S10E9
The (Almost) After Retirement (AR) Quiz
QUESTION 1 – LONG CON 1

11 Pics – 6 Sets – 1,2,2,1,4,1
Not Exhaustive, Not Ordered

+6, -1
+5, -2
+4, -3
+3, -4
+2, -5
+1, -6
SET 1
SET 2
SET 3
SET 5
AIDS

Was first called GRID (Gay-Related Immune Deficiency)
Rock Hudson and Fredie Merucry died because of it
Ryan White was discriminated against because he was HIV-positive and Gaëtan Dugas was patient zero
Estimated prevalence of AIDS among adults between the ages of 18 and 49 per country in 2011
Robert Gallo and Luc Montagnier helped establish that HIV was behind AIDS; Magic Johnson is HIV-positive and Liberace died because of it
Scene from Philadelphia, which was one of the first films to address it
QUESTION 2

X (~1542 – Dec 23rd, 1596) was a famous samurai and ninja master of the Sengoku era, credited with saving the life of Tokugawa Ieyasu and then helping him become the ruler of united Japan. X was known as an expert tactician and a master of spear fighting. Historical sources say that he lived the last several years of his life as a monk under the name “Sainen” and built the temple, Sainenji, which was mainly built to commemorate Tokugawa Ieyasu's elder son, Nobuyasu. In modern pop culture X is often portrayed as involved with Iga ninja clansmen. The actor Sonny Chiba played X’s role in the series X: Kage no Gundan. Sonny Chiba reprised this role in Y. The joke is that Chiba played multiple generations of the character: even when the character actually dies, the next installment would shift to covering his descendent, with the same name. The implication is that the X seen in Y is X the XIV. X = ? Y = ?
ANSWER 2

X = Hattori Hanzo

Y = Kill Bill
QUESTION 3
Google Doodle tribute to Kafka’s *The Metamorphosis* on July 3rd, 2013 on Kafka’s 130th birth anniversary
Sweden recently settled on a mutually beneficial scheme with neighbor, Norway. Sweden ran out of X, which it uses for Y and hence settled on Norway to ship 80,000 tones of X annually. Catarina Ostland, senior advisor for the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, suggests that Norway may not be the perfect partner for the scheme, however. “I hope that instead we will get the X from Italy or from Romania or Bulgaria, or the Baltic countries because they ________ in these countries.” “They don’t have any ________ plants or ________ plants, so they need to find a solution for their __________.” X = ?
ANSWER 4

X = Garbage

Sweden does not have landfills and recycles a lot, hence the need to import garbage from Norway to meet its energy needs
QUESTION 5 - CONNECT
ANSWER 5

Tracer Bullet

Actual tracer bullets (lame, I know)
Part of one of Ravi Shastri’s catch phrases
One of Calvin’s alter egos
QUESTION 6

This was a 2002 Starbucks ad that soon gathered national attention. Why?
It reminded many people of the 9/11 attacks (especially with the slogan)

Collapse into cool.
Try a new Tazo Citrus with tangerine, orange and lime.

We Proudly Brew
STARBUCKS COFFEE
QUESTION 7 – MMQ1
Countries that recognize the State of Palestine (in green)
QUESTION 8

X was born in Weymouth, England and moved to Oberhausen, Germany. X achieved celebrity status a few years ago but also caused widespread outrage. Soon, X received death threats as well as the offer of safe haven from Jose Zapatero and Miguel Sebastian. Several theories have been put forwarded to explain the reason for X’s fame, but with X’s passing away, all that is agreed upon is that X was pretty smart. X = ?
ANSWER 8

\[ X = \text{Paul the Octopus} \]
X is the fourth-largest city in the Mexican state of Guerrero. X has been developed as a tourist attraction along with the modern tourist resort of Ixtapa, 5 km (3.1 mi) away. However, X has kept its traditional town feel. There are two possible origins for the name X. The first would be from P'urhépecha language meaning “water of the yellow mountain” and the second would be from Nahuatl (Cihuatlán) meaning “place of women.” X spent most of its history until recently as a sleepy fishing village. The federal government's decision to develop the nearby resort in the 1970s has had major implications for both the city and municipality of X. The area is now the third most visited area in Mexico after Cancún and Puerto Vallarta and the most popular for sports fishermen. Recently, a new highway called the “Maxipista Siglo XXI” was built to connect X with Morelia, cutting the travel time from Mexico City to about six hours. X = ?
ANSWER 9

