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ASIAN AMERICAN CHALLENGE  
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Directions: Read the question or part of a sentence next to each number carefully. Then place an X inside the circle that most accurately answers the question or completes the sentence.

**1. Oriental is:**

- a) the antonym to Occident
- b) anything associated with rugs, lanterns, kung-fu, chopsticks and women who are demure and shy in public, yet wild and crazy in bed.
- c) a politically incorrect derogatory term used to label those of Asian Pacific descent comparable to racial slurs as "nigger" and "wetbacks."
- d) b and c.
- e) only e.
- f) both d and e.

**2. In 1942, over 100,000 Japanese Americans were put into internment camps because:**

- of the xenophobic, racist attitudes of the United States government.
- the Japanese Americans willingly volunteered to go to these camps knowing they would receive \$20,000 in reparations 51 years later.
- hey, if it didn't happen, director Alan Parker couldn't have made *Come See The Paradise*.

**3. Waatahhhh! is:**

- an expression Bruce Lee makes.
- an expression Chuck Norris makes when he is kicked in the groin area by Bruce Lee.
- the final trilogy to the books "AHEEEEEEE!" and "The Big AJDDDEEEEEE!"
- the answer to the Jeopardy! question: "What is Bruce Lee's favorite drink?"
- none of the above.

**4. The actor who received an Oscar Academy Award nomination for his role in *The Killing Fields* was:**

- Dustin Nguyen.
- Dustin Hoffman.
- Ho Chi Minh.
- Mekong Saigon.
- Dr. Haing S. Ngor.

**5. Wayne Wang is/was:**

- the director of *Chan Is Missing*, considered to be the first feature-length Asian American film, as well as *Eat a Bowl of Tea*, *Dim Sum*, *Slam Dance* and *The Joy Luck Club*.
- the alias for Alex Kitman Ho, an executive producer for Oliver Stone's films.
- one of the original members of *Saturday Night Live's "Wayne's World"*, who was dropped from the cast since producer Lorne Michaels didn't feel America was ready to accept an Asian American male on TV

**6. David Henry Hwang's *M. Butterfly* is:**

- a magical realism novel about a Hong Kong immigrant who uses his magical Butterfly-brand ping-pong paddle to win the U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships and eventually marries Vanna White. However, once married, he metamorphosizes into a woman.
- an opera about a hopeless, helpless Japanese woman who commits suicide after her white Naval officer vomits while tasting her sushi and miso soup a la President George Bush.
- a deconstructivist play based on Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" about a French diplomat who doesn't know his Chinese lover is actually a man. This play eventually wins a Tony Award for "Best Play."

**7. The Filipina actress who premiered in the Broadway production of *Miss Saigon* was:**

- Imelda Marcos.
- Ferdinand Marcos, resurrected in drag.
- Corizano Aquino.
- Lea Salonga.

**8. Yo-Yo Ma is:**

- a renowned Chinese American cellist.
- a renowned Chinese American violinist.
- a renowned Chinese American bassist.
- a repressed Chinese Oedipal bad word.

**9. May a Lin is/was:**

- an actress in *Flower Drum Song* who became the only Asian American to receive an Academy Award nomination in 1962.
- a former student at Yale who won an architect contest to construct the Veterans Memorial Wall and later designed the Civil Rights Monument.
- an artist whose NBA grant was rescinded by Jesse Helms when she painted a picture of Fu Manchu peeing on Christopher Columbus. However, after the controversy, she was awarded the Pearl Buck Lifetime Achievement Award and received a Guggenheim Fellowship.

**10. Amy Tan is:**

- a popular sun tanning lotion marketed for Asians.
- an author who's work has been attacked as "white racist" and "boldly fake" by author Frank Chin.
- the author of *The Bad Luck Club* and *The Kitchen Knife's Wife*.

**11. The first Asian Pacific American to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States was:**

- Kristi Yamaguchi of Fremont, California in figure skating (1992).
- Dr. Sammy Lee of Los Angeles, California in diving (1936).
- Long Duk Dong of *Sixteen Candles* in the long jump (1984).

**12. According to the 1990 Census, APA's make up what percent of the U.S. population?**

- 11.3%.
- 6.7%.
- 2.9%.
- 0.0%.

**13. As of 1992, of the 235 seats in the U.S. Congress, how many of them were held by persons of Asian Pacific descent?**

- 7
- 11.
- 3.

**14. The first Korean American Congressman/ woman elected in 1992 was:**

- Kim Chee of Hot Springs, Texas.
- Jay Kim of Diamond Bar, California.
- Steve Park of Hollywood, California.
- Reverend Moon of Waco, Texas.

**15. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first United States Senator of Asian Pacific descent representing California.**

- Tom Vu, who campaigned to the slogan, "If you vote for my tech-nik, I make you a'lo'a money!"

- O Robert Matsui.
- O S.I. Hayakawa.
- O March Fong Eu.

**16. A culinary example of an Asian Pacific American dish is:**

- O the teriyaki burger since it combines something Asian with something American.
- O Chung King's Chop Suey because it is made from an "Ancient Chinese Secret Formula."
- O Top Ramen Noodles because we should give credit to the moron who translated "lo mein" to "ramen."
- O Rice a Roni because there's nothing like white rice that tastes like shit.

**17. U.C.L.A.:**

- O stands for the University of Caucasians Living in Asia.
- O stands for the University of Caucasians Lost among Asians.
- O stands for the University of Chinese Lost in America.
- O is a school where APA's comprised the largest percentage of the 1993 Freshman class at over 34%.

**18. According to *Strangers from Asian America*, a historical book about Asian Americans made possible by a very friendly collaboration between historians Sucheng Chan and Ronald Takaki, the very first fortune cookie said:**

- O "Shit Happens."
- O Confucious say, "Don't eat yellow snow."
- O Confucious also say, "How come Charlie Chan played by white man?"
- O none of the above.

**19. Hiroshima is:**

- O a) a contemporary jazz band that mixes traditional Japanese instruments along with contemporary Western instruments.
- O b) a city where over 250,000 were killed when the atomic bomb was dropped in 1945.
- O c) the company that owns the "Beef Bowl" franchise.
- O d) both a and b.

**20. Inter-racial marriages between APA's and Caucasians are:**

- O okay.
- O not okay.
- O okay, only if it's between an Asian male and a Caucasian female.
- O okay, only if it's for the sake of love and not to satisfy anyone