



CultureQuest® XX Eligibility and General Rules

CONTEST DATE: Sunday, April 19, 2009

ELIGIBILITY

A team may consist of up to five primary players, and up to two alternates.

“**CultureQuest: Classic**” is open to all members regardless of age. Each team member must be a dues-paid Mensa member (U.S. or Canada) for the 2009-2010 membership year by April 1, 2009.

“**CultureQuest: The Next Generation**” is the Youth Division. Entrants must have been born AFTER April 28, 1991. Only the Youth Division team captain must be a current Mensa member.

Team members need not be from the same Mensa Local Group, but any prize money awarded will be paid to the group designated on the Registration Form. A team may designate up to two alternate players, but no more than five team members may participate in the actual competition. One of the pre-designated alternates may substitute for a primary team member who is unable to compete; however, no substitution may be made once the competition has begun.

The national membership rosters as of April 1, 2009 will be used to determine eligibility of each team member. An ineligible team member will be removed from the team and will not be eligible to play. If an ineligible team member plays this will **DISQUALIFY** the whole team.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$40 per U.S. team, or \$45(U.S.) per Canadian team — check, credit card or money order made payable to American Mensa, Ltd. Any charges for insufficient funds will be paid by the Local Group submitting the check.

Teams can register online at www.us.mensa.org/eventregistration or can send registration form and payment to CultureQuest, 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, Texas 76006-6103.

The entry fee must be submitted with the team’s Registration Form and **must be received** at the American Mensa National Office by March 31, 2009.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

The envelope containing the test must not be opened until the contest starting time. Starting times will be staggered — 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time, 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time, 3:00 p.m. Central Time, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Time — so all teams will take the test simultaneously. Teams from any other time zones will need to make special arrangements with the CQ XX Coordinator before April 6, 2009.

The specified time limit for taking the test must strictly be adhered to. All work, including recording of answers on the official test copy, must stop after 90 minutes. Answers may not be consolidated from other test copies after the time period is over. A team alternate may keep time, but participation by or assistance or recording of answers from any other than the five test-takers is prohibited and will disqualify the team’s entry.

No reference materials of any sort can be used or consulted during the quiz. All maps, charts, calculators, measuring devices or other reference materials (with the exception of simple timekeeping devices) must be removed from the test site. If team members cannot agree on an answer, the team captain shall rule on which answer to submit.

AFTER THE CONTEST

The Official Test and the Team Certification Statement must be sealed in the return envelope and mailed to the designated address via regular U.S.P.S. First Class Mail and be postmarked no later than midnight, Monday, April 20, 2009.

Challenges may be submitted either in writing (with photocopies of the applicable pages from acceptable reference materials) or by email (with links as needed to sufficiently-authoritative web sources), or by some combination. In either case, the challenges must be received by the CQ Coordinator no later than June 12, 2009. Additional instructions regarding challenges shall be included with the answer key. Any team submitting a challenge will be notified of the decision on the challenge by Friday, June 19, 2009. As always, this is not a discussion process; all decisions on challenges shall be final.

WINNERS AND PRIZE MONEY

Prizes will be awarded to the 20 teams with the highest scores for the Classic Division, and to the top team for the Next Generation Division. The dollar amount of the awards will be determined by the number of entrants. Winners will be announced at the July 2009 Annual Gathering Awards Luncheon in Pittsburgh, in the *Mensa Bulletin*, and on the American Mensa Web site at www.us.mensa.org/culturequest.

IMPORTANT DATES – 2009

Entry fee must be received by	March 31
Tests mailed to CQ Team Captains	April 6
CultureQuest competition	April 19
Tests postmarked by	April 20
Corrected tests and scores returned	May 25
Challenges must be <u>received</u> by	June 5
Rulings on challenges returned to eligible teams by	June 12
CQ winners announced at AG	July 3