$X = \text{Zihuatanejo}$

Andy Dufrene’s go to place
QUESTION 10

X is the set of words that begins the last line of a poem by Quintus Horatius Flaccus (65 BC – 8 BC). Perhaps the first written expression of the concept is the advice given by Siduri to Gilgamesh, telling him to forgo his mourning, “reversing the liminal rituals of mourning and returning to the normal and normative behaviors of Mesopotamian society.” Related phrases, that express a similar sentiment to the phrase X are 1) “Collige, virgo, rosas [...]” that appears at the end of the poem “De rosis nascentibus”, 2) the phrase Y, in the 17th century poem by Robert Herrick, that also inspired a painting by John William Waterhouse in 1909, and 3) De Brevitate Vitae, often referred to as Gaudeamus igitur, (“Let us rejoice”), which is a popular academic commercium song, on taking joy in student life. $X = ? \ Y = ?$
X = Carpe diem
Y = Gather ye rosebuds while ye may
In 1996 Panasonic developed a PC for the home market. The company needed a way to brand their PC in a way that would appeal to the no-tech-savvy customer. They wanted to tout their PC's accessibility and ease of use, and they needed a mascot to demonstrate that computers were not arcane devices used only by scientists and the socially awkward. They chose X because X was apparently huge in ‘90s Japan. To truly set their PC’s capability apart from the competition, Panasonic named the key feature of the PC Y. Panasonic was all geared up to launch the PC with an ad campaign featuring the catchy slogan “Y – the Internet Pecker.” Panasonic had no clue that anything was wrong with the slogan until the day before the ads were set to launch, when an American staff member informed them of a possible misinterpretation. The product launch was postponed and the product renamed. X = ? Y = ?
ANSWER 11

X = Woody Woodpecker

Y = Touch Woody
QUESTION 12

X is widely considered to have been a flat track bully, only capable of scoring runs on dead pitches, particularly at home. Whatever his critics may have to say though, X did end his career with a respectable test average of 48.76 (which was once well over 50). What X will forever be remembered for is his determination and resilience in the face of a terrible injury and his unique style of celebrating after scoring a century. In one of life’s ironies, he first used the method of celebration in March 2009 on the back of a second double century against Pakistan in the series. ID X and the method of celebration.
X = Thilan Samaraweera

He had a machine gun celebration in which he pointed his bat handle at the crowd and fired mock rounds at them
ANSWER 13

Touchstone

A UK rock band

A character in *As You Like It*

A film label of The Walt Disney Studios

A series of 14 nuclear tests conducted at the Nevada Test Site in 1987 and 1988
In the physics of superfluidity, a X is a geometric pattern on the surface of one of the phases of superfluid helium-3, whose motion can result in the decay of a supercurrent. The X was named by David Mermin of Cornell University in 1976. He was inspired by Y’s poem Z. As in the poem, the appearance of a X can cause something (in this case, the supercurrent) to “softly and suddenly vanish away.” Other, less whimsical names had already been suggested for the phenomenon, but Mermin was persistent. After an exchange of letters that Mermin describes as both “lengthy and hilarious”, the editors of Physical Review Letters agreed to his terminology. Research using the term X in a superfluid context was first published in 1977, and the term has since gained widespread acceptance in broader areas of physics.
ANSWER 14

X = Boojum
Y = Lewis Carroll
Z = The Hunting of the Snark
Professional extreme athlete Erik Roner hitched a Y to an air balloon, and at a certain height he set himself free. The air pressure posed problems though, forcing Roner to ditch the idea and rely on his parachute. He made it to the ground in one piece, the Y wasn’t so lucky. What was Erik Roner trying to do?
Y = An umbrella

He was trying to replicate Mary Poppins’ signature move and see if he could make it all the way down using an umbrella to slow him down
In 1997 Weight Watchers kicked off a new ad campaign featuring the then Princess of the United Kingdom, Sarah, Duchess of York (popularly known as “the Fergie who's not a Black Eyed Pea”). The ad featured a beaming Fergie touting the benefits of Weight Watchers -- namely, its ability to help you watch your weight -- under the bold declaration that losing weight was “harder than ________________.” The fliers for the campaign had just been mailed out when a major event occurred that caused the campaign to backfire. Print ads had already gone to press in magazines, such as Glamour and Self, creating an immensely embarrassing situation for both the company and their new spokesperson. What was the full slogan?
“Harder than outrunning the paparazzi”, which backfired because that was how Princess Diana died. The ad was endorsed by a member of the royal family to boot.
QUESTION 17

Who has been whitened out?
William Shatner – 5 Star Trek captains together
QUESTION 18

