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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: PLANET EARTH**  
(e.g., What is the term for a turn or winding of a stream? Answer: Meander.)

**FRESHMAN LEVEL**  
1. What is the longest river on Earth? Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Name Earth's only natural satellite. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
3. What is the name for the imaginary line at latitude zero? Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATE LEVEL**  
4. What is K2? Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Water covers about which percent of Earth's surface? (a) 65%, (b) 75%, (c) 85%. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
6. What gas forms about 78% of Earth's atmosphere? Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**PH.D. LEVEL**

7. The crust is the top layer of Earth. Name the layer below the crust. Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
8. What form of modern life emerged between 200,000 and 300,000 years ago? Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Earth's shape is that of an \_\_\_\_\_, bulging at its equator. Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. The Nile. 2. The moon. 3. The equator. 4. The second-highest mountain on Earth. 5. 75%. 6. Nitrogen. 7. Mantle. 8. Humans. 9. Ellipsoid.

**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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## 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.

" Y L G G H L S X H W Z H F X E B X L G Y T ;  
X C X G T P I X K P Y U Z L H I W , R J E T P J ' A  
R X W J G U G H W X A L E E B X Z L G S X  
I J Y R X G P M U X P U Z X V B P G X X I Z H W E ."  
— N L Y X W S L G I X G

Previous Solution: "As you get older, the pickings get slimmer, but the people don't." — Carrie Fisher

TODAY'S CLUE: A sphenoc

- ACROSS**  
1 Poorly lit  
4 Becomes unfrozen  
9 Cistern  
12 Honest —  
13 Eagle's nest  
14 "— had the time of my life ..."  
15 Baseball great — Ott  
16 Place for a watch  
17 Ocean  
18 Draw out  
20 Treats with respect  
22 Actor Daniel — -Lewis  
23 Strong point  
24 Roman love god  
26 "Lara —: Tomb Raider"  
29 Wail  
30 In what way  
31 Food fish  
34 — Arbor, Michigan  
35 "What's the —?"
- DOWN**  
1 Title for Helen Mirren  
2 Wild mountain goat  
3 Disastrous decline  
36 Concluding musical passage  
37 Domesticated  
39 Portent  
40 Also-ran  
43 Big sandwich, for short  
44 Hinder  
46 Skiing style  
49 Actor — Pace  
50 Writer — Zola  
52 Certain vote  
53 Time  
54 Battery type  
55 Holiday time  
56 Bounder  
57 Lock of hair  
58 — Plaines, Illinois

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 4 Brownish-orange in color  
5 Animal group  
6 Onassis nickname  
7 Genie's offering  
8 Start (2 wds.)  
9 Cap part  
10 Turn aside  
11 Pester in fun  
19 Man of rank  
21 "— to mention ..."  
24 Lawyers' org.  
25 Chess piece  
26 Crony
- 27 Got up  
28 Was in the red  
31 Mixed  
32 Lofty poem  
33 Actor — Aykroyd  
36 — d'etat  
37 Links peg  
38 Passionate  
40 Fragrant flower  
41 Last letter  
42 Swiftswiss  
43 Vehicles on runners  
45 Arab VIP  
46 "Oh, woe!"  
47 Church part  
48 "For You — Only"  
51 Rocks in a tumbler

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