



Are you dumb enough to be a Raider?

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It takes a special kind of person to play for the "dumbest team in America." Not every NFL player is capable of jumping offside on a big play or making a late hit on an opposing quarterback or falling asleep in a team meeting. Yes, playing for the silver and black lets you live the glamorous lifestyle of a professional athlete. But do you have what it takes to play for *Raiders*? Take our Raiders' IQ Test to find out:

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Team Knowledge

1. How many yards does it take to make a first down?

- A) 5
- B) 10
- C) 15
- D) 20
- E) 30

Correct answer: E -- After factoring in the 20 yards you've already been penalized for holding and intentional grounding.

2. What is the Raiders' motto?

- A) Pride and Poise
- B) Pride and Prejudice
- C) Father of the Pride
- D) Pride in Paychecks
- E) Bring in 'Da Poise, Bring in 'Da Funk

Correct answer: D -- Every classic needs a modern refurbishment.

3. What is correct spelling of the former backup (now injured) quarterback's name?

- A) Evans (Vince)
- B) Lowe (Rob)
- C) Johnson (Rob)
- D) Mirer (Rick)



Do these fans have what it takes to play for the Raiders?

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E) Tuiasosohcrap (Marques)

Correct answer: E -- Hey, it's tough to read all those letters on his jersey when he was always on his back.

4. Which group did Al Davis help create?

- A) League of Nations
- B) League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
- C) American Football League
- D) American Bar Association
- E) Aging Millionaires of Northern California

Correct answer: E -- Partial credit for answering D, which he merely helped fund.

5. What video is most important in preparing for a Week 14 game against Pittsburgh?

- A) Deep post to Plaxico Burress
- B) 3-4 safety blitz from Mike Logan
- C) Counter run from Jerome Bettis
- D) Fish that Saved Pittsburgh
- E) Paris Hilton

Correct answer: E -- Nobody falls asleep in film study this week.

6. Who has the most yards this season?

- A) Rich Gannon passing
- B) Lincoln Kennedy holding
- C) Shane Lechler punting
- D) Jerry Rice receiving
- E) Tyrone Wheatley rushing

Correct answer: D -- Maybe he'll send postcards from Hawaii.



For once, the Raiders may actually pay attention during the video meeting.

Community Knowledge

7. What is the state capital of California?

- A) Los Angeles
- B) Oakland
- C) Sacramento
- D) San Diego
- E) San Francisco

Correct answer: A -- At least it will be once Al Davis is done with his next lawsuit.

8. What is the state bird of California?

- A) California Valley Quail
- B) California Condor
- C) Extended Middle Finger
- D) Rick Mirer Out-Pattern Duck
- E) Western Speckled Thrush

Correct answer: D -- It's well-known for seeking out visitors to Oakland.

9. Who was recently recalled as governor of California?

- A) Al Davis
- B) Baron Davis
- C) Betty Davis
- D) Gray Davis
- E) Sammy Davis

Correct answer: D -- Team captains investigating whether the same procedure can be used on coaching staffs.

10. Which provides prisoners the toughest escape?

- A) Alcatraz
- B) Bill Callahan's doghouse
- C) Black Hole at Network Associates Coliseum
- D) I-280 at rush hour
- E) Sebastian Janikowski's place

Correct answer: E -- Like visiting Mexico, visitors are advised to bring their own water.

General Knowledge

11. Which of the following is not extinct?

- A) Dodo Bird
- B) Bill Callahan
- C) Passenger Pigeon
- D) Caribbean Monk Seal
- E) Jerry Rice

Correct answer: E -- Easy one, as the other four are long past saving.

12. What is the correct spelling of the drug commonly referred to as THG?

- A) Tetrahydrogestrinone
- B) Tetrahydrogestrinowski
- C) Thatisthehizzlegoodstuff
- D) Tryhavingshriveledgonads
- E) Trulyhategannon

Correct answer: B -- Kind of like naming a star after the astronomer who discovers it.

13. What is the penalty for bribing a police officer in the state of Florida?

- A) Five years in prison and \$5,000 fine
- B) Two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine
- C) Three years probation and a \$5,000 fine
- D) Five years probation and Miami Heat season tickets
- E) Stern talking-to from coach Bowden

Correct answer: E Everyone knows football players never do jail time.



If you're dumb enough, you can be a teammate of Sebastian's!

14. You feel as if your boss' poor decisions are negating your efforts at work. How should you deal with your concerns?

- A) Broach the subject with your immediate supervisor
- B) Send him/her a polite memo requesting a private meeting
- C) Keep your concerns to yourself and wait for someone else to act
- D) Borrow a co-worker's gamma hydroxybutate and spike boss' coffee
- E) Address your concerns to the national media

Correct answer: E -- Callahan isn't much of a coffee drinker.

15. What issue most concerns you in the upcoming presidential election?

- A) Education
- B) Right-to-work laws
- C) Prescription drugs for seniors
- D) Tax cuts
- E) War on terrorism

Correct answer: C -- It's the issue that hits closest to home for most of these guys.

Results:

0-5: Sorry, you clearly don't have a commitment to ignorance.

6-10: Keep working and Al Davis might sign you after you're past your prime.

11-15: Congratulations, are you interested in coaching the Raiders next year?

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