X almost certainly contained an error that became a great annoyance to Y. A team led by Laura Dilley, an assistant professor in the department of communicative sciences and disorders at Michigan State University, took a new approach to analyze X. The team studied the way that folks in Ohio pronounce certain words. In Central Ohio, where Y was raised, speakers have a tendency of blending two particular words together. The team then turned to recordings of 40 people raised in Columbus, Ohio, about 90 miles southeast of Y’s hometown. The recordings included 191 cases of the phrase Z. It turned out that the phrase Z sounded very similar to the phrase Z’ for the Ohioans. Thus, the team felt they had somewhat vindicated Y, who has pointed out many times, that he/she didn’t obviously intend to sound inane. Funda?
X = “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”

Y = Neil Armstrong

The statement needs an ‘a’ before man for it to make sense. “Otherwise, there is no distinction between a single individual and all of humanity.” Ohioans tend to blend for and a together, so maybe Armstrong did that, maybe not. He thinks he made the error, though not intended. The broadcast certainly didn’t have it as it was obscured by static as well.
A is a novel by Winston Groom and is a sequel to his novel B (1986). In A, after the death of C, and the failure of D, E finds a way to stumble through life. E runs into many celebrities, including F, and attends the Academy Awards. He also sells encyclopedias door-to-door, works on a pig farm, and helps develop New Coke. Throughout the book, C appears as a guardian angel to E and advises E to listen to G. G frequently mentions a fondness for oysters, and oystering re-vitalizes D. ID A-G.
ANSWER 19

A = Gump and Co.
B = Forrest Gump (the novel)
C = Jenny
D = Bubba Gump Shrimp Company
E = Forrest Gump (the character)
F = Tom Hanks
G = Lt. Dan
The Ashes in Australia, 1936-37. England (damn them) are up 2-0 in the series, after winning by 322 runs in Brisbane and an innings and 22 in Sydney. Coming into the third test, Bradman receives a lot of flack for his ineffectiveness as a captain and as a batsman. The third test, the MCG, 350,534 people, Bradman wins the toss and chooses to bat. He comes in early and leaves early too, for 13, a victim to his nemesis, Hedley Verity. Aus are reduced to 181/6 on Day 1 and the rains arrive. The next day, Bradman asks the Aussie tail to wag as best it can. Aus declare at 200/9. England sink to 76/9 (Hooah !!) when their captain, Gubby Allen, decides to declare, 45 minutes before end of play on Day 2. Aus see out the day without losing wickets (Yay !!!). Day 3 (after a rest day on Sunday), Aus keep going. Bradman sets about batting England out of the game and in the company of Jack Fingleton puts on 346 (Damn, that’s good stuff). Aus are finally bowled out for 564 (Bradman – 270, Fingleton - 136), after gaining a lead of 688. England subside to 323 all out on Day 6, thus losing the timeless test. Aus go on to win the next two tests as well (Bradman manages 212 in the fourth and 169 in the fifth) and with them, the Ashes. Order is restored to world cricket and the English are left sucking their wounds (and just sucking). Bradman captains 21 more tests and doesn’t lose any of them. The miracle remains the only instance of a team winning a test series 3-2 after being 0-2 down. Bradman’s 270 is rated as the greatest knock ever by Wisden. Here end’s the tale of Bradman finding his lost mojo. What (apart from showing determination and care while batting) did Bradman do to achieve the win in the third test?
He reversed the batting order so that the pitch was in better shape when his good batsman came out to bat. He used his tail as cannon fodder in order to buy time and then hammered England into submission when the sun came out.
The Kraken (in popular culture)

H. P. Lovecraft’s *The Call of Cthulhu* (that appears in Weird Tales) features a creature inspired by the Kraken

The Kraken appears in POTC: Dead Man’s Chest

It’s brand of rum

*The Kraken* is sonnet by Tennyson

A huge body of liquid on Titan is called *Kraken Mare*
The July 8 & 15, 2013 edition of The New Yorker magazine celebrated the Supreme Court’s landmark marriage equality decisions by unveiling a cover featuring X and Y. On the cover of the magazine, X and Y are cozily sitting together in front of a TV with X’s arm around Y, and Y leaning on his shoulder. The TV shows an image of the Supreme Court justices in their black robes. The artist behind the cover, called “Moment of Joy,” is Jack Hunter. “It’s amazing to witness how attitudes on gay rights have evolved in my lifetime,” Hunter said, as posted on the New Yorker’s website. “This is great for our kids, a moment we can all celebrate.” The cover was the result of an online petition that suggested the idea behind it. The magazine refused an interview request but released a statement reading, “The New Yorker thinks the cover speaks for itself.” X = ? Y = ?
ANSWER 22

