

# Appendix to Accompany 'Bayesian Overconfidence'

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## A Full Regression Results

The complete regression results (including difficulty, block, and interaction effects) are provided in Table 1. These regressions omit one dummy variable and code the remaining dummies as negative one for the omitted category. This procedure allows the inclusion of a constant term, giving an estimate for the overall average, and guarantees that the treatment effects sum to zero, as in an ANOVA procedure. The significance results are equivalent to a regression with a full set of dummies and no constant term, as in the manuscript (see, for example, Neter *et al.* (1996, p. 696)), such as those provided in the manuscript.

## B The Quizzes

The eighteen trivia quizzes are shown in Table 2, with one quiz per page. The mean, median, and variance of scores on the quiz are shown for each quiz, along with the quiz ID number (1 through 18), the topic, and the difficulty level. Recall that quizzes were randomly placed into blocks with one difficulty level per block, and the order in which each subject encountered the six blocks was randomized. Therefore, the quiz ID numbers do not (necessarily) represent the order in which quizzes were shown to subjects.

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Result	1		2	3			4
Dependant Variable	Score	$E^1(\text{Self})$	$E^0(\text{Self})$ $-E^0(\text{Other})$	$E^1(\text{Self})$ $-E^1(\text{Other})$	Score $-E^2(\text{Other})$	$E^1(\text{Self})$ $-Score$	
Constant	<b>5.161</b> (84.06)	<b>5.359</b> (85.34)	0.007 (0.19)	<b>-0.428</b> (-7.72)	<b>-0.525</b> (-8.86)	<b>0.199</b> (6.26)	
Easy	<b>3.703</b> (42.65)	<b>3.285</b> (36.99)	0.002 (0.03)	<b>0.813</b> (10.38)	<b>0.894</b> (10.66)	<b>-0.418</b> (-9.31)	
Difficult	<b>-4.467</b> (-51.46)	<b>-3.856</b> (-43.42)	0.041 (0.82)	<b>-1.020</b> (-13.03)	<b>-1.135</b> (-13.54)	<b>0.611</b> (13.60)	
Block 1	-0.043 (-0.31)	-0.034 (-0.24)	-0.061 (-0.76)	-0.064 (-0.51)	-0.096 (-0.73)	0.009 (0.13)	
Block 2	<i>0.234</i> (1.70)	<i>0.243</i> (1.73)	0.015 (0.19)	0.191 (1.54)	0.096 (0.72)	0.009 (0.13)	
Block 3	-0.055 (-0.40)	-0.045 (-0.32)	0.062 (0.77)	-0.059 (-0.48)	-0.034 (-0.25)	0.010 (0.15)	
Block 4	-0.055 (-0.40)	-0.069 (-0.49)	0.003 (0.04)	-0.098 (-0.79)	0.021 (0.16)	-0.014 (-0.20)	
Block 5	-0.055 (-0.40)	-0.110 (-0.78)	-0.060 (-0.75)	0.039 (0.31)	0.041 (0.31)	-0.055 (-0.77)	
B1*Easy	-0.016 (-0.08)	-0.204 (-1.02)	-0.005 (-0.04)	0.068 (0.39)	<i>0.347</i> (1.85)	<i>-0.187</i> (-1.86)	
B1*Diff.	-0.114 (-0.59)	0.218 (1.10)	-0.039 (-0.35)	-0.227 (-1.30)	<b>-0.541</b> (-2.89)	<b>0.332</b> (3.31)	
B2*Easy	0.024 (0.13)	0.034 (0.17)	-0.119 (-1.05)	0.059 (0.34)	0.162 (0.87)	0.010 (0.10)	
B2*Diff.	-0.183 (-0.94)	-0.186 (-0.94)	-0.009 (-0.08)	-0.130 (-0.74)	-0.233 (-1.25)	-0.003 (-0.03)	
B3*Easy	0.289 (1.49)	0.209 (1.05)	0.039 (0.34)	0.182 (1.04)	0.084 (0.45)	-0.080 (-0.80)	
B3*Diff.	-0.053 (-0.27)	-0.007 (-0.03)	0.018 (0.16)	-0.182 (-1.04)	-0.162 (-0.86)	0.046 (0.46)	
B4*Easy	-0.028 (-0.15)	0.102 (0.51)	-0.088 (-0.78)	-0.036 (-0.21)	-0.182 (-0.97)	0.130 (1.30)	
B4*Diff.	0.020 (0.10)	-0.064 (-0.32)	0.063 (0.56)	0.170 (0.97)	0.249 (1.33)	-0.085 (-0.84)	
B5*Easy	-0.309 (-1.59)	-0.139 (-0.70)	0.016 (0.14)	-0.248 (-1.41)	<b>-0.425</b> (-2.27)	<i>0.170</i> (1.69)	
B5*Diff.	0.081 (0.42)	0.014 (0.07)	0.015 (0.13)	0.183 (1.05)	0.289 (1.54)	-0.067 (-0.67)	

