

Gateway 2010 Quiz Prelims

1) What was known as the Tata Famicom in India?

Ans: Nintendo Entertainment System

2) Which Twitter-style microblogging service did Microsoft launch in China, but was suspended indefinitely soon after allegations of plagiarism from Plurk (another microblogging service banned in China)?

Ans: MSN Juku

3) This film contains numerous references to Apple computers: when _____ is fully charged by the sun, he makes the same "boot up" sound that most of Apple's Macintosh computers have made since circa 1996. _____ watches his favorite movie every night on the screen of an iPod. The villainous _____'s voice is provided by Apple's text-to-speech system, MacinTalk. _____'s sleek design as an evolution of _____'s parallels the sleek iMac design having evolved from the boxy Apple IIe. Which film?

Ans: WALL-E

4) It was uploaded online in May 2007 so that Harry's godfather could view it. The video went viral, and registered a large number of hits. Harry's father, Howard Davies-Carr, said he was "naive about the whole YouTube thing. It became viral and once that happened there was nothing I could do. People have sent lovely comments...". He also said that people want his children's autograph. Gradually, limited edition t-shirts and calendars were also produced. The Vancouver Sun said "the funniest part of the video is the face on _____ who appears as though he knows what he's doing." What video?

Ans: Charlie Bit My Finger - Again!

5) This company originated as a manufacturer of mechanical pencils, and was devastated by the Great Kanto Earthquake that hit Tokyo. The company's founder (and inventor of pencils) sold his patent, and began manufacturing radios. Today, this company is a giant in the field of consumer electronics. Name this company, which was Manchester United's sponsor for seventeen years. (The answer is workable if you think about the product they initially manufactured...)

Ans: Sharp Corporation. The name is from "sharp" pencils.

6) Which popular software is modeled on a piece of software described in Neal Stephenson's *Snow Crash*, and was developed by Central Intelligence Corporation?

Ans: Google Earth

7) Which city changed its name to "Google, Kansas, the capital city of fiber optics" on March 1, 2010?

Ans: Topeka

8) Who was the first owner of the 1984 Mac in the UK?

Ans: Douglas Adams/Stephen Fry

9) Which country recently declared a 1Mbps Internet Broadband connection a fundamental right?

Ans: Finland

10) Which popular website has versions in the languages: Bork, Bork, Bork!, Elmer Fudd and Klingon?

Ans: Google

11) What was Kandalf the mascot for? Bonus points for why he was dropped.

Ans: KDE

12) Which popular direct-to-television film starring Noah Wyle and Anthony Hall as the lead characters showcases the rivalry between Apple and Microsoft?

Ans: *Pirates of the Silicon Valley*

13) What term is given to a web page which is designed to attract visitors and search engines to a particular website?

Ans: Gateway

14) It was trained by Doctor Sivasubramanian Chandrasegarampillai, and became operational in 1992 in Urbana, Illinois. It was capable not only of speech, speech recognition, facial recognition, and natural language processing, but also lip reading, art appreciation, interpreting emotions, expressing emotions, reasoning, and playing chess. It was ranked #13 on AFI's list of greatest film villains of all time. Identify this magnificent computer.

Ans: HAL 9000

15) Which open-source application code-names its releases after Jazz musicians such as Duke, Dexter, Tyner, Coltrane, Baker and Carmen?

Ans: WordPress

16) It is a Chinese and Japanese search engine for websites, audio files, and images. It censors its content in line with the Chinese government. It was ranked 8th on Alexa.com's list of top sites. It is the #1 search engine in China, and controls a market share of more than sixty-three percent. Along with Twitter, its domain name was also hacked by the Iranian Cyber Army. What is this search engine?

Ans: Baidu

17) The network switch, an essential component of any network, was invented by which company started by Vinod Bharadwaj? It was later acquired by Cisco.

Ans: *Kalpana*

18) Which open-source gaming console (will) run on Ångström Linux (with the Xfce desktop environment), and was described by its developers as the most powerful handheld gaming console ever?

Ans: *Pandora*

19) "The Macintosh uses an experimental pointing device called a '_____'. There is no evidence that people want to use these things." - John C. Dvorak on what?

Ans: The mouse, which was shipped for with the Macintosh for the first time.

20) Paranormal Activity was edited using which famous video editing software?

Ans: Sony Vegas.