

*Appleton Education Foundation
2011 Masters Knowledge Challenge
Questions & Answers*

1. How many times in Wisconsin's history has a **statewide** recount been held in determining a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice's seat?
- a) 1
 - b) 2
 - c) 3
 - d) 4

Submitted by Silton Seifert Carlson, S.C.

Answer: **C** - 3

2. Which show in the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center's 2011/12 Boldt Arts Alive! Series will also present a matinee Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Education Series performance for area students?
- a) Ladysmith Black Mambazo
 - b) The Flying Karamazov Brothers
 - c) Danu: A Christmas in Ireland

Submitted by Susan Stockton

Answer: **A** – Ladysmith Black Mambazo

3. Who was president when the modern federal estate tax was enacted?
- a) Benjamin Harrison
 - b) William Howard Taft
 - c) Woodrow Wilson
 - d) Herbert Hoover

Submitted by Mark and Ann Smith

Answer: **C** - Woodrow Wilson

4. Heating the square footage of the Appleton Area School District facilities is equivalent to heating how many typical single-family homes during the winter season?
- a) 1,650
 - b) 3,200
 - c) 1,200
 - d) 2,300

Submitted by Lee and Amy Allinger

Answer: **D** – 2,300 Source: Bob Zuehlsdorf, AASD Director of Facilities and Operations

5. Recent visitors to St. Petersburg, Russia, noticed that several TV channels were devoted to what topic?
- a) opera, ballet and classical music
 - b) war movies
 - c) talent shows
 - d) cooking shows

Submitted by John and Sharon Fenlon

Answer: **B** – war movies. We interpret this a reference to WWII when Germany (Nazis) enforced the siege of Leningrad during which more than 2 million Russians died. They also wreaked destruction on many Russian palaces and other landmarks, which now have been restored.

6. Which of the following is **not** part of the congenital heart defect "Tetralogy of Fallot"?
- a) Ventricular Septal Defect
 - b) Patent Foramen Ovale
 - c) Pulmonary Stenosis
 - d) Right Ventricular Hypertrophy

Submitted by Dean and Pam Gruner

Answer: **B** – Patent Foramen Ovale

7. Which President signed the Credit Union Act?
- a) Herbert Hoover
 - b) Harry Truman
 - c) Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - d) Bill Clinton

Submitted by Cathie Tierney

Answer: **C** – The act was signed in 1934 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

8. What famous actor said, "Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself, but it's what you do for others."?
- a) Bing Crosby
 - b) Danny Thomas
 - c) Jerry Lewis
 - d) Frank Sinatra

Submitted by Kathi Seifert in celebration of Bill Selle

Answer: **B** – Danny Thomas

9. Which developed-market country had the worst equity market return (as measured in US dollars) during the first six months of 2011?
- a) Japan
 - b) Greece
 - c) Spain
 - d) Finland

Submitted by The Savides, Larson, Kemps, Trigg & Lightfield Group of Robert W. Baird

Answer: **D** – Finland with a -8.50% return. Japan's return was -4.16%, Greece's was -2.13%, and Spain's was +14.04%.

10. According to a recent study, which of the following are characteristics of the top-ranked Finnish educational system?
- a) The government funds all teacher training and recruits the best and brightest to what is the "most admired profession" in Finland.

- b) All teachers belong to a single union.
- c) There is no mandatory national curriculum, no formal teacher-evaluation process, and only one high-stakes student assessment – for college admission.
- d) They are with their ethnically homogeneous students for fewer hours than teachers in the U.S. (about 600 hours versus 1,080).
- e) All of the above.

Submitted by Barry and Becky O'Connor

Answer: **E** – All of the above.

11. How many people did Fox Valley Technical College serve this past year in its five-county district?
- a) 10,000
 - b) 25,000
 - c) 50,000
 - d) 60,000

Submitted by Doug and Erin Mielke

Answer: **C** – 50,000

12. How many colleges and universities are located in metropolitan Boston?
- a) 2
 - b) 11
 - c) 25
 - d) 52

Submitted by Jay and Janet Fulkerson

Answer: **D** – 52

13. How many charter schools will AASD have for the 2011-12 academic year?
- a) 9
 - b) 12
 - c) 15
 - d) 18

Submitted by John and Sally Mielke

Answer: **C** – 15

14. This 100-year-old Wisconsin state park is adjacent to a lake known by the Indians as "Tawacunchukdah" or Sacred Lake.
- a) High Cliff
 - b) Mirror Lake
 - c) Devil's Lake
 - d) Copper Falls

Submitted by Don and Kris Hietpas

Answer: **C** – Devil's Lake

15. If AASD stacked all of its buildings on top of one another, how tall would they be?

- a) 12 stories
- b) 29 stories
- c) 41 stories
- d) 52 stories

Submitted by Dave and Kay Eggert

Answer: **D** – 52 stories tall. Source: Bob Zuehlsdorf, AASD Director of Facilities and Operations

16. What are the three fastest animals in North America?

- a) elk, quarter horse, pronghorn antelope
- b) reindeer, rabbit, wild mule
- c) whitetail deer, bison, mustang
- d) coyote, greyhound, mule deer

Answer: **A** – elk, quarter horse and pronghorn antelope

17. Which burns the fewest calories?

- a) insomnia
- b) sleep walking
- c) shopping
- d) watching TV

Answer: **D**

18. Which tops the list of best-selling book series?

- a) Lord of the Rings
- b) Harry Potter
- c) Goosebumps
- d) Twilight

Answer: **B**

19. In ancient Greece, students wore this in their hair during exams, believing that it fortified the brain and enhanced memory.

- a) olive leaves
- b) rosemary
- c) lavender
- d) sage

Answer: **B** - rosemary

Submitted by: Baker Tilly Virchow Krause