Table 1: Dummy variable regressions (with block and interaction effects) demonstrating the four main results. Superscripts indicate *ex-ante* expectations ( $E^0$ ), *interim* expectations ( $E^1$ ), or *ex-post* expectations ( $E^2$ ), and ‘Score’ refers to the subject’s own score. Bold-faced entries are significant at the 5% level. Italicized entries are significant at the 10% level.

**Quiz: 1**      **Topic:** Geography    **Difficulty:** Easy  
**Mean:** 8.817    **Median:** 10      **Variance:** 3.435

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- Question 1    What continent lies directly south of Europe?  
*Answer: Africa*
- Question 2    What African river (that empties into the Mediterranean sea through Egypt) is the longest river in the world?  
*Answer: Nile*
- Question 3    In what North American country is the city of Toronto located?  
*Answer: Canada*
- Question 4    The lowest temperature ever recorded on earth (-129.3F) occurred on what southern continent?  
*Answer: Antarctica*
- Question 5    In what western U.S. state is the Silicon Valley?  
*Answer: California*
- Question 6    Baghdad is the capital of what middle-eastern country?  
*Answer: Iraq*
- Question 7    The Golden Gate Bridge is located in which Californian city?  
*Answer: San Francisco*
- Question 8    What is the capital of the United States?  
*Answer: Washington D.C.*
- Question 9    On what continent is France located?  
*Answer: Europe*
- Question 10    What is the capital of and largest city in Japan?  
*Answer: Tokyo*
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Table 2: The 18 quizzes used in the experiment. (Continued on the next page.)

**Quiz: 2**      **Topic:** Geography    **Difficulty:** Medium  
**Mean:** 6.098    **Median:** 7      **Variance:** 7.299

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- Question 1    In what U.S. city does the best-known celebration of Mardi Gras take place?  
*Answer: New Orleans*
- Question 2    In what U.S. state is the ski-resort town of Aspen?  
*Answer: Colorado*
- Question 3    The “Ring of Fire” is located around what ocean?  
*Answer: Pacific*
- Question 4    In what U.S. state is Atlantic City located?  
*Answer: New Jersey*
- Question 5    The most famous “tea party” of the American Revolution took place in what city?  
*Answer: Boston*
- Question 6    The island of Honshu is part of what country?  
*Answer: Japan*
- Question 7    What is the name of the worlds largest coral reef, located off the coast of Australia?  
*Answer: Great Barrier Reef*
- Question 8    What is the highest mountain range in the world?  
*Answer: Himalayas*
- Question 9    What country is comprised of over 17,000 known islands?  
*Answer: Indonesia*
- Question 10    In what U.S. state is Disney World located?  
*Answer: Florida*
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**Quiz: 3**      **Topic:** Geography    **Difficulty:** Hard  
**Mean:** 0.683    **Median:** 0      **Variance:** 1.849

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- Question 1    What is South Americas highest peak?  
*Answer: Mt. Aconcagua*
- Question 2    What is the capital of Australia?  
*Answer: Canberra*
- Question 3    What two South American countries are land-locked?  
*Answer: Bolivia and Paraguay*
- Question 4    What geographical area was once referred to as “Seward’s Folly?”  
*Answer: Alaska*
- Question 5    What is the capital city of Uganda?  
*Answer: Kampala*
- Question 6    What Pacific island mountain claims to be the wettest spot on Earth?  
*Answer: Mt. Wai’ale’ale (on the Hawaiian island of Kauai)*
- Question 7    Sweden, Denmark, Poland, and Finland all border what sea?  
*Answer: Baltic Sea*
- Question 8    Bechuanaland was the colonial name of what country?  
*Answer: Botswana*
- Question 9    What is the capital of Turkey?  
*Answer: Ankara*
- Question 10    What two countries border Mexico to the south?  
*Answer: Belize and Guatemala*
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**Quiz: 4**      **Topic: Movies**      **Difficulty: Easy**  
**Mean: 8.939**   **Median: 10**      **Variance: 5.12**

