

# Pseudo-science summer fun quiz

All right everyone, time to warm up those brain cells with a few science/health/environment summer review questions that should get you ready for the coming year.

1) The planet Jupiter was struck several times in June by:

- a) fragmented pieces of a comet; or
- b) a lead pipe wielded by Tonya Harding.

2) When the pieces of the comet struck Jupiter, it helped to prove that the planet was covered by:

- a) numerous layers of clouds; or
- b) more reporters than those in Rwanda, but not as many as at Woodstock 94 or at the O.J. Simpson hearings.

3) In August, the NASA robot Dante 2 did not emerge from the Alaskan volcano it was exploring. Scientists first became aware of the problem when:

- a) video cameras showed that it had become stuck in some mud just below the volcano's rim; or
- b) Dante 2 sent back a computer signal that translated to "Help, I've fallen and I can't get up!"

4) Researchers at the 7th International Conference on Obesity in Toronto, revealed in August that avoiding junk food while watching TV, eating low-fat foods at meals, and exercising more can help to

reduce your weight. This information is:

- a) insightful and highly informative; or
- b) bloody obvious.

5) According to Statistics Canada, more teenage girls are smoking cigarettes now than teenage boys. This worries those in the health care industry because it means that:

- a) anti-smoking campaigns in schools are not working effectively; or
- b) it definitely disproves the idea that girls are smarter than boys.

6) The undrinkable water situation in Dartmouth late this summer, as well as water problems in various other parts of Nova Scotia, was offset in part by bottled water companies. This shows us all that water is:

- a) a precious natural resource that must be carefully monitored; or
- b) yet another naturally occurring item that has been packaged and marketed to the public because we can't do enough to keep it clean ourselves.

7) How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

- a) A woodchuck could chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood; or

b) First, the woodchuck must apply for a license to chuck wood and pass a safety program designed at promoting wood-chucking awareness. Then the woodchuck has to examine what his or her wood-chucking quotas may be as the wood-chucking industry has been mismanaged for years by both the woodchuck and the Federal Department Of Hurling (DOH) which not only covers the chucking of wood by woodchucks, but also the hurling of harp seals by lobsters. Only after all these steps are completed can the woodchuck chuck his now limited supply of wood which is 10 pieces of maple, 5 pieces of pine, and 2 pieces of spruce. Then the woodchuck may file for UWI, Unemployed Woodchuck Insurance, for which he or she must have chucked at least 18 pieces of wood.

8) On July 23, the astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia set a record for the longest shuttle trip ever. The flight lasted 14 days and 18 hours. The reason for the long flight was:

- a) a thunderstorm over Kennedy

Space Centre prevented them from landing earlier; or

- b) they were the only people on the planet who hadn't heard about the O.J. Simpson case and therefore they were the only possible jurors.

No matter what your score is, you obviously had time on your hands in order to do this quiz and might as well put that time to good use by working for the *Dalhousie Gazette*.

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**Scoring:**

- 1 point for every answer A.
- 0 points for every answer B.
- 10 points and an eye exam for every answer C.



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