The Midnight “Holier Than Thou” Quiz

56 Questions
+6 Tiebreakers (Just in case)
First and last Questions are Long Cons
All Questions on Infinite Bounce with reversal at the 28th Question
All Questions are equal (and carry 2 points) though some Questions (the Long Cons) are more equal than others
REASON FOR SPONSORS

HP – Laptop Used
MS – Because some questions are Evil
Samsung – Because Everyone’s Invited
Pepsi – Because There’s Something For Everyone
“I Very Excite”
QUESTION 1 – LONG CON 1
9 Pics – 3,3,3 – Not Exhaustive
SET 2
SET 3
Books by Michael Crichton (Left out Jurassic Park and the Lost World for obvious reasons)

Airframe, Great Train Robbery, Timeline, Andromeda Strain, Binary, Prey Congo, Rising Sun and Sphere
Attempts made

1) Placing an X cap on top of Everest and burning a Y cap at the base camp

2) Finding a piano owned by Z that he had supposedly pushed into a pond near his Sudbury farm

3) Spray painting a "Reverse Curve" street sign on Storrow Drive to say “________ _____ ___________” etc etc FIBs.
ANSWER 2

“Reverse The Curse”

The curse of the Bambino (1918-2004)
The selling of Babe Ruth (Z) to the Yankees (Y) which cost the Red Sox (X) dearly
The plot opens on a rainy and cold Marlinspike Hall; the occupants, are miserable and poor because there are no new adventures to keep them occupied. As they consider their plight, Jolyon Wagg's wife arrives and ask them to go to X to look for her husband who went there on a trip he won from the Rock Bottom Insurance Company, but never came back. The wife has already sent Thomson and Thompson there to look for Jolyon but without any results. As it is an all expense paid trip, the group eagerly accept and are soon off to X. Nestor, Snowy and the cat are left behind, but Professor Calculus comes along. ID book and why it’s different from the rest
Tintin in Thailand

Bogus book which was not written by Herge, but by someone using the name Bud E. Weyser (derived from Budweiser)

Cracked down on by the Herge foundation and only available in Bangkok
QUESTION 4

It refers to any of the following
1) Simple sandals
2) Politics - A sudden change of position on an issue
3) A type of hub used in bicycle wheels
4) A game played on The Price Is Right
5) but most importantly it’s used in Electronics

What it eez?
ANSWER 4

Flip Flop
QUESTION 5 - CONNECT
John Nash’s observations in the pursuit of his “Truly Original Idea” in ‘A Beautiful Mind’

“What if no one goes for the blonde?”
QUESTION 6

Red Square = Leadership, passion
White Swirl = Purity of purpose and the invigorating properties of X
Green Stroke = 125 years of X
The font used for Y is called SLURRY
What’s being referred to?
ANSWER 6

Café COFFEE DAY
QUESTION 7

The lead singer of X came up with the original name. It had occurred to him while writing reviews for imaginary rock bands in his English class. When he joined the band that eventually became X, the band members changed the spelling, to make it seem less like a punk band and also perhaps out of homage to Led Zeppelin. ID band.
ANSWER 7

Def Leppard
(The Def is just like Led in Led Zep)
The lead singer – Joe Elliott
QUESTION 8 - CONNECT

Romance

1. You click.
2. We stack.
3. You get.


ANSWER 8

Google Hoaxes on April 1st

TISP (Toilet Internet Service Provider),
Google Romance (dating is a search problem solve it with Google Romance) and Google Paper (to print e-mails)
At the City Palace in Jaipur, you can see two huge silver jars weighing 340 kg each and about 1.6 m high. Listed by the Guinness Book as the largest man-made sterling silver objects, they were made in 1901, just before the Maharaja’s visit to England. What was their purpose?
They were made so that Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh II could store Ganga Jal in them for the purposes of drinking and bathing when he visited England for the coronation of Edward VII. The vessels are called *Gangajelies* (Ganges-water urns).
QUESTION 10

Custom Barracuda
Custom Camaro
Custom Corvette
Custom Cougar
Custom Eldorado
Custom Firebird
Custom Fleetside
Custom Mustang
Custom T-Bird
Custom Volkswagen (designed by Ira Gilford)
Deora, Ford J-Car, X Heap (based on “Tognotti's T”)
Python w car
Silhouette
ANSWER 10

The Hot Wheels 1968 collection
The "18th First Annual Ig Nobel Prize Ceremony" was held on 2 October 2008 at Harvard University's Sanders Theatre.