X & Y = Bert and Ernie
QUESTION 23

18 February 1991: A bomb explodes in Paddington Station, damaging the building's roof but causing no casualties. Three hours later another bomb explodes at Victoria Station. One man (David Corner) is killed and 38 people are injured. The bombings were orchestrated by the Provisional Irish Republican Army. As a result of the Victoria station bombing, a new policy decision was taken that continues in London to this day. What decision?
The IRA used trash cans to dump bombs, they were convenient for this purpose and added to the shrapnel. As a result of the Victoria station bombing, trash cans were removed from London Underground stations. Now the few cans they do have in the Tube are plastic bags suspended from hoops, carefully monitored by security.
QUESTION 24

In breakthrough research being pioneered by a group of Taiwanese scientists, Xs are being used for water purification. “Xs are cheap and readily available,” said lead researcher Din Ping Tsai, a physicist at National Taiwan University, in a press release. “… using old Xs for water treatment might even be a way to cut down on waste.” Tsai’s process involves using Xs as a platform on which to grow zinc oxide. Later, when illuminated with UV light in a prototype water treatment device, the zinc oxide acts a photo-catalyst, breaking down organic pollutants in sewage water that’s filtered in by a hose. In a test, the researchers found that “over 95 percent of the contaminants had broken down after just 60 minutes. That's about 150 ml of waste water per minute.” For comparison, a typical bottle of water contains 500 ml. X = ?
ANSWER 24

$X = \text{The ubiquitous CD}$
X can’t quite recall exactly what he said but what he claims he said (in his autobiography) was definitely something more prosaic and less clever than the popular version (Y) attributed to him.

It is easy to imagine how X allowed the press to run with the idea that he had said Y. “I liked the quote,” he said later, “I think it is quite funny.” It definitely added to X’s aura.

Sir Neville Cardus had a better ear for what he thought should have been said than what actually was. The old Yorkshire stalwart Emmott Robinson was so used to seeing Cardus put words in his mouth that he once said “I reckon Mr Cardus invented me.” But just as with X, what Cardus wrote came close to capturing the spirit of the truth, if not the actual facts of the matter. And that explains why Y caught hold in our collective imagination. $X = ?$ $Y = ?$
ANSWER 25

X = Steve Waugh

Y = “You’ve just dropped the World Cup”
In 1992, Fiat tried to put a creative new spin on direct-mail advertising (otherwise known as junk mail). To market their new Cinquecento hatchbacks, Fiat decided to mail out some Xs as part of their campaign. 50,000 such Xs on pink paper were sent out to target “independent, modern working women” in Spain. The campaign backfired and had to be cut short after lots of condemnation. What went wrong?
X = Love Letters

The letters were personally addressed to the women but were anonymous and looked like letters from a creepy stalker. The romantic musings in them, such as “We met again on the street yesterday and I noticed how you glanced interestedly in my direction” didn’t help.
A few months after her 95th birthday, Margot Woelk finally revealed her secret role, X, that she had not even told her husband about. Woelk was in her mid-twenties when she spent two and a half years along with 14 other women carrying out X. X was a dangerous job, with a paranoid boss to boot, but it had it’s advantages. After World War II, Woelk began rebuilding her life, working in a variety of jobs, mostly as a secretary or administrative assistant. She’s lucky to be alive, she learned that the 14 other women who had worked with her had been shot by the Russians after they stayed behind with their families, while she had left. $X = ?$
X = Food taster in Hitler’s service
“The Wedding” is the title of the story from A Annual vol. 1 #21 in which B and C (a.k.a. D) get married. It was published in 1987 and written by David Michelinie, featuring art by John Romita Sr. As a promotional event, an actual wedding took place at Shea Stadium in New York City. The press covered the event and E officiated/acted as the minister for the ceremony.

