



Senior Quiz Prelims

1. Which Indian developed news.google.com?
Krishna Bharat
2. Where did Bill Gates meet Steve Ballmer?
In his dorm *while* at Harvard [No points for at Harvard, but points for while at Harvard]
3. Who made the Anna Kournikova worm?
Jan de Wit / OnTheFly
4. Which company famous for distributing games for Linux is now, sadly, bankrupt?
Loki Games
5. Who do you associate with a pink shirt?
Peter Norton [Peter is imp!]
6. Mosaic was created at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Where was Napster created?
Northeastern University
7. Who wrote *The Art of Computer Programming*?
Donald P Knuth / Knuth / Don Knuth
8. How much time is a jiffy?
0.01 seconds / 10ms / 10 milliseconds
9. What is the origin of the term 'blog'?
weB LOG
10. Who is known as the father of the Pentium?
Vinod Dham
11. What is the difference between a byte and a word?
A byte is 8 bits. A word is the smallest unit of memory with a unique address.
12. What is middleware? Give examples.
Software that sits between client and server applications and translates data into formats that they understand. SOAP, etc.
13. What is mobile code? Give examples.
Code like JAVA bytecode, which works across different platforms, and does not have to be edited/recompiled.

14. What is biometrics concerned with? Give examples.
Identification or validation using biological characteristics like fingerprints, retinal scans etc.

15. What is the Dining Philosophers problem, and who came up with it?

- 1) Actual Description / Inter process communication**
- 2) Edsger Dijkstra**

Acronyms:

1. RAID: **Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks**
2. ENIAC: **Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator**
3. SGML: **Standard Generalized Markup Language**
4. J2ME: **Java 2 [platform] Micro Edition**
5. GNOME: **GNU Network Object Model Environment**
6. POWER (in context of PowerPC): **Performance Optimization With Enhanced Risc [Performance Computing]**
7. LPT: **Local Parallel Transmission**
8. HIPPI: **High Performance Parallel Interface**
9. SONET: **Synchronous Optical Network**
10. RIAA: **Recording Industry Association of America**

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