- **Physics**: Dorian Raymer and Douglas Smith, for proving that heaps of string or hair will inevitably tangle.
- **Chemistry**: Sheree Umpierre, Joseph Hill, and Deborah Anderson, for discovering that Coca-Cola is an effective spermicide, and C.Y. Hong, C.C. Shieh, P. Wu, and B.N. Chiang for accidentally proving it is not.
- **Medicine**: Rebecca Waber and Dan Ariely for demonstrating that expensive placebos are more effective than inexpensive placebos.
- **Economics**: Geoffrey Miller, Joshua Tyber, and Brent Jordan, for discovering that exotic dancers earn more when at peak fertility.
- **Literature**: David Sims, for his study "You Bastard: A Narrative Exploration of the Experience of Indignation within Organizations".
- **Peace**: The Swiss Federal Ethics Committee on Non-Human Biotechnology and the citizens of Switzerland, for adopting the legal principle that plants have dignity.
The phrase is credited to Mary Roberts Rinehart, a prolific author often called the American Agatha Christie, though she never used it herself in any of her novels. It came into existence because of her book titled ‘The Door’ and is now a cliché. What is the phrase?
The butler did it
Tony Cozier – …. Well he certainly drove that pretty well and a long chase here for David Gower, will just get to it inside the boundary as the batsmen come for 3.

Tony Greig – It was a fine shot by X, the ball was pitched up and he drove and it very nearly went for 4.

Tony Cozier – Well a bit of confrontation here between the umpires, X and Mike Brearly. ….I don’t think there’s anything the umpires can do about it and X is standing his ground quite literally…

Tony Greig – The umpires are now approaching X, that is Max O’ Connel, he’s the senior umpire out there and he’s trying to find out why X is in fact not listening to him and Greg Chappel’s now coming onto the ground….really is a very sad state of affairs on the ground and that’s the thing that’s causing all the trouble….

What was going on?
ANSWER 13

Dennis Lillee and his aluminium bat were getting everyone mad
QUESTION 14 - CONNECT
The title is a reference to an episode where the main characters (X and Y) meet "an auld drunkard" in the disused Leith Central railway station, which they are visiting to use as a toilet. He asks them (in a weak attempt at a joke) if they are “Z”, despite the fact that they couldn’t possibly be doing that due to cutbacks by the then conservative government of Margaret Thatcher. The incident is symbolic of the way in which X searches for inner peace but is never going to find it. What is Z (the title)?
ANSWER 15

Title or Z = Trainspotting
X = Begbie
Y = Renton
Absolut Marilyn (skirt lift from the 7 year itch) and Absolut Sins (Pride, Wrath, Gluttony, Lust, Envy, Sloth and Greed)
Super Mario
Created by that chap, Is a plumber, lives in the mushroom kingdom and searches for Princess Peach
The answer to the question is not known. It was posed in the protest song X by Y and is subsequently used in The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy as the ‘fake’ question to which the answer is 42 (the answer to the life universe and everything). What is the question?
How many roads must a man walk down? (before they call him a man)

\[ X = \text{Blowin in the wind} \]
\[ Y = \text{Bob Dylan} \]
The X brand name and mascot were coined by the brand's first sales manager, James Gaylord Muir. Initially, the company's advertising agency recommended naming the product "Lasers." Then, on a selling trip to the southeast, Mr. Muir dined with one of his regional salesmen and the meal included X, traditional fried southern cornballs. When Mr. Muir asked about the origin of the name, he was told that farmers threw X at the hounds to keep them from barking.
ANSWER 19

Hush Puppies
In the 1940s X became a popular radio panel show, first broadcast at 8 PM on Saturday, February 2, 1946, on the Mutual Broadcasting System from New York's Longacre Theatre on West 48th Street.

