Hive Mind Challenge 1.0 - Questions & Answers

Round 1 - Easy

10 easy questions - Trivia stuff, easily Googleable

1. **What is the height of the Eiffel Tower?** (324 metres)
2. **Niagara Falls is on an outlet from which lake?** (Lake Erie)
3. **Where is the world's tallest structure?** (The Burj Dubai)
4. **Which player has the most Premier League winners medals?** (Ryan Giggs)
5. **What is the full name of the chemical family banned by the UN's Montreal Protocol?** (CFC's - chlorofluorocarbons)
6. **Who is the richest person living in England?** (Lakshmi Mittal, as noted on the Times Rich List 2009)
7. **Which flag is the world's oldest?** (Denmark)
8. **Who designed the video games *Doom* and *Quake?*** (John Carmack)
9. **What were the names of Christopher Columbus' three ships?** (Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria)
10. **What is the world's third-tallest mountain?** (*Kangchenjunga*, Nepal/Tibet)

Round 2 - Medium

10 harder questions - Not easy to Google

1. **What is the minimum amount of time it would take to send a message from Earth to Mars, right now, to the nearest 10 seconds?** (8 min 15 sec)
2. **What animal is depicted on page 7 of the November 7th Economist?** (a bull)
3. **What's this song 1?** (A New World, Devotchka)
5. **If you stood at the corner of Calle San Martin and Calle de la Duena in San Martin de Valdeglesias, Spain, and dug a vertical shaft straight down through the Earth's core, where would you surface?** (Answer: Main Street/Pioneer Highway in Palmerston North, New Zealand)
6. **What event was taken as a bad omen by Constantine XI, shortly before his death?** (Moon rising in eclipse, 22 May 1463)
7. **If you took the Trans-Siberian from Yaroslavski station at 21:35 on Tuesday, when would you arrive in Ulan Bator?** (7:35 on Sunday)
8. **What's this song 2?** (She Drives Me Crazy)
9. **What does this mean?** (Coca Cola)
10. **We're going to ring payphones at 51.4648N, 0.1293W and 51.5144N, 0.1388W in 15 minutes. If someone answers it with your team's name, you get the points.** (1st is at Clapham, 0207 274 6457, 2nd is at Oxford Circus, 0207 734 8401)
INTERMISSION

Round 3 - Difficult (but slow)

10 questions, all posed simultaneously - Effectively unGoogleable

1. agtaq gufnx mbvrp eselx vurnm xsmqc aqzxa gakro altam yrvtn tpqzy vgnbx nofqw gonov? (stationx)
2. What is the total age of President Obama's cabinet in days - excluding Cabinet-level officers? (312698)
3. What is this location? (Krak des Chevaliers)

4. When David Cameron returned to London from this year's Conservative Party Conference, what platform did his train depart from? (7)
5. Whose name is this? (Amenirdis)
6. Why did the engineers of the longest continuous-span suspension bridge in the world change the blueprints after construction started? (Earthquake)
7. What is this constellation's latin name? (Cetus)?
8. How far apart were Adrian and Philip on October 30th, 2009 at 3:30pm, to the nearest 100m? (320.06km)
9. Identify this Beatles song? (Revolution)
10. When is the next visible pass of the International Space Station from the birthplace of 'The Chief Designer', in local time (16:25:53, November 26)

Round 4 - Difficult (but quick)

10 questions, posed consecutively - Effectively unGoogleable, but experts would know

1. How do you say 'Good Morning' in Arabic? (Saba al-kheer)
2. What's the 100th digit in pi? (9)
3. What plant do these leaves come from?: (Acer Palmatum, common name Japanese Maple - the picture contains several varieties of the species)

4. If you looked West from the walls of Constantinople on April 6th, 1463, what would you have seen?
5. How many incorporated cities in the US have a population over 2 million? (4: NY, LA, Chicago, Houston)
6. What does this mean? 諜 (Spying/intelligence)
7. How many people have more foreign policy experience than Sarah Palin on Facebook, to the nearest thousand? (222-223,000)
8. How many chairs are on the ballroom floor in the video for Never Gonna Give You up? (3 - the other 6 are on tables)
9. What's the score in the Fulham vs. Blackburn game?
10. Who has the most Twitter followers in this room?
Scoring

- Round 1: 1 points for each correct answer
- Round 2: 2 points for each correct answer
- Round 3: 4 points for each correct answer
- Round 4: 3 points for the first correct answer (but -2 points if wrong)