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Question 1	Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet starred in a 1997 film about the sinking of what famous ship after striking an iceberg on her maiden voyage? <i>Answer: Titanic</i>
Question 2	Arnold Swartzeneger, current governor of California, is sometimes called the Governator a nickname poking fun at his role in what 1984 film? <i>Answer: Terminator</i>
Question 3	Toby Maguire starred in two movies as what web-slinging super hero with spider powers? <i>Answer: Spiderman</i>
Question 4	Cinderella, The Little Mermaid, Aladdin, and The Lion King are all films produced by what famous entertainment company? <i>Answer: Disney</i>
Question 5	Keanu Reeves starred as Neo, a computer hacker, in what film trilogy about machines taking over the earth? <i>Answer: The Matrix</i>
Question 6	What was the title of George Lucas’s original 1977 science fiction film about Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader, set “Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away”? <i>Answer: Star Wars</i>
Question 7	What recent film trilogy was based on J.R.R. Tolkeins novels about the quest of a hobbit named Frodo to destroy a ring? <i>Answer: Lord of the Rings</i>
Question 8	The quotes Life is like a box of chocolates and Run, Forrest, run! are from what 1994 movie starring Tom Hanks? <i>Answer: Forrest Gump</i>
Question 9	J.K. Rowling’s books tell about a young wizard named Harry who goes to a school called Hogwarts. What is Harry’s last name? <i>Answer: Potter</i>
Question 10	What actor, formerly married to Nicole Kidman, starred in the films Rain Man, Minority Report, War of the Worlds, Mission Impossible, and Jerry Maguire? <i>Answer: Tom Cruise</i>

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**Quiz: 5**      **Topic: Movies**      **Difficulty: Medium**  
**Mean: 6.293**   **Median: 7**      **Variance: 12.333**

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- Question 1      Who starred as high school student Marty McFly in the hit science-fiction comedy “Back to the Future” (1985)?  
*Answer: Michael J. Fox*
- Question 2      Who wrote and directed Kill Bill Volumes 1 and 2?  
*Answer: Quentin Tarantino*
- Question 3      What actor plays an overweight college instructor & several other characters in The Nutty Professor?  
*Answer: Eddie Murphy*
- Question 4      Who was the first African American to win an Academy Award for best actress?  
*Answer: Halle Berry*
- Question 5      What actress co-starred with Tom Hanks in the movies Sleepless In Seattle, You’ve Got Mail, and Joe Versus the Volcano? *Answer: Meg Ryan*
- Question 6      Ben Affleck and Matt Damon won an Academy Award for writing the screenplay of what film, starring themselves and Robin Williams? *Answer: Good Will Hunting*
- Question 7      Mo, Larry, and Curly are a trio more commonly known by what name?  
*Answer: The Three Stooges*
- Question 8      What film about a female boxer, starring Hilary Swank and Clint Eastwood, won an Academy Award for best picture in 2005? *Answer: Million Dollar Baby*
- Question 9      Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, and the Wicked Witch of the West are all characters from what movie?  
*Answer: The Wizard of Oz*
- Question 10      What was the full name of the cannibalistic main character in the film Silence of the Lambs?  
*Answer: Hannibal Lecter*
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**Quiz: 6**      **Topic: Movies**      **Difficulty: Hard**  
**Mean: 0.561**   **Median: 0**      **Variance: 1.039**