X is often used as an example when teaching Information Theory as if X is played with a suitable strategy (analogous to that of a binary search algo in CS), then it can be won quite easily. ID X.
ANSWER 20

$X = \text{The Game of 20 Questions}$
(Duh, Like Look at the Question Number)
QUESTION 21 - CONNECT
Robert Langdon
Inspired by a Prof at Drexel (John Langdon)
Born in Exeter, New Hampshire
Played water polo for his college
Teaches at Harvard
Is described as looking like Harrison Ford in Tweed
Wears a Mickey Mouse watch
X is the Old English for a tax. X and lot was a medieval municipal tax levied on residents. Someone who managed to avoid paying this medieval tax was quite lucky. Hence the phrase ________________.
ANSWER 22

Getting off ‘Scot’ Free
ANSWER 23

Netherlandish Proverbs by Pieter Bruegel the Elder. It contains 100 odd proverbs – banging your head against a wall etc.
This rule is highly controversial, since while the X is under the ownership of the recipient, it is essentially not on the open market. Although some X sales transactions have been successful, the buyers subsequently had to return them to a treasury. What’s this controversial rule? Be specific.
The rule stipulates that an Oscar statuette can’t be sold by the winner or his/her heirs without first offering to sell it back to the Academy for US$1. If a winner refuses to agree to this stipulation, then the Academy keeps the statuette. Academy Awards not protected by this agreement have been sold in public auctions and private deals for six-figure sums.
QUESTION 25 - CONNECT
ANSWER 25

The Bee Gees

Massachusetts, Travolta (Saturday Night Fever) and the Isle of Man’s flag (where they were born)
QUESTION 26

According to historical folklore, the phrase stems from a meeting c. 1680 between the powerful finance minister Jean-Baptiste Colbert and a group of businessmen led by a certain M. Le Gendre. When the eager minister asked how the French state could be of service to the merchants, Le Gendre replied simply replied – “Leave us be, let us do”. ID the popular phrase.
ANSWER 26

Laissez-faire
QUESTION 27

Ad Campaign For?
Fevicol in Egypt – The Sphinx’s nose is stuck back on
QUESTION 28 – CONNECT REVERSE ORDER
Blackadder (series 1-4)

Reign of the fictional Richard IV (son of Richard III), Elizabeth I, George IV, and WWI were the eras during which the series were set.
QUESTION 29

X’s image is derived from many sources, including the Grim Reaper and Chronos and hence he is dressed in robes and shown carrying a scythe. Though there are several depictions of X including one in the Rotunda Clock (1896) by John Flanagan, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building, Washington, D.C, one of the most famous ones can be found at ______________ in the form of a _____________. FIBs.
X = Father Time

The most famous depiction is in the form of a weather vane at Lord’s
X is a phrase used to denote dangerous or unexplored territories, in imitation of the infrequent medieval practice of putting sea serpents and other mythological creatures in blank areas of maps. The earliest and only known use of this phrase is in the Latin form on the Lenox Globe (ca. 1503-07). The phrase appeared on the east coast of Asia. Earlier maps contain a variety of references to mythical and real creatures, but the Lenox Globe is the only known surviving map to bear this phrase. ID the phrase.
Here be dragons

ANSWER 30
X traces its roots to the Northern Natural Gas Company, which was formed in 1932 in Omaha, Nebraska. It was reorganized in 1979 as the leading subsidiary of a holding company, InterNorth. In 1985, it bought the smaller Houston Natural Gas and changed its name to X in the process. The merged company initially named itself "HNG/InterNorth Inc.", even though InterNorth was the nominal survivor. The departure of ex-InterNorth CEO Samuel Segnar six months after the merger allowed Y to become CEO of the newly merged company. Y moved X's headquarters to Houston and began to thoroughly re-brand the business. Y originally favored the name Z; but when it was pointed out that the term approximated a Greek word referring to the intestine, it was quickly shortened to X. The final name was decided upon only after business cards, stationery, and other items had been printed reading Z, reflecting the confused state of affairs in the company at the time. X’s crooked logo was designed in the mid-1990s by the late American graphic designer Paul Rand. ID X.
ANSWER 31