E = ? Funda ?
ANSWER 28

A = *The Amazing Spider-Man*

B = Mary Jane Watson

C = Peter Parker

D = Spider-Man

E = Stan Lee
QUESTION 29 - CONNECT
The sum of all fears

Was a part of a quote by Churchill

An album by Italian black metal group
Cultus Sanguine

A novel by Tom Clancy and later a movie
with Ben Affleck playing Jack Ryan
Examples of the impact of X:

1. X’s dissatisfaction with his life has been compared to Siddhartha's before he became Gautama Buddha.
2. X’s story has been compared to signifiers of African American racial identity.
3. A slime-mold beetle of the genus Agathidium is named after X.
4. A grotesque of X is present on the east face of the Washington National Cathedral's northwest tower.
5. On June 22, 2006, Dick Cheney referred to himself as the X of the Bush administration. Discussing the administration's philosophy on gathering intelligence, he said to CNN's John King, “It means we need to be able to go after and capture or kill those people who are trying to kill Americans. That's not a pleasant business. It's a very serious business. And I suppose, sometimes, people look at my demeanor and say, 'Well, he's the X of the administration.'”
ANSWER 30

X = Darth Vader
Average alcohol consumption per person (in liters) in 2005

ANSWER 31
QUESTION 32

X has been damaged and defaced many times since the mid-1960s for various reasons, but has each time been restored. On April 24, 1964, X’s head was sawn off and stolen by politically oriented artists of the Situationist movement. The head was never recovered and a new head was produced and placed on X. On July 22, 1984, X’s right arm was sawn off and returned two days later by two young men. In 1990, an attempt to sever the X’s head left a cut in the neck 18 centimeters (7 in) deep. On January 6, 1998, X was decapitated again; the culprits were never found, but X’s head was returned anonymously to a nearby TV station, and re-attached on February 4. On the night of September 10, 2003, X was knocked off its base with explosives. On March 8, 2006, a dildo was attached to X’s hand, green paint was dumped over X, and the words March 8 were written on X. It is suspected that this vandalism was connected with International Y’s Day, which is on March 8. X = ?
ANSWER 32

X = The Little Mermaid (a bronze statue in Copenhagen)

Y = Women’s
QUESTION 33

X has had its share of controversy. One of the verses of the song “Y” (in X) was altered following protests. The lyrics were changed from "Where they cut off your ear if they don't like your face," in the original release, to “____________.” The original lyric was intact on the initial CD soundtrack release, but the re-release uses the edited lyric. There were also complaints about the portrayal of the lead characters in X. The lead characters’ Anglicized features and Anglo-American accents came in for some flack as they contrasted with the heavy accents, dark skins, and grotesque facial features of the supporting characters. X = ? Y = ?
X = Disney’s *Aladdin*

Y = The song, “Arabian Nights”

The lines "Where they cut off your ear if they don't like your face" were changed to "Where it’s flat and immense and the heat is intense.”
Susan Bennett lives in suburban Atlanta. Around eight years ago she carried out a job for a client. Recently, the results of that job have become a huge deal. Though X won’t confirm or deny Susan’s role in Y, experts who have worked with her and represent her legally say she is most definitely behind Y.

Susan – “I really had to weigh the importance of it for me personally. I wasn't sure that I wanted that notoriety, and I also wasn't sure where I stood legally. And so, consequently, I was very conservative about it for a long time,” she said .... “And it seemed like everyone was clamoring to find out ______________, and so I thought, well, you know, what the heck? This is the time.” X = ? Y = ?
Susan made several voice recordings years ago that are now being used in various places, including Siri.
Beirut river – possibly due to a factory that had illegally dumped something into it

A lake in France – Natural phenomenon, probably due to high concentration of salts at the river delta where the Rhone meets the sea

Yangtze river – Sep 2012 – Official explanation – silt from upstream sources. Other theories have been flouted.

Funda?
ANSWER 35

Water bodies that suddenly turned blood red
A - Lola Montez, a dancer who later influenced national politics.

B – The singer Lillie Langtry, who was involved with Edward, the Prince of Wales. Langtry was born in Jersey (she was called the “Jersey Lily”).

C - Ludmilla Stubel, wife of Archduke Johann Salvator of Austria.

Funda?
ANSWER 36

Possible real life contemporary inspirations for Doyle’s Irene Adler
QUESTION 37 – LONG CON 2

12 Pics – 5 Sets – 2,3,3,3,3,1
Almost Exhaustive (21 are present in the full set), Not Ordered
+2 for spotting the anomaly

+5, -1
+4, -2
+3, -3
+2, -4
+1, -5
SET 1
SET 2
SET 3
SET 4
Heads of state with Nobel prizes

Wilson, Sadat
Gorbachev, Peres, Churchill
Mandela, Roosevelt, Rabin
Carter, Jung, Begin
Obama

Churchill was the odd one out as he won The Nobel prize for literature, unlike all the others, who won the Peace prize.
That's all Folks' !
A WARNER BROS. CARTOON