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- Question 1      Who is the only actress to have been nominated for the “Best Actress” Academy Award 13 times?  
*Answer: Meryl Streep*
- Question 2      Who played Mozart in the 1984 film “Amadeus”’?  
*Answer: Tom Hulce*
- Question 3      Who is the father of actress Gwyneth Paltrow?  
*Answer: Bruce Paltrow*
- Question 4      In what film did actress Mae West say the line, “When I’m good, I’m very good, but when I’m bad I’m better”? *Answer: I’m No Angel*
- Question 5      What actress performed the voice of Bo Peep in the film Toy Story?  
*Answer: Annie Potts*
- Question 6      Who starred opposite Gene Wilder in the 1984 film “Woman in Red”?  
*Answer: Kelly LeBrock*
- ∞ Question 7      What 1984 film was the big-screen debut of actress Sarah Jessica Parker?  
*Answer: Footloose*
- Question 8      In Monty Python’s Holy Grail, the French soldier taunts King Arthur by telling him, “Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of \_\_\_\_\_”? *Answer: Elderberries*
- Question 9      What actress played Ferris Bueller’s girlfriend in the 1986 film, “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”?  
*Answer: Mia Sara*
- Question 10      What actor holds the record for having been nominated most frequently for the “Best Actor” Academy Award (9 times)? *Answer: Spencer Tracy*
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**Quiz: 7**      **Topic: Music**      **Difficulty: Easy**  
**Mean: 8.317**   **Median: 10**      **Variance: 7.232**

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Question 1	John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr were the four members of what famous classic rock band? <i>Answer: The Beatles</i>
Question 2	Janet Jackson and Latoya Jackson are sisters of what famous and eccentric pop star? <i>Answer: Michael Jackson</i>
Question 3	What pop group, led by Bono, has created the following albums: The Joshua Tree, Rattle and Hum, Achtung Baby, Zooropa, and How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb? <i>Answer: U2</i>
Question 4	The pop star known for such songs as Like a Virgin, Material Girl, and Like a Prayer, goes by what single name (rather than a first and last name)? <i>Answer: Madonna</i>
Question 5	What famous classical composer, who eventually went deaf, wrote 9 symphonies, the most famous of which is his 5th symphony? <i>Answer: Beethoven</i>
Question 6	Which famous Britney of the pop music world recently married and had a baby with her back-up dancer? <i>Answer: Britney Spears</i>
Question 7	Ashlee Simpson is the younger sister of what pop singer and star of the reality show Newlyweds on MTV? <i>Answer: Jessica Simpson</i>
Question 8	Singer Celine Dion sang the hit song My heart will go on for the soundtrack of what 1997 film about the sinking of a famous ship? <i>Answer: Titanic</i>
Question 9	Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles both wore sunglasses during performances and had what physical disability? <i>Answer: Blindness</i>
Question 10	Sporty Spice, Baby Spice, and Posh Spice were members of what musical group? <i>Answer: Spice Girls</i>

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**Quiz:** 8      **Topic:** Music      **Difficulty:** Medium  
**Mean:** 6.415    **Median:** 8      **Variance:** 13.456

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- Question 1    What is the real name of the artist who once went by the pseudonyms “Puffy”, “Puff Daddy”, and “P. Diddy”? *Answer: Sean Combs*
- Question 2    What band was Justin Timberlake in?  
*Answer: N-Sync*
- Question 3    Who is considered The King of rock?  
*Answer: Elvis Presley*
- Question 4    Former pop star Paula Abdul is now a judge for what T.V. show?  
*Answer: American Idol*
- Question 5    Ozzy and Sharon Ozbourne took their music careers to television when they began a reality show about their family on what TV station? *Answer: MTV*
- Question 6    Jim Morrison (lead singer of The Doors), Elvis Presley, and Jimi Hendrix all died from what?  
*Answer: Drug overdoses*
- Question 7    Mick Jagger, at the age of 62, recently went on tour with what legendary rock band for which he sings lead vocals? *Answer: Rolling Stones*
- Question 8    What was the name of the famous 3-day music festival, held in 1969, which featured artists such as Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin, and Jimi Hendrix? *Answer: Woodstock*
- Question 9    Beyonce Knowles rejoined what musical group in 2003?  
*Answer: Destinys Child*
- Question 10    Gwen Stefani launched a successful solo career, but is also the lead singer of what band?  
*Answer: No Doubt*
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Table 2: The 18 quizzes used in the experiment. (Continued on the next page.)