X = Enron (shortened from Z = EnterOn)
Y = Kenneth Lay
HINT – USE THIS IN THE CONNECT
El Dorado
The lake where the legend started (Laguna Guatavita)
Cray XMT was codenamed Eldorado
Kevin Kline provided his voice for one of the lead characters in ‘The Road to El Dorado’
And Cadillac had an Eldorado model
Bogota’s Airport is named El Dorado
QUESTION 33

What is marketed as the G-Wiz in UK and qualifies for exemption from the “London congestion charge” because of its unique nature?
ANSWER 33

The Reva
QUESTION 34

X was a term used for the strategic rivalry and conflict between the British Empire and the Russian Empire for supremacy in Central Asia. The period is generally regarded as running approximately from the Russo-Persian Treaty of 1813 to the Anglo-Russian Convention of 1907. Following the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 a second, less intensive phase followed. The term is usually attributed to Arthur Conolly, an intelligence officer of the British East India Company's Sixth Bengal Light Cavalry.
ANSWER 34

The Great Game
QUESTION 35 – CONNECT

Can’t tell you his name
Hint - Use the below Pic
But it’s not part of the connect
ANSWER 35

Rubik’s cube variants
2X2X2 – Pocket (also called Jr., Mini or Ice)
3X3x3 – Std Rubik’s
4X4X4 – Revenge (also called Master)
5X5x5 – Professor’s

Hint – In “The Pursuit of Happyness”, the protagonist solves the puzzle within a few minutes to get a vital internship interview
“Reports that say something hasn’t happened are always interesting to me, because as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns — the ones we don’t know we don’t know.”

Donald Rumsfeld on the whole weapons of mass destruction issue in 2002
“I love England, especially the food. There is nothing I like more than a lovely bowl of pasta” – Naomi Cambell

These 2 people along with Alicia Silverstone, Richard Gere and Gordon Brown are past recipients of ___________?
ANSWER 36

The foot in the mouth prize awarded by Britain's Plain English Campaign
A – “I did that on the basis that things could only get worse”
B – “It's Saturday, it's eight o'clock, it's the National Lottery”
A to C – “Is it as bad as it looks?”
C’s Reply – “Nah, it’s far worse”
D – “Jesus, someone's going to get killed out there. For f***s sake… this is ridiculous.”
B again – “I don't mind a challenge but this is ridiculous”
E – “What do you want us to do, sing its praises? ”
Why the anger?
The abandoned 1st test (Eng vs WI) at Sabina Park – 1998 – abandoned after 10 overs due to a crazy pitch

A – Michael Artherton
B – Alec Stewart
C – Nasser Hussain
D – John Crawley
E – Adam Hollioake
“There was this sheila who came across a snake-in-the-grass with all the cunning of a con man. The snake asked her why she didn't just grab lunch off the tree in her garden. God, she said, had told her she'd be dead meat if her fruit salad came from that tree, but the snake told her she wouldn't die. So she took a good squiz and then a bite and passed the fruit on to her bloke. Right then and there, they'd realized what they'd done and felt starkers.” ID the book (please be very specific).
Kel Richards's Aussie Bible
Uses "strine", or Australian vernacular
QUESTION 39 – Follow instructions
Firefox

It was first called Phoenix, then (Pontiac) Firebird and finally Firefox after it was realized that the previous 2 names existed and legal issues would come into play.
QUESTION 40

What was the problem with this ad (it was used in a 2003 campaign by the Hong Kong tourism board)?
Problem was that SARS was literally taking everyone's breath away
“Does anyone know where __________ came from? It is in Aramaic, and it is the original of X, which means 'let the thing be destroyed.' Originally, it was used to cure illness and the 'thing' was the illness, but I decided to make it the 'thing' as in the person standing in front of me. I take a lot of liberties with things like that. I twist them round and make them mine.”

