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# ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

**Subject: SUPERLATIVES**  
(Example: The largest ocean. Answer: Pacific Ocean.)

**FRESHMAN LEVEL**  
1. The largest mammal. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
2. The largest hot desert. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The largest bird. Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATE LEVEL**  
4. The fastest land animal. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
5. The fastest bird. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
6. The highest mountain on Earth. Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**PH.D. LEVEL**  
7. The fastest spinning (on its axis) planet.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
8. The highest (tallest) building. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
9. The highest administrative capital city. Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. Blue whale. 2. Sahara Desert. 3. Ostrich. 4. Cheetah. 5. Peregrine falcon. 6. Mount Everest. 7. Jupiter. 8. Burj Khalifa (Dubai). 9. La Paz, Bolivia.

**SCORING:**  
18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 PC alternative
  - 4 Senate staffer
  - 8 Taxis
  - 12 Frying need
  - 13 — Bator, Mongolia
  - 14 Spoken
  - 15 Fuss
  - 16 Dryer fuzzi
  - 17 Forearm bone
  - 18 Parts of plays
  - 20 Earth science
  - 22 New Zealand parrot
  - 23 Actress Issa —
  - 24 Brought down
  - 28 Held
  - 31 "Go Tell — the Mountain"
  - 32 Cereal plant
  - 34 Succor
  - 36 SSW, e.g.
  - 37 Sunbeam
  - 38 Leave in a hurry
- DOWN**
- 1 Extinct bird
  - 2 Opera by Verdi
  - 3 Precision mechanism
  - 4 Rotating star
  - 5 — Baba
  - 6 Criminal group
  - 7 Stage direction
- 39 Pass over**
- 42 Affirm
  - 44 Bit to drink
  - 46 Prop for a magician
  - 47 Turn
  - 51 Colorful fish
  - 53 Sheltered
  - 54 Times
  - 56 Feather scarf
  - 58 Jetty
  - 59 Trig function
  - 60 Schlep
  - 61 Legal wrong
  - 62 Twirl
  - 63 Before

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Dry ravine
- 9 Singer — Guthrie
- 10 "The Big — Theory"
- 11 Murder
- 19 Adolescent
- 21 Hard wood
- 24 Cover
- 25 Elevator name
- 26 "To — is human ..."
- 27 Pair
- 29 Tasty
- 30 Wedding cake
- 33 Watch
- 35 Poor grade
- 38 Uproar
- 40 Turn upside down
- 41 — a la mode
- 43 Selected
- 45 Urge
- 47 Naval rank (Abbr.)
- 48 Hodge-podge
- 49 — -do-well
- 50 Journey
- 52 "In the Midnight —"
- 55 Cuckoo
- 57 Become more mellow

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" W G Z H Z G Q L Z T Z Z X C I V Z H G Z H B R M U A C  
W G Q W M W G M X J Q H Z T H M U U M Q X W  
V M Z Y Z C B R Q H W . . . O Z O Q X W W B T Z  
Y Q V W M L Q W Z F Q X F W Q J Z X Q O Q K ."  
— H K Q X H Z K X B U F C

Previous Solution: "It was my father who taught me to value myself. He told me ... that I was the most precious thing in his life." — Dawn French

TODAY'S CLUE: S sɪnbeɪ

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