**Quiz:** 9      **Topic:** Music      **Difficulty:** Hard  
**Mean:** 0.451    **Median:** 0      **Variance:** 1.806

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Question 1	On which album does actor William Shatner sing “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”? <i>Answer: The Transformed Man</i>
Question 2	What is the real name of U2’s guitarist “The Edge”? <i>Answer: David Evans</i>
Question 3	What, according to Billboard, was the top-ranked movie soundtrack album for the year 2004, at #6? <i>Answer: O Brother, Where Art Thou?</i>
Question 4	What album ranks #1 on the best-selling albums of all time, just ahead of Michael Jackson’s “Thriller”? <i>Answer: The Eagles: Their Greatest Hits</i>
Question 5	The first video played on MTV was “Video killed the radio star” by the Buggles. Who was the Buggles’ lead singer? <i>Answer: Mike Scott</i>
Question 6	Former Texas gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman sang the song “Get your biscuits in the oven and your buns in the bed” with which band? <i>Answer: Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jewboys</i>
Question 7	Who wrote the theme song to the television series “Hill Street Blues”? <i>Answer: Mike Post</i>
Question 8	What was the name of the person who shot and killed Marvin Gaye one day before his 45th birthday? <i>Answer: Marvin Gaye, Senior (his father)</i>
Question 9	What three famous musicians died together in a plane crash on February 3rd, 1959? <i>Answer: Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. Richardson (“The Big Bopper”)</i>
Question 10	The band “New Kids on the Block” included Donnie Wahlberg, Daniel Wood, Jordan Knight, and Jonathan Knight. Who was the fifth member until 1985? <i>Answer: Jamie Kelley</i>

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**Quiz:** 10      **Topic:** History      **Difficulty:** Easy  
**Mean:** 9.598    **Median:** 10      **Variance:** 0.861

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Question 1	What U.S. president faced an impeachment trial to investigate his alleged affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky? <i>Answer: Bill Clinton</i>
Question 2	What explorer is credited with discovering America in 1492? <i>Answer: Christopher Columbus</i>
Question 3	In 1776, the United States declared independence from what country? <i>Answer: Great Britain or England</i>
Question 4	On what country did the United States drop atomic bombs on during World War 2? <i>Answer: Japan</i>
Question 5	Who was the leader of Germany's Nazi party during World War 2? <i>Answer: Adolph Hitler</i>
Question 6	On what date in 2001 were airplanes crashed into New York's World Trade Centers, destroying them? <i>Answer: September 11th</i>
Question 7	What structure was built over 2000 years ago in China and stretches 4,163 miles? <i>Answer: The Great Wall of China</i>
Question 8	At the beginning of what year, known as "Y2K" were computers expected to crash due to the "Millennium bug"? <i>Answer: 2000</i>
Question 9	Who was elected President of the United States in 2004? <i>Answer: George W. Bush</i>
Question 10	How many World Wars have there been? <i>Answer: Two</i>

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**Quiz:** 11      **Topic:** History      **Difficulty:** Medium  
**Mean:** 5.720    **Median:** 7      **Variance:** 8.97

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Question 1	Who painted the Sistine Chapel? <i>Answer: Michelangelo</i>
Question 2	The Red Scare was a fear of what political system? <i>Answer: Communist</i>
Question 3	The Korean War was fought in which decade? <i>Answer: 1950s</i>
Question 4	The New Deal is most closely associated with what U.S. president? <i>Answer: Franklin Delano Roosevelt</i>
Question 5	Who was the Native American woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark on part of their expedition in the Pacific Northwest? <i>Answer: Sacajaweeja</i>
Question 6	What period in European cultural history took place from the 14th to the 17th century, after the Dark Ages? <i>Answer: Renaissance</i>
Question 7	What famous believer in non-violent protest led India to freedom from the rule of Great Britain? <i>Answer: Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi</i>
Question 8	The Spanish Conquistadors were soldiers who conquered land for Spain and spread what religion? <i>Answer: Christianity</i>
Question 9	The Italian village of Pompeii was destroyed in 79 AD by what type of natural disaster? <i>Answer: Volcano</i>
Question 10	Elliot Ness and the Untouchables are associated with the pursuit of what prohibition-era Chicago mafia figure? <i>Answer: Al Capone</i>

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**Quiz:** 12      **Topic:** History      **Difficulty:** Hard  
**Mean:** 1.207    **Median:** 1      **Variance:** 2.759