What is the person talking about?
J.K. Rowling at the Edinburgh Book Festival (15 April 2004) talking about how she got the idea for the killing curse – Avada Kedavra from Abracadabra
QUESTION 42

Parts of the following video and others like it were used in ad campaign for ______________?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNF_P281Uu4
ANSWER 42

VISA
The company name comes from a misheard line in “Space Captain”, a song by Joe Cocker and Leon Russell. The actual words are “lovely X” but Tony Wheeler heard “______ X” and liked it. FIB.
ANSWER 43

Lonely Planet

X = Planet
There are two principal means by which X work.

In the *matrix approach*, a series of conductors are arranged in an array of parallel lines in two layers, separated by an insulator. The conductors in these layers are oriented orthogonally to one another. A high frequency signal is applied sequentially between pairs in the two-dimensional matrix created by the conductor array. The current that passes between the nodes is proportional to the capacitance. When a virtual ground is placed over one of the intersections between the conductive layer some of the electrical field is shunted to this ground point, resulting in a change in the apparent capacitance at that location. This method received U.S. Patent 5,305,017 awarded to George Gerpheide in April 1994.

The *capacitive shunt method*, described in an application note by Analog Devices, senses the change in capacitance between a transmitter and receiver that are on opposite sides of the sensor. The transmitter creates an electric field which oscillates at 200-300 kHz. If a ground point is placed between the transmitter and receiver, some of the field lines are shunted away, decreasing the apparent capacitance.

What is X?
ANSWER 44

X = The Touchpad
QUESTION 45 - CONNECT
Launch of Win 95
Codename Chicago and Jordan played for the Bulls
Aniston and Perry made a 30 min educational video (Cyber Sitcom) for it
Rolling Stones song (Start me Up) was used in an Ad
And The Empire State Building was decorated in Windows Colors for the launch on 24th August, 1995
QUESTION 46

Vlad III, more commonly known as Vlad the Impaler also known as Vlad X, or simply X (1431 – December 1476), was a Wallachian. His surname is derived from his father, a member of the Order of the Dragon created by Emperor Sigismund. His three reigns were in 1448, 1456–1462, and 1476. X = ?
ANSWER 46

X = Dracula
QUESTION 47

X is best known for his anastrophe which is common in Greek and Latin poetry and even in English poetry as evidenced by these lines:

He holds him with his skinny hand,
“There was a ship”, quoth he.
“Hold off! unhand me, grey-beard loon!”
Eftsoons his hand dropt he.

X's appearance was originally designed by British makeup artist Stuart Freeborn, who based X's face partly on his own and partly on Y's. ID X and Y.
ANSWER 47

X = Yoda
Y = Einstein

Anastrophe is the grammatical defect of using words in the wrong order.
E.g.: “Twisted by the dark side, young Skywalker has become”
“But his arms were so stiff ... they stayed up straight in the air for more than a week, and whenever a fly came and settled on his nose he had to blow it off. And I think - but I am not sure - that that is why he is always called X.”

Explanation for the short form of the name of a character.

X =?
X = Pooh

Explanation for why Winnie-the-Pooh is often called Pooh
Don Bradman
ABC’s post box number in every Australian City is 9994

In the Italian campaign of the Second World War, "Bradman will be batting tomorrow" were the code words used by allied forces to signal their attack on the Monte Cassino monastery

Gary Sweet played Bradman and Hugo Weaving played Jardine in the ‘Bodyline’ TV Series
The computing term X has its roots in the book ‘Gulliver’s Travels’. The novel describes a disagreement over the practice of breaking eggs. The disagreement was the reason for the struggle between the island nations of Lilliput and Blefuscu and became so violent that it gave rise to "six rebellions... wherein one Emperor lost his life, and another his crown". What is the term?
ANSWER 50

X = Endianness

On Blefuscu people broke the eggs at the larger end (Big-Endians) and on Lilliput they broke theirs at the smaller end (Little-Endians)
QUESTION 51

X is a name used by a company developing robots, a wireless network covering the capital of Greenland, a Belgian interactive digital media company, a Canadian satellite communications company, a low-cost Japanese airline, a defunct Irish airline and a family of military satellites, now operated by Paradigm Secure Communications on behalf of the UK Ministry of Defense, which provide strategic communication services to the three branches of the British Armed Forces and to NATO forces engaged on coalition tasks.

