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3 IDIOTS! THE PRELIMS

Important facts from Galactic history, number two:

(Reproduced from the Siderial Daily Mentioner's Book of popular Galactic History.)

Since this Galaxy began, vast civilizations have risen and fallen, risen and fallen, risen and fallen so often that it's quite tempting to think that life in the Galaxy must be:

- (a) something akin to seasick-space-sick, time sick, history sick or some such thing, and
- (b) stupid.

If you would probably want to prove otherwise I suggest you try to pass these prelims and also maintain your sanity afterwards.

First, We think you should be equipped with a mode of transport for your journey across this Universe. I therefore decided to provide you with a spaceship powered with Bistromathics, The most powerful computational force known to parascience. **(110 points)**

The Bistromatic Drive is a wonderful new method of crossing vast interstellar distances without all that dangerous mucking about with Improbability Factors.

Bistromathics itself is simply a revolutionary new way of understanding the _____ (*hoveribau*) of numbers. Just as Einstein observed that time was not an absolute but depended on the observer's movement in space, and that space was not an absolute, but depended on the observer's movement in time, so it is now realized that numbers are not absolute, but depend on the observer's movement in _____ (*taurensrats*).

The first non-absolute number is the number of people for whom the table is reserved. This will vary during the course of the first three telephone calls to the restaurant, and then bear no apparent _____ (*tailoren*) to the number of people who actually turn up, or to the number of people who subsequently join them after the show/match/party/gig, or to the number of people who leave when they see who else has turned up.

The second non-absolute number is the given time of arrival, which is now known to be one of those most _____ (*zeriarb*) of mathematical concepts, a recipriversexcluson, a number whose existence can only be defined as being anything other than itself. In other words, the given time of arrival is the one moment of time at which it is _____ (*simplebios*) that any member of the party will arrive. Recipriversexclusons now play a vital part in many branches of maths, including statistics and accountancy and also form the basic equations used to engineer the Somebody Else's Problem field.

The third and most mysterious piece of non-absoluteness of all lies in the relationship between the number of items on the bill, the cost of each item, the number of people at the table, and what they are each prepared to pay for. (The number of people who have actually brought any money is only a sub-phenomenon in this field.)

The _____ (*fabfling*) discrepancies which used to occur at this point remained uninvestigated for centuries simply because no one took them _____ (*reilysous*). They were at the time put down to such things as

politeness, rudeness, meanness, flashness, tiredness, emotionality, or the lateness of the hour, and completely forgotten about on the following morning. They were never tested under laboratory conditions, of course, because they never occurred in laboratories-not in reputable laboratories at least.

And so it was only with the advent of pocket computers that the startling truth became finally apparent, and it was this:

Numbers written on restaurant bills within the _____ (*focnines*) of restaurants do not follow the same mathematical laws as numbers written on any other pieces of paper in any other parts of the Universe.

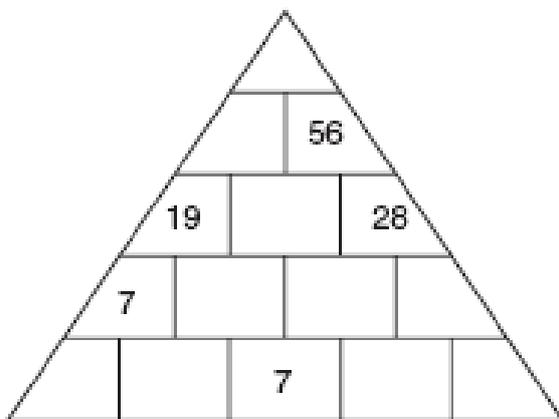
This single fact took the scientific world by storm. It completely revolutionized it. So many mathematical conferences got held in such good restaurants that many of the finest minds of a generation died of obesity and heart failure and the science of maths was put back by years.

Slowly, however, the _____ (*catislionimp*) of the idea began to be understood. To begin with it had been too _____ (*karts*), too crazy, too much what the man in the street would have said, "Oh yes, I could have told you that," about. Then some phrases like "Interactive Subjectivity Frameworks" were invented, and everybody was able to relax and get on with it.

The small groups of monks who had taken up hanging around the major research institutes singing strange chants to the effect that the Universe was only a _____ (*gimften*) of its own imagination were eventually given a street theatre grant and went away.

If the above anagrams made you want to shave your head, I hear that the Street theatre monks will be happy to recruit you. But there's a 25 point bonus if you get them all. If you feel still fit to continue this onslaught I wish you all the very best.