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Question 1	In what year did Martin Luther post his 95 theses? <i>Answer: 1517</i>
Question 2	In what year did Nigeria gain its independence from Great Britain? <i>Answer: 1960</i>
Question 3	What former First Lady is credited with having coined the phrase “Absence makes the heart grow fonder”? <i>Answer: Eleanor Roosevelt</i>
Question 4	In the story of the Trojan War, what son of King Priam dies in battle with the Greek warrior Achilles? <i>Answer: Hector</i>
Question 5	In what year did Abraham Lincoln deliver the Gettysburg Address? <i>Answer: 1863</i>
Question 6	In what year was Norwegian Viking Erik the Red lead the first European settlement of North America? <i>Answer: 986</i>
Question 7	The stock market crash of 1929, remembered as the beginning of the Great Depression, occurred most dramatically on what day? <i>Answer: “Black” Monday (October 28, 1929)</i>
Question 8	During the Second Punic War, what Carthaginian general led his army on a famous crossing of the Alps? <i>Answer: Hannibal</i>
Question 9	What former U.S. vice president killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel? <i>Answer: Aaron Burr</i>
Question 10	John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the 2nd and 3rd Presidents of the United States, both died on what day (date and year)? <i>Answer: July 4, 1826</i>

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**Quiz:** 13      **Topic:** Sports      **Difficulty:** Easy  
**Mean:** 8.537    **Median:** 10      **Variance:** 7.289

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- Question 1      What does N.F.L. stand for ?  
*Answer: National Football League*
- Question 2      The Tour de France, which Lance Armstrong has won 7 times, is the premier competition in what sport?  
*Answer: Cycling*
- Question 3      What sport did Babe Ruth play?  
*Answer: Baseball*
- Question 4      What state do the Yankees play for?  
*Answer: New York*
- Question 5      What does WNBA stand for?  
*Answer: Women's National Basketball Association*
- Question 6      What Chicago Bulls guard wore number 23 and led his team to 6 championships in the 1990's? (Hint: his last name is Jordan) *Answer: Michael Jordan*
- Question 7      Ervin Magic Johnson plays what sport?  
*Answer: Basketball*
- Question 8      Mohammed Ali and Mike Tyson have each held the Heavyweight Championship Title in what sport?  
*Answer: Boxing*
- Question 9      What sport has been most famously played by Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, and Arnold Plamer?  
*Answer: Golf*
- Question 10     In baseball, what is it called when a player hits a ball over the outfield wall and into the stands?  
*Answer: A home run*
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**Quiz:** 14      **Topic:** Sports      **Difficulty:** Medium  
**Mean:** 4.598    **Median:** 4      **Variance:** 9.182

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- Question 1    March Madness refers to what college sport's tournament?  
*Answer: Basketball*
- Question 2    What team did Larry Bird play for?  
*Answer: Celtics*
- Question 3    Which golf tournament's winner is traditionally awarded a green jacket?  
*Answer: Masters*
- Question 4    What sport does Sheryl Swoopes play?  
*Answer: Basketball*
- Question 5    What sport does Oscar De LaHoya participate in?  
*Answer: Boxing*
- Question 6    What city's NFL team is known as the Cowboys?  
*Answer: Dallas*
- Question 7    Who holds the NHL record for the most goals in a season?  
*Answer: Wayne Gretzky*
- Question 8    How many times was Michael Jordan MVP of the NBA Finals?  
*Answer: 6*
- Question 9    What is it called when a race horse wins the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes? *Answer: Triple Crown*
- Question 10   What country's team won the 2002 World Cup?  
*Answer: Brazil*
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**Quiz:** 15      **Topic:** Sports      **Difficulty:** Hard  
**Mean:** 0.195    **Median:** 0      **Variance:** 0.159

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Question 1	Who is the only player to have scored 61 points in an NCAA Basketball Tournament game? <i>Answer: Austin Carr</i>
Question 2	Who was the first MVP of the NBA? <i>Answer: Bob Pettit</i>
Question 3	What college won the first Women's NCAA Basketball Tournament? <i>Answer: Louisiana Tech</i>
Question 4	Who was the first NHL player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy? <i>Answer: Jean Beliveau</i>
Question 5	Which College or University has won the most football bowl games? <i>Answer: University of Alabama</i>
Question 6	Who won the first Super Bowl? <i>Answer: Green Bay Packers</i>
Question 7	Who was the only unseeded man to win the Wimbledon singles title? <i>Answer: Boris Becker</i>
Question 8	Who was the first jockey to ride 7,000 winners? <i>Answer: Willie Shoemaker</i>
Question 9	Who won the Tour de France in 1997? <i>Answer: Jan Ullrich</i>
Question 10	Who is the only hockey player to score at least 50 goals in 9 consecutive seasons? <i>Answer: Mike Bossy</i>

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Table 2: The 18 quizzes used in the experiment. (Continued on the next page.)

**Quiz:** 16      **Topic:** Science      **Difficulty:** Easy  
**Mean:** 8.976    **Median:** 10      **Variance:** 3.629

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- Question 1      Where in the human body is the cerebellum located?  
*Answer: Brain (or Head)*
- Question 2      The average length of a human pregnancy is how many months?  
*Answer: 9*
- Question 3      Where in the human body is food digested?  
*Answer: the stomach (or intestines)*
- Question 4      What is the smallest prime number greater than 3?  
*Answer: 5*
- Question 5      What is the chemical symbol for water?  
*Answer: H<sub>2</sub>O*
- Question 6      The theory of evolution by means of natural selection is attributed to whom?  
*Answer: Darwin*
- Question 7      The \_\_\_\_\_ is the star at the center of our solar system.  
*Answer: Sun*
- Question 8      An octopus has how many arms?  
*Answer: 8*
- Question 9      What is the major pumping organ of the human circulatory system?  
*Answer: Heart*
- Question 10     Carnivores are animals that eat meat, while herbivores are animals that eat what?  
*Answer: Plants (or Vegetation)*
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Table 2: The 18 quizzes used in the experiment. (Continued on the next page.)

**Quiz:** 17      **Topic:** Science      **Difficulty:** Medium  
**Mean:** 6.427    **Median:** 7      **Variance:** 8.001

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- Question 1    What is the name for a group of lions?  
*Answer: pride*
- Question 2    What are the only mammals that truly fly?  
*Answer: bats*
- Question 3    Antibiotics kill what class of pathogen?  
*Answer: bacteria*
- Question 4    What African predator is the fastest land animal?  
*Answer: cheetah*
- Question 5    Deoxyribonucleic acid is better known as what?  
*Answer: DNA*
- Question 6    What is the largest species of whale?  
*Answer: blue whale*
- Question 7    What durable substance give human ears and noses their shapes?  
*Answer: cartilage*
- Question 8    What is normal human body temperature?  
*Answer: Roughly 98 F or 37 C*
- Question 9    Dobermans, schnausers, and alsations are all breeds of what kind of animal?  
*Answer: Dog*
- Question 10   How many meters are there in a kilometer?  
*Answer: 1000*
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Table 2: The 18 quizzes used in the experiment. (Continued on the next page.)

**Quiz:** 18      **Topic:** Science      **Difficulty:** Hard  
**Mean:** 0.939    **Median:** 1      **Variance:** 1.268

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Question 1	Who is credited with inventing the wristwatch in 1904? <i>Answer: Louis Cartier</i>
Question 2	Laudanum is a form of what drug? <i>Answer: opium</i>
Question 3	The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana is THC. What does THC stand for? <i>Answer: delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol</i>
Question 4	What chemical element has the atomic number five? <i>Answer: Boron</i>
Question 5	The study of the structural and functional changes in cells, tissues and organs that underlie disease is called what? <i>Answer: Pathology</i>
Question 6	What does the suffix “itis” mean? <i>Answer: Inflammation</i>
Question 7	The bilby, bandicoot, and quokka are all representatives of what mammalian subclass? <i>Answer: Marsupials</i>
Question 8	Which one of the 50 United States is the only one never to have experienced an earthquake? <i>Answer: North Dakota</i>
Question 9	What evolutionary biologist wrote, “Creation science has not entered the curriculum for a reason so simple and so basic that we often forget to mention it: because it is false.”? <i>Answer: Stephen Jay Gould</i>
Question 10	What is the single most diverse phylum within the animal kingdom? <i>Answer: Arthropoda (arthropods, including crustaceans, insects, and spiders)</i>

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