Given that most of the world has seen Y, the name X seems inappropriate and ominous for a few of the companies listed. ID X.
ANSWER 51

X = Skynet
Y = The Terminator
X is a traditional Catholic prayer. X is used within Roman Catholicism, and it forms the basis of the Rosary. The prayer is also used by the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox as well as by many other groups within the Catholic tradition of Christianity including Anglicans, Independent Catholics, and Old Catholics. Some Protestant denominations also make use of the prayer. Most of the text of X can be found within the Gospel of Luke.

For fans of a particular sport however, it is a move that has a miniscule chance (or a “prayer’s chance”) of success and came into being in 1975. What is X?
A Hail Mary pass in American football is a long desperate forward pass that came into being after the game winning pass by Dallas Cowboys quarterback, Roger Staubach in their 1975 upset win in the wild card playoffs.
QUESTION 53 - CONNECT
ANSWER 53

Quark

Murray Gell-Mann proposed a model for the particle

It’s also a type of central European cheese

And a character on Star Trek
QUESTION 54

Original – Fictional characters lead by Wiggins. Salary - a shilling a day (plus expenses), with a guinea prize.

SOE - The Special Operations Executive (SOE), tasked by Winston Churchill to "set Europe ablaze" during World War II, headquartered at 64 ______ ______.

Modern - name of an organization of X enthusiasts founded in 1934 by Christopher Morley. Members have included John Stevens Berry, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, Banesh Hoffmann, and Isaac Asimov. They continue to convene every January in New York City for an annual dinner. The present leader of it is Michael Whelan of Indianapolis, Indiana. ID organization.
ANSWER 54

The Baker Street Irregulars
X = Sherlock Holmes
The SOE was headquartered at 64 Baker Street
QUESTION 55

According to Adi Sankara's commentary on the Vishnu Sahasranama, X has three meanings. Of which one is – the one who destroyed the Asura or demon Y

X also means

• one who is endowed with the rays of light spreading within the orbit of the sun
• one who is endowed with divine powers of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva
• child who is blessed with amazing ability
ANSWER 55

X = Keshava (That’s Right!!!)
Y = Kesi (The Asura)
QUESTION 56 – LONG CON 2
10 Pics – 3,3,4 - Exhaustive
SET 2
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, because I own the damn valley.
SET 3
Full Explanation
Occupations of 10 of the men in the Champaner 11 (excluding Bhuvan)

Chicken Farmer (Eddo Brandes) - Bhura
Doctor (Cox) - Ishwar
Drummer (Ringo Starr) - Bagha
Fortune Teller/Soothsayer - Guran
Land Owner – Goli
Sikh Soldier - Deva
Woodcutter (MGR) - Lakha
Potter - Ismail
Blacksmith - Arjan
Untouchable - Kachra
TIE-BREAKERS
QUESTION 1

A __________ is a tongue-in-cheek “honor”. Given to people who “do a service to Humanity by removing themselves from the Gene pool”, i.e., lose the ability to reproduce either by death or sterilization in a stupid fashion. According to Wendy Northcutt: “The __________ honor people who ensure the long-term survival of the human race by removing themselves from the gene pool in a sublimely idiotic fashion.”
ANSWER 1

The Darwin Awards
QUESTION 2

He is the only man to have officiated in both the cricket and football (FIFA) world cups. Who is he?
ANSWER 2

Steve Bucknor
QUESTION 3

Which famous psychological response condition owes its origin to this incident in history?
ANSWER 3

Stockholm Syndrome
It is made up of a cigarette case, a cigarette lighter, a cuff link and a pen to avoid detection. What am I talking about?
ANSWER 4

The Golden Gun in ‘The Man With The Golden Gun’
QUESTION 5

What’s the picture about?
ANSWER 5

The Ayrton Sena accident at San Marino in 1994
QUESTION 6

This bestseller went through a string of titles such as 'Milestones', 'Ba Ba Black Sheep', 'Tomorrow is another day' before the eventual title was chosen. Name the book.
ANSWER 6

Gone With The Wind
That's all Folks'™

A WARNER BROS. CARTOON