Even though **42** is the answer to the Great Question! The Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe and Everything!, that's not what we are searching for. The numbers in this Number grid are such that each Number in the pyramid is the sum of the two numbers immediately below it. **(20 Points)**



You'll also need **the Babel fish**. The Babel fish is small, yellow and leech-like, and probably the oddest thing in the Universe. It feeds on brainwave energy not from its carrier but from those around it. It absorbs all unconscious mental frequencies from this brainwave energy to nourish itself with. It then excretes into the mind of its carrier a telepathic matrix formed by combining the conscious thought frequencies with nerve signals picked up from the speech centres of the brain which has supplied them.

Use The Babel Fish to decode the Matrix.
 Make only 4 letter words, move anyway you like, but traverse over a letter only once per word. Standard scrabble points apply. Whatever the word is worth you get that
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P ₃	A ₁	N ₁	X ₈	H ₄
Z ₁₀	R ₁	T ₁	E ₁	A ₁
Q ₁₀	O ₁	B ₃	D ₂	W ₄
U ₁	S ₁	O ₁	L ₁	G ₂
T ₁	J ₈	I ₁	N ₁	S ₁

At the Restaurant at the End of the Universe.

Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster is the best drink in existence. The effect of a Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster is like having your brains smashed out by a slice of lemon wrapped round a large gold brick.

This is how you can mix one yourself.

Take the juice from one bottle of that Ol' Janx Spirit,

Pour into it one measure of water from the seas of Santraginus V.

Allow three cubes of Arcturan Mega-gin to melt into the mixture (it must be properly iced or the benzine is lost).

Allow four litres of Fallian marsh gas to bubble through it, in memory of all those happy hikers who have died of pleasure in the Marshes of Fallia.

Over the back of a silver spoon float a measure of Qualactin Hypermint extract, redolent of all the heady odours of the dark Qualactin Zones, subtle sweet and mystic.

Drop in the tooth of an Algolian Suntiger. Watch it dissolve, spreading the fires of the Algolian Suns deep into the heart of the drink.

Sprinkle Zamphuor.

Add an olive.

Drink... but... very carefully...

If its too dangerous for your taste then you can choose from any of the word cocktails below.

Portmanteau words are the one that blend the sounds and the meanings of two words. The word Portmanteau is derived from the French word portmanteau, combined from porter (to carry) and manteau(mantle). **(60 points)**

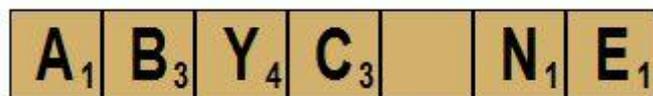
- _ _ _ - Two elements which make up logic.
- _ _ _ _ _ - In Between two meals of the day.
- _ _ _ _ _ - Concerning cameras.
- _ _ _ _ _ - Basic of Electronics.
- _ _ _ _ _ - Commonly found in smses and online chats.
- _ _ _ _ _ - Friends is an Example for?

Scrabble on:

After some time travelling, we reach back on earth where Arthur is trying to teach Cavemen the game of Scrabble.

"No," said Arthur to one of the natives who had just shuffled some of the letters round in a fit of abysmal dejection, "Q scores ten you see, and it's on a triple word score, so... look, I've explained the rules to you... no no, look please, put down that jawbone... alright, we'll start again. And try to concentrate this time."

I do hope you will fare better than the cavemen. Whatever scrabble points you score this turn will be multiplied by 10. The number of letters left with you will also be multiplied by 10 and subtracted from your score. 25 point bonus if you use all 7 letters!



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		DOUBLE WORD SCORE			DOUBLE LETTER SCORE	DOUBLE LETTER SCORE		P ₃	DOUBLE WORD SCORE		G ₂
DOUBLE LETTER SCORE		DOUBLE WORD SCORE			DOUBLE LETTER SCORE		E ₁	Q ₁₀	U ₁	I ₁	T ₁ Y ₄
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Finally, the last Stop on your trip.

God's Last message to his creation is written in thirty-foot-high letters of fire on top of the Quentulus Quazgar Mountains in the land of Sevorbeupstry on the planet Preliumtarn, third out from the sun Zarss in Galactic Sector QQ7 Active J Gamma. It is guarded by the Lajestic Vantrashell of Lob."

But what we need is for you to decode the Movies that these letters belong to. (70 points)



I-

M-

P-

U-

L-

S-

E-

Bonus: If you tell me what book this prelims has been plagiarized from, I'll give you 42 extra points.

Credit: Inosaint and Angel.