. Which weekday might Rebecca Black now regret?
  - 83. What is "Tebowing"?
  - 84. What competition did Sukanya Roy win with "cymotrichous"?

- 1. Lucian Freud 3. Vaclay Havel
- 4. Christopher Hitchens 6. Andy Rooney
- 9. Muammar el-Qaddafi
- 10. Amy Winehouse
- 16. Warren Christopher

# -MOVIE TAG LINES-

### Identify the 2011 major movie releases from their tag lines:

- 1. Don't talk to anyone. Don't touch anyone. 2. What is hidden in snow comes forth in the thaw.
  - 3. Change begins with a whisper.
  - 4. Get in. Get out. Get away. 5. What are you really worth?
  - 6. Evolution becomes revolution.
  - 7. The Wolfpack is back. 8. Twenty years. Two people. 9. Don't let them in. 10. It all ends.

# OCCUPY-

### The following public spaces were the locus of popular protest in 2011. Where in the world are they?

- 1. Tahrir Square
- 2. Finsbury Square 3. Zuccotti Park 4. Bolotnaya Square
- 5. November 7 Square 6. Frank H. Ogawa Plaza 7. May 1 Square 8. Pearl Square

# BOOK CLASSIFICATION-

### Identify these best sellers of 2011 by their Library of Congress subject classification:

- 1. Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963 -Assassination – Fiction. Time travel - Fiction.
- 2. Male friendship Fiction. Middle-aged men - Fiction. Memory - Fiction. Life change events - Fiction. Psychological fiction.
- 3. Darcy, Fitzwilliam (Fictitious character) Fiction. Bennet, Elizabeth (Fictitious character) - Fiction. England - Fiction.
- 4. Girls Fiction. Mothers - Death - Fiction. Motherless families -Fiction. Amusement parks - Fiction. Alligators - Fiction. Everglades (Fla.) - Fiction. Ten Thousand Islands (Fla.) - Fiction.

- 5. College students Fiction. Baseball players - Fiction. Interpersonal relations - Fiction. Michigan, Lake, Region
- Fiction. 6. Women physicians Fiction. Orphanages - Fiction.
- Fiction. Family secrets - Fiction. Balkan Peninsula - Fiction.

Grandparent and child

- 7. Triangles (Interpersonal relations) - Fiction. Literature - Appreciation -Fiction. Self-actualization - Fiction.
- 2008-2009. International finance. Financial crises - United States - History - 21st century.

8. Global Financial Crisis,