

## Hammond – Trask 2020 New Year’s Eve Quiz

Play fair, w/o digital support. Answers at [www.francesandjimnz.com](http://www.francesandjimnz.com) on 12.31.20

- In November, Kim Ng was announced as the first woman general manager of:
  - An MLB team
  - A Big Ten team
  - The PGA
  - The NBA
- President-elect Biden is expected to restore a time-honored tradition of having a presidential pet in the White House. What breed are the Bidens two dogs? Extra credit if you know their names
  - Portuguese water dogs
  - Kind Charles Spaniels
  - German Shepherds
  - A Goldendoodle and a Chihuahua
- A painting by Jacob Lawrence, one in a series on display at the Metropolitan Museum and believed to be missing for 60 years, was recently found by:
  - a custodian, who found it in a museum supply closet
  - a museum visitor, who realized that it hung in a neighbor’s apartment
  - a psychic, who determined its whereabouts in a dream
  - an art detective, who located it on eBay
- A creature from the late Cretaceous period smashed sales records in October in a Christies’ auction where an anonymous buyer placed a winning bid of \$31.8 million to purchase a:
  - devil frog frozen in amber
  - mummified woolly mammoth
  - pair of saber-tooth tiger skulls
  - Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton
- On Jan. 30, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak to be:
  - a global emergency
  - completely eradicated
  - little threat outside of China
  - under control and largely contained
- The balance of power in the US Senate will be decided after the runoff in Georgia on Jan 6. A 50/50 split in the Senate is still possible but has historically been a rarity. When has it occurred?
  - 1881
  - 1953
  - 2001
  - All of the above
  - Never
- In October, scientists vacuumed a nest of giant Asian hornets, known as murder hornets because they destroy beehives. The nest was discovered by attaching trackers to 3 murder hornets. What material was successfully used to attach the tracker to each hornet?
  - Velcro
  - Super glue
  - Dental Floss
  - Hornets were fitted with tiny vests with GPS trackers
- What is typosquatting?
  - Typing while exercising
  - Copy editors charging for each typo they correct
  - Targeting Internet users who incorrectly type a URL address
  - Making intentional typos to get around the rules of social media platforms
- What is a xenobot?
  - An America First Robot
  - A tiny, living robot
  - A botanist who studies alien plants
  - Someone who grows vegetables in space

10. Which movie won 4 Oscars in 2020?
- The Irishman
  - Parasite
  - Jojo Rabbit
  - Little Women
11. After campaigns that rivaled human political contests in intensity, record-breaking voter participation, and discovery of actual evidence of election rigging, which bird was declared **New Zealand's "Bird of the Year"** in 2020?
- Kakapo, the world's heaviest parrot
  - Hihi, which practices consensual polymory
  - Kiwi Pukupuku, the little spotted kiwi
  - Antipodean Albatross, which dances
12. Nobel Prizes are awarded across 6 categories – Economic Science, Physiology or Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace. In which categories did women sweep all the prizes awarded
- Physics and Literature
  - Economic Science and Literature
  - Literature and Peace
  - Chemistry and Literature
13. The US citizenship test was revised in 2020. It now includes a question asking those seeking US citizenship to name an American innovation. Which US innovations are not included as examples of correct answers in the practice test?
- Automobiles (cars, combustible engine)
  - Supermarket
  - Skyscrapers
  - Assembly Line
  - Airplanes
  - Air conditioning
  - Vacuum Cleaner
  - Internet
14. Who tweeted, 'Good luck to the England Rugby Team against Wales today', then had to apologize?
- British National Health Service
  - Charles, Prince of Wales
  - US Ambassador to the United Kingdom
  - British Airways
15. Covid-19 is thought to attack a specific protein in the human body and uses that protein to infect cells and replicate. What is the name of the protein that is attacked?
- NRA-B
  - ACE-2
  - HCoV-NL63
  - ABCC-19
16. In 2020, who is the youngest world leader?
- Sebastian Kurz, Austria
  - Nayib, Bukele, El Salvador
  - Sanna Marin, Finland
  - Jacinda Ardern, New Zealand
  - Emmanuel Macron, France
17. What did scientists discover about platypus fur?
- It becomes thicker with age.
  - It carries medicinal properties.
  - It glows under blacklight.
  - It is full of tiny quills.
18. Who won the National Book Award for fiction in 2020?
- No one, it wasn't a fun year
  - Douglas Stuart for "Shuggie Bain"
  - Rumaan Alam for "Leave the World Behind"
  - Charles Yu for "Interior Chinatown"
  - Deesha Philyaw for "The Secret Life of Church Ladies"
19. Sean Connery, who found international fame as Hollywood's original James Bond and went on to a long, award-winning film career, died at age 90. Which Bond film was his last?
- "Diamonds Are Forever"
  - "Never Say Never Again"
  - "Goldfinger"
  - "You Only Live Twice"
20. The International Space Station turned 20 this year. Which of these events did not occur at the ISS?
- An astronaut invented a zero-gravity coffee cup.
  - An astronaut performed David Bowie's "Space Oddity."
  - Two astronauts arrived via a privately owned rocket.
  - Two astronauts were married.