



This part of the year, with its cavalcade of events celebrating endings and beginnings — Christmas, New year, Spring festival — is a time to take stock. This year has certainly been one with a lot of stock to take note of. We at the HKMJ think it is also time to give our readers a bit of a mind-massage of the most soothing kind. The Editorial Board members have come up with a Christmas Quiz to get you thinking about topics beyond your daily practices and lives. The different question formats reflect the different styles of the HKMJ editors, and yes, there may be trick question(s). There are no prizes since we hope you will feel rewarded after you have seen the answers (page 516).

1. Which Nobel laureate thought at twenty-five he was "too old to be unusual"? What was he looking at to feel that way?
2. On Christmas Day 1941, Governor Sir Mark Young surrendered to the Japanese 23rd Army. Where did the surrender take place?
  - a. Government House
  - b. Peninsula Hotel
  - c. Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building
3. On another Christmas Day, a fire made 60 000 Hong Kong people homeless and kick-started the government's housing programme. Where in Hong Kong and in which year did the fire occur?
4. Chinese universities are rarely named after individuals, except for two doctors. Who are they?
5. Which is more correct?
  - a. He is not a genius or a fool.
  - b. He is not a genius nor a fool.
6. Which is more correct?
  - a. Tetraplegia
  - b. Quadriplegia
7. What has been cited as the most devastating epidemic in recorded world history?
8. In which medical condition have patients been banned from having alarm clocks in their rooms in case of precipitating sudden death?
9. What is the Gini coefficient? What has been the trend of the Gini coefficient in the US over the past 40 years, and in what recent event might this have been a factor?
10. Which of the following was found by Baruch and Jenkins in an article published in the Leadership and Organization Development Journal in 2007?
  - a. Permissive leadership helps to boost team spirit
  - b. Anti-social behaviour increases work stress
  - c. Use of taboo language at work eases stress and boosts team spirit
11. Which physician suggested that suffocation and madness arose in women whose uteri had become too light and dry from lack of sexual intercourse and, as a result, wandered upward, compressing the heart, lungs, and diaphragm? What did he call that condition?
12. What is the capital of Iceland?



**HKMJ wishes you all a Merry Christmas and  
peace and